

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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JUBILEE YEAR 2025

"Pilgrims of Hope"

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year



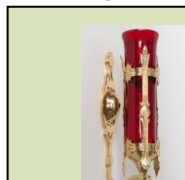
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Year C)

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Saturday 3 rd May	5.00pm	Bernie Corry (wellbeing)	SUNDAY VIGIL
	6.30pm	NO MASS	
Sunday 4 th May	9.00am (Brownhills)	Marcin & Edit Kucharzyk	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
	11.00am	John Brazier (90 th Birthday)	
Monday 5 th May	9.30am	Thelma Waters (wellbeing)	Easter Feria (Devotion to St. St. Joseph after Mass)
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	<u>NO</u> MARIAN DEVOTION	
	7.00pm	ROSARY for the Conclave	
Tuesday 6 th May	9.00am (Brownhills)	Julia Bottrell RIP (Mass in school)	Easter Feria
Wednesday 7 th May	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH - Burntwood	
Thursday 8 th May	9.15am	Mass in school	Easter Feria (Rosary after 12pm Mass)
	12noon (Brownhills)	Margit Czitkovics RIP	
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
Friday 9 th May	9.30am	Private intentions (AH)	Easter Feria (Divine Mercy after Mass)
Saturday 10 th May	11.00am	FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS	SUNDAY VIGIL
	5.00pm	Deceased of the Mooney Family	
	6.30pm (Brownhills)	Florrie & George Mark (60 th wedding anniversary)	
Sunday 11 th May	9.00am (Brownhills)	Margit Czitkovics RIP	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Vocations Sunday
	11.00am	Kay & John Greene (40 th wedding anniversary)	

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 Com., 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 intention and hand it in to Fr. Linh or the office.



Many slots available

This week we pray for...

Sanctuary Light:

Myra Law RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Dominic Service (Birthday)

Our Lady's Light:

John Brazier (Birthday)

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S Cynthia St Lambert, Diane Low, Peter Carter, Louisa Inman, Rev Michael Byrne, Letitia Worth, Kathleen McGann, Martin Furlong, Agnes O'Mahoney, Molly McConnell, Anne MacInnes, June Ryan, Elizabeth Bailes, Audrey Galuszka, Winifred Geraghty, Robert Hardy, Olive Holloway, Alfred Floyd and Rev Francis Woodward

ST. BERNADETTE'S Sid Whitehouse, Douglas Burton, Paul Wootton, Derek Weaver, Vera Mullen, Bishop Joseph Gray, Margaret Mealey, Norman Phillips, Frank Harris, Martin Collins, Frank Borg and Teresa Mercer

SICK IN THE PARISH

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

St. Joseph's: Cath Twyman, Sheila O'Connor, Monica Roberts, Thelma Waters, Maureen Dewsbury, Maureen Barnes, and Elaine Parsons.

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

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

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **John Clarke** who died yesterday (Friday). We extend our deepest sympathy to the whole family during this difficult time. His funeral details will be informed in due course



JUBILEE YEAR 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope"



To find out more, visit: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year or scan:

EASTER is not finished on Easter Sunday. The **fifty days from Easter Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday** are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day. This sacred period of fifty days concludes with Pentecost Sunday, when the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, the beginning of the Church, and the start of its mission to all tongues and peoples and nations are commemorated. Let the Joy of Easter be with us and our families always.

What is an indulgence? "An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven,.. gains under certain prescribed conditions..." (canon 992, CCC1471). "The gift of the Indulgence" is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. Not by chance, for the ancients, the terms 'mercy' and 'indulgence' were interchangeable, as expressions of the fullness of God's forgiveness, which knows no bounds" (*Spes non confundit*, 23).

How can we gain a plenary indulgence? To visit a holy site, be in a state of grace, pray for the Pope's intentions on the day of visit; go to confession, receive Holy Communion at Mass within several days before or after.

