

CATHOLIC CHURCHES IN BURNTWOOD & BROWNHILLS

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

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FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

DATE	TIME/PLACE	INTENTIONS	FEASTS
Sat 5 th August	5.00pm	Rebecca Cleary (wellbeing)	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Peter La RIP	
Sun 6 th August	9.00am (Brownhills)	Carmel Biddