

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (A)

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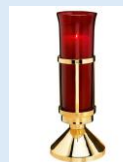
Alleluia! Alleluia! He is risen!

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Saturday 2 nd May	5.00pm	Thomas Buckley RIP	SUNDAY VIGIL
Sunday 3 rd May	9.00am (Brownhills)	Nancy & Eddie McCarthy RIP	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
	11.00am	Oisin & Noel Sweeney RIP	
	12.30pm	BAPTISM OF LAYLA	
Monday 4 th May	9.30am	Tony Hayward RIP	Easter Feria (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	7.00pm (Brownhills)	ROSARY	
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Tuesday 5 th May	9.30am (Brownhills)	Thanksgiving for John S.	Easter Feria
	7.00pm	PRAYER & PRAISE EVENING (at St. Joseph's)	
Wednesday 6 th May	7.00pm	JOURNEY IN FAITH – SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH	
Thursday 7 th May	9.15am	MASS IN SCHOOL (St. Joseph's)	Easter Feria (Rosary after 12pm Mass)
	12.00pm (Brownhills)	Doreen MicInnes RIP	
	6.00pm	HOLY HOUR	
Friday 8 th May	9.30am	Deceased of the Salt Family	Easter Feria (Divine Mercy after Mass)
Saturday 9 th May	5.00pm	John Clarke RIP	SUNDAY VIGIL
Sunday 10 th May	9.00am (Brownhills)	Fr. David Keniry RIP	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (11am - First Holy Communion Mass)
	11.00am	David Hirons RIP	
	12.30pm	BAPTISM OF ARCHIE	

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:

Dominic Nguyen RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Available

Our Lady's Light:

Available

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Nancy Floyd, Margaret Tait, Maureen Parker, Damian Kelly, John Clarke, Cynthia St Lambert, Diane Low, Peter Carter, Louisa Inman, Rev Michael Byrne, Letitia Worth, Kathleen McGann, Martin Furlong, Anthony Hayward, Agnes O'Mahoney, Molly McConnell, Anne MacInnes, June Ryan, Elizabeth Bailes, Audrey Galuszka, Winifred Geraghty, Robert Hardy and Olive Holloway

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

Pope Leo's Prayer Intention for May

That everyone may have food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

St. Joseph's: Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Anthony (Tony) Dunne** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to the whole family during this difficult time. Details of his funeral will be informed in due course. May he rest in peace.

SICK IN THE PARISH

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

St. Joseph's: Sheila O'Connor, Thelma Waters, Maureen Dewsbury, Maureen Barnes, Ivy Brown, Paul Howells, Sheila Bishop, and Bernard Mills.

St. Bernadette's: Irene Dunwell, Veronica & Ken Bubb, and Kath Johnson, and Glendon Brooks

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

IMPORTANT: If your loved one is in hospital. Please inform the nurse and request a visit from a Catholic Priest/Chaplain straight away so that they will be spiritually looked after.

Jubilee of Saint Francis of Assisi

(7 Jan 2026 - 7 Jan 2027, marking the 800th year since the saint's death in 1226)

Saint Francis offered a powerful model for Christian renewal in times of social change and moral uncertainty. By highlighting Francis' simple Gospel life, we are encouraged to enter into deeper conversion, compassion for the poor, and a renewed sense of responsibility towards both society and creation.

The Holy Year therefore serves not only as a commemoration, but as a call for the Church to rediscover authentic Christian joy, discipleship and mission through the example of Saint Francis.

Young Adult Retreat

(Friday 8 - Sunday 10 May, Alton Castle, Castle Hill Road, Alton, Staffs, ST10 4TT)

A powerful opportunity to explore how the life of St. Francis speaks directly to questions of purpose, identity and how to live authentically in today's world. The weekend will include keynote speakers, discussion, prayer and adoration. Register here:

<https://www.tfaforms.com/5216124>

Other youth services at **<https://kyt.mykajabi.com/>**

INTERCULTURAL MASS
SUNDAY 24th MAY 11am

This annual event is to celebrate diversity and unity in both parishes. All are encouraged to take part in the celebration, especially those from different backgrounds: *wearing your traditional dress, reading, singing or bringing food for social afterwards.* If you'd like to contribute anything, please speak to Fr. Linh

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: We return to our Tuesday sessions. 2nd & 4th Tuesdays at 6.30 – 8.00pm in the Church Hall at St Josephs. Next session Tuesday 28 April. New members are welcome. Cost £1. Key Stage 2 children are invited.

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.

BURNTWOOD FOODBANK. We need your help. Donations of tinned or dried foods can be placed in the black box in the church hall. Thank you for supporting Burntwood families in crisis.

CONTACTLESS GIVING: 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, Piety Shop 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.**



JOURNEY IN FAITH

Sessions on the Sacraments continue every Wednesday at 7pm (term time only). Please join us for a very friendly, sociable environment - a cup of tea or coffee with friends to start with, followed by some prayer and praise, a talk and then a time to discuss your faith with like-minded people. All welcome.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

10.00am Sat 16th May at St. Joseph's. All welcome. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£214.99	£78.10
1 st (GA)	£5.00	£62.00
2 nd Col (Clergy Training Fund)	£144.37	£91.47
	£74.35 (GA)	£28.00 (GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£768.99	£315.10
Attended	175 (Sat & Sun)	69 (Sun)

Thank you very much for your generosity to the Church.

May God bless you!

Second collection this week- Parish Maintenance

Next week- Poor Parishes Fund

ST. BERNADETTE'S

MARIAN DEVOTION: every Monday evening 7.00pm. "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.

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

PARISH MONTHLY DRAW: You are invited to join the existing St Joseph's 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 speak to Fr. Linh for forms and more details.

SISTER BONAVENTURE: is celebrating her Golden Jubilee this year. Please keep her in our prayers.

MAY – MONTH OF MARY

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 pay 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)

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION TO MARY OUR MOTHER

(Pope St. JP II)

Immaculate Conception,
Mary, my Mother.
Live in me. Act in me.
Speak in and through me.
Think your thoughts in my mind.
Love, through my heart.
Give me your dispositions and feelings.
Teach, lead and guide me to Jesus.
Correct, enlighten and expand my
thoughts and behaviour.
Possess my soul. Take over my entire
personality and life.
Replace it with yourself.
Incline me to constant adoration
and thanksgiving.
Pray in me and through me.
Let me live in you
and keep me in this union always.
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
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.

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?

Why have intentions at Mass? Holy Mass makes present the mystery of Christ's death and resurrection. There is no greater prayer, because the Mass is the perfect offering of the Son of God to his heavenly Father. In offering Mass for a specific intention, the priest prays to God that the fruits of Christ's redemptive sacrifice be applied to the requested intention, for the spiritual and temporal good of the person(s) concerned.

How is that different to the priest's intention at Mass? The ordained priest has a particular role as mediator between God and humanity. In offering the sacrifice of the Mass, the priest acts *in persona Christi capitis*, that is, in the person of Christ the Head of the Mystical Body, which is the Church. Thus, special graces may be obtained when the priest applies Holy Mass to a particular intention.

Regina caeli (Queen of Heaven)

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R E-gí-na cae-li * laetá-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.