JUBILEE CHURCHES IN OUR ARCHDIOCESE

- **St Chad's Cathedral** – Shrine of St Chad
- **St Anne's Church, Caversham**
- **Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Hednesford**
- **St Michael's Church, Penn, Wolves** – Shrine of Blessed Carlo Acutis
- **The Immaculate Conception & St Egwin Church**, Shrine of Our Lady of Evesham
- **Harvington Hall**, near Kidderminster
- **Bl. Dominic Barberi Church & St John Henry Newman College**, Littlemore, Oxford

JUBILEE SUMMER CONCERT

Tuesday 17th June 1.30pm – 2.45pm

A joint concert of our school and church choirs to celebrate the Jubilee Year Pilgrims of Hope at St. Joseph's Church in aid of the Father Hudson's Caritas (our Diocesan Charity). All welcome

Bible Study at Hilton (WS14 OHA)

Tuesdays from 6th May beginning 10.00am Adoration (optional), 11.00am Coffee, followed by Bible Study. We will be listening to short Talks via CD by Frances Hogan. This is a 'come when you can' group, no need to feel you must come each week.

ST. JOSEPH'S

PARISH MONTHLY DRAW: Only £5/month to win £150 (1st 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: 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6.30 – 8.00pm. Doors open from 6.15pm. Cost £1. Key Stage 2 children are invited. Next session 13th May. **We need more volunteers** so that we do not have to restrict numbers of children. Please contact us:

stjosephyouthgroupburntwood@gmail.com

ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL OUTREACH: We urgently need *nappies sized 5 to 6 and family toiletries*. 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.

CONTACTLESS - CARD MACHINE IS AVAILABLE at the door on the right-hand side when coming in. Just to touch screen and follow instructions. Please choose the correct category to donate: **1st Collection, 2nd Collection, Parish Maintenance, Candles, General Donation to the church, Cafod, or Poor Box.** You can also donate by scanning the QR code. If you pay tax, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. **Bags going round will continue as usual.**



Pilgrimage to the Holy Site Harvington Hall, Kidderminster Wed 21st May

8.45am – Leaving from St. Joseph's
10am - arrival
10.30am - guided tour
12pm - LUNCH BREAK
2.00pm - Adoration (with confession)
3.00pm - Mass
4.00pm – Depart

Travel by coach, if you haven't booked your place and still want to go, please speak to Fr. Linh

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£196.51	£85.57
1 st (GA)	£20.00	£69.50
2 nd Col (Parish Maintenance)	£129.63	£55.30
	£58.45(GA)	£29.50 (GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£765.51	£330.07
Attended	203 (Sat & Sun)	88 (Sat & Sun)

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

SECOND COLLECTION

**This Week – Parish maintenance
Next Week - Clergy Training Fund**

ST. BERNADETTE'S

MARIAN DEVOTION: every Monday evening 6.30pm. "It is impossible to be saved without the help of the Most Blessed Virgin, because those who are not saved by the justice of God are saved by the intercession of Mary." - St. John Chrysostom

EASTER RAFFLE: Thank you for your support. If you've won a prize, please collect it from the table at the back of the church.

ROSARY BEFORE WEEKEND MASSES: 20 minutes before Mass begins. If you are able to, please come to Mass early to pray the Rosary

St. Bernadette's Nursery Provision Survey – Your Input is Needed!

As part of our efforts to better understand the nursery provision required by our parish and wider community, we are now at the stage where we are seeking your input. To help us determine the needs of local families, we kindly ask that you complete our online survey: <https://tinyurl.com/StB-Nursery-Data>

UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS

*Intercultural Mass - Pentecost Sun June 8
Deanery Eucharistic Procession – Sun June 22 -
3pm in Walsall Town Centre*

JACQUELINE'S JAUNTS Coach trip to Llandudno on Thursday 26 June. Cost £25.00. If interested, please contact Jackie on 01543 684582 or 07739422387.

PRAYER FOR THE ELECTION OF A POPE

O God, eternal shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who
lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

COME, HOLY SPIRIT

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.

R. And kindle in them the fire of your love.

Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created.

R. And you will renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray: O God, who have taught the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant that in the same Spirit we may be truly wise and ever rejoice in his consolation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

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. **NO SESSION IN MAY!**

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 the Church, for the world, for our parish communities and 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)**

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
St. Bernadette's Safeguarding Representative is **Mrs. Sally Holmes** who can be contacted at: sg.stbernadette.brownhills@rcaob.org.uk or the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at 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.

Regina caeli *(Queen of Heaven)*



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.