

# CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

(Both parishes are part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered as a Charity No 234216)

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## PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, BURNTWOOD

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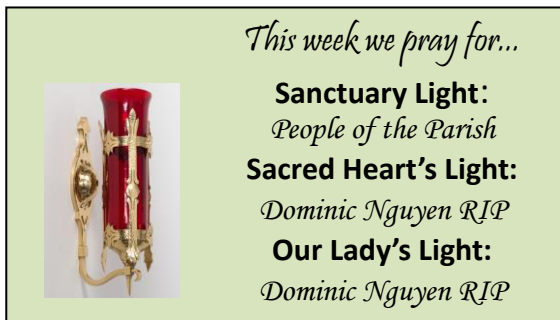
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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (YEAR B)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	5.00pm	People of the Parish	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Lina & John Skrodelis RIP	
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am(Brownhills)	People of the Parish	6 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (T/C after Masses)
	11.00am	Janet Stevenson RIP	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	Easter Feria (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	7.00pm	ROSARY	
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am(Brownhills)	Doreen & Lacklan Macinnes RIP (Mass in school)	Easter Feria
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH AT ST. JOSEPH'S	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	Mass in school	SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD (Holyday of Obligation)
	12 noon(Brownhills)	Celebrant's Intention (Rosary after Mass)	
	7.00pm	Martin Furlong RIP (anniv.)	
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention	Easter Feria (Divine Mercy after Mass)
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	First Holy Communion Mass	Sunday Vigil
	5.00pm	Dominic Nguyen RIP	
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Eddie & Nancy McCarthy RIP	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	9.00am(Brownhills)	Dominic Nguyen RIP	7 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER (T/C after Masses)
	11.00am	People of the Parish	

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** The sick and housebound of both parishes. We include all those we know in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes. May the Lord grant them healing, strength and peace! *If you or your relative(s) who are housebound and would like to have a visit by the clergy or to receive Holy Communion, please let us know*

**SPONSORING SANCTUARY LIGHTS AT ST. JOSEPH'S:** If you'd like a candle to be burnt for a week in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention, we are asking for a donation of **£7/candle**. Please put the donation in an envelope marked 'Sanctuary Light', with your particular intention and hand it in to Fr. Linh or the office.



### **ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK**

**ST. JOSEPH'S:** Diane Low, Peter Carter, Louisa Inman, Rev. Michael Byrne, Letitia Worth, Kathleen McGann, Martin Furlong, Agnes O'Mahoney, Molly McConnell, Ane MacInnes, June Ryan, Elizabeth Bailes, Audrey Galuszka, Winifred Geraghty, Robert Hardy, Olive Holloway, Alfred Floyd, Rev Francis Woodward, Mr H Walters, James Degregorio, Bryan Dalley

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:** Paul Wootton, Derek Weaver, Vera Mullen, Bishop Joseph Gray, Margaret Mealey, Norman Phillips, Frank Harris, Martin Collins, Frank Borg, Teresa Mercer and Bogustaw Zalewa

### **DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

**ST. JOSEPH'S:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Frances Tibbenham** and **Damian Kelly** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families. **Frances's** funeral at *11.30am Thurs 17/05 at Cannock Chase Crematorium*. **Damian's** funeral will be informed in due course.

**ST. BERNADETTE'S:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Smith** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family. **Margaret's** funeral – *1.00pm Thurs 23/05 at Chase & District Crematorium*.

### **SICK IN THE PARISH**

Please keep those who are sick and housebound in our prayers, especially:

**St. Joseph's:** Cath Twyman, Eddie McCann, Sheila O'Connor, Monica Roberts, Thelma Waters, Maureen Dewsbury, Nonie Gamble, Maureen Barnes.

**St. Bernadette's:** Agnes Cronin, Irene Dunwell, Veronica & Ken Bubb, Joan Collins, Peter Ford, Christine Smith, Cathy Carver, Shirley Smith.

*Please remember also in your prayers those who carry the burden of their illnesses privately and those who care for them.*

### **INTERCULTURAL MASS**

To celebrate diversity and unity in both parishes, St. Joseph's will host this Mass on **Pentecost Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May at 11am**, followed by social with food & drinks from different countries. This will be a great opportunity to bring us together and to strengthen the bond in our parishes.

All are encouraged to take part in this celebration especially those from different backgrounds by: **wearing traditional dress, joining the procession with your national flag, reading, singing during Mass or bringing food for social afterwards**, please speak to Fr. Linh ASAP.

### **VIGIL FOR PEACE**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 7pm at St. Joseph's**

People are suffering from wars around the world. Let's come together as God's Family to pray for Peace and to entrust our world to the Prince of Peace. May He grant us His Peace. All welcome!

**NEW LECTIONARY from Advent 2024.** *If you're to have a new Missal, please wait until this new version is available.*

### **DATES FOR SACRAMENTS**

Sat 11/05, 11am – FHC at St. Joseph's  
Sat 08/06, 10am – FHC at St. Bernadette's  
Sat 22/06, 11am – Confirmation at St. Joseph's. *Please keep the children and their families in our prayers*

### **SUMMER AFTERNOON TEA**

The Summer Afternoon Tea takes place at **St. Joseph's, Burntwood on Sunday 9th June at 3.30pm** and will cost £6. Tickets go on sale after weekend Masses.

## ST. JOSEPH'S

**CHURCH FLOWERS:** If you'd like to donate for flowers in church during Easter season in loving memory of your loved one(s), please put donation and intention note in an envelope, hand it to Fr. Linh.

**PARISH MONTHLY DRAW:** Only £5/month to win £150 (1<sup>st</sup> Prize) every month. The best way to get your tickets is to set up a standing order so that you won't miss our monthly draw. Please ask Fr. Linh or the office for the form.

**YOUTH GROUP:** next session on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024** at 6.30pm, all are welcome from Years 5, 6, 7 & 8. Open from 6.15pm. Cost £1. Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tues of the month. This is the first session we are inviting Years 5s to join us. Volunteers to help would be welcomed.

**ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL OUTREACH:** We urgently need *nappies sized 5 to 6 and family toiletries and non -perishable food items.....* This is to support **SPARKS** - the local family centre. Please put your donations in the box provided in the hall. **Please note: NO soft toys**, unless brand new with the label still on.

**REMEMBERING LOVED ONES IN OUR CHURCH:** to have a memorial plaque with the name(s) of our loved one(s) bonded to the interior church wall, please contact Dave King 07831 858443 or [glynn.king1@ntlworld.com](mailto:glynn.king1@ntlworld.com). Forms are also at the back of the church.

**RELIGIOUS ITEMS – FREE TO TAKE:** on the table at the back of the church (near the church front door). Donations are always welcomed.

**GIFTS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION – ON SALES:** on the table at the back of the church (near the stairs). Thank you for your support.

**COMMUNITY STORE AT SANKEY'S CORNER:** where food can be bought at very reasonable rates. Open on Mondays, Weds and Fridays from 10.30am to 2.30pm.

## PRAYING THE ROSARY

St. Joseph's – Monday Evenings 7pm  
St. Bernadette's – Thursdays after Mass

## Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 <sup>st</sup> (loose)	£204.52	£92.84
1 <sup>st</sup> (GA)	£18.00	£84.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Col	£336.35	£137.93
(CaFod Sudan Crisis Appeal)	£68.13(GA)	£9.00(GA)
SO	£549	£175
<b>Total</b>	<b>£771.52</b>	<b>£351.84</b>
<b>Attended</b>	<b>218</b> (Sat & Sun)	<b>76</b> (Sat & Sun)

*Thank you very much for your generosity to the Church.  
May God bless you!*

## ST. BERNADETTE'S

**CHURCH FLOWERS:** If you'd like to donate for flowers in church during Easter season in loving memory of your loved one(s), please put donation & intention note in an envelope and give it to Fr. Linh.

**50/50 CLUB:** We need to sell a minimum number of tickets for the draw to run. It is a great way to support our parish! At the moment, we are just to make even. **We need more people to buy tickets in order to make profit.** Please consider to join. Anne will be at church after weekend Masses to sell tickets and to answer your further questions.

**MASS INTENTIONS:** Do consider having Masses said for your intentions, and those of your nearest and dearest. Mass Offering Envelopes are at the back of the church.

## NEW AUXILIARY BISHOPS FOR OUR ARCHDIOCESE

The Holy Father Pope Francis has appointed **Mgr Timothy Menezes**, Dean of St Chad's Cathedral, and **Canon Richard Walker**, Vicar General, to be new Auxiliary Bishops to serve our Archdiocese.

**Mgr Timothy** has been the Dean of St Chad's Cathedral since 2019. He is also the Vice-Dean of Birmingham Cathedral and South Deanery.

**Canon Richard** has served as the Vicar General and Trustee of the Archdiocese since September 2020. In previous years he served as the Director of Ongoing Formation for the Archdiocese and Vice Rector at St Mary's College, Oscott.

*Please pray for the Bishops – Elect that they may be faithful shepherds to serve God and His people.*

## PRAYER FOR CHILDREN PREPARING FOR THE SACRAMENTS & THEIR FAMILIES

Loving God, pour out your blessing upon our beloved children, that during this time of sacramental preparation they may grow closer to you, and come to know your special love for them.

Bless their parents and families who have been entrusted with the development and nurturing of their child's growth and spiritual formation. Bless them in their willingness, to prepare their children for these sacraments, so that they, together with their children, may grow more deeply in faith and love.

May this time of preparation be a time of blessing for our families and our community, and unite us all in your great love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Safeguarding Notice

Both our parishes operate in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures at all times. **St. Joseph's** Safeguarding Representative is **Mrs. Pat Davies** who can be contacted at: [sg.stjoseph.burntwood@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stjoseph.burntwood@rcaob.org.uk) **St. Bernadette's** Safeguarding Representative is **Mrs. Sally Holmes** who can be contacted at: [sg.stbernadette.brownhills@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stbernadette.brownhills@rcaob.org.uk) or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) or on 0121 230 6240 if you have any concerns.

**CONFESSION:** available during Holy Hour on Thursdays 6pm (St. Joseph's) or by appointment.

**BAPTISM:** Forms are available on the table at the back of the church, please take home to complete and return it to Fr. Linh, more arrangements to follow.

**MARRIAGE:** Please contact Fr. Linh for information and details at least 6 months before the intended wedding day (local or abroad).

**BECOMING CATHOLIC:** Please contact Fr. Linh for a friendly chat to discuss the way forward.

**LICHFIELD REPAIR AND SHARE CAFÉ:** at St Joseph's (10-1pm, 1st Sat of each month) No charge to attend but donations appreciated to help cover costs. If you have a 'skill' to offer, then get in touch with the organisers or go along to a session.

**PARISH GIVING:** The best way to support our parishes financially is by setting up a Standing Order using the following bank details:

**St. Joseph's:** NatWest Bank, Account No: 25205439, Sort Code: 53-70-15

**St. Bernadette's:** NatWest Bank, Account No: 24003360, Sort Code: 52-21-00

If you don't have internet banking and want to sign up for Standing Order, please ask Fr. Linh or the parish office for the form. Thank you for your support to our parishes.

## DO YOU KNOW?

The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a "moving tribute of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pray to the Queen of Heaven."

The most popular devotion to our Mother is to pray the Rosary. Please make our effort to say the Rosary together at home or at church to pray for vocations, for peace in the world, for our parish communities and for our families.

*"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary." (Pope Pius XI) "After the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, there is nothing in the Church that I love as much as the Rosary." (Our Lady to Blessed Alan de la Roche)*

## *Regina caeli* (Queen of Heaven)

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R E-gí-na cæ-li \* lætá-re, alle-lú-ia: Qui- a quem me-

ru- ísti portá-re, alle-lú-ia: Re-surré-xit, sic-ut di-xit,

alle-lú-ia: O-ra pro no-bis De- um, alle-lú- ia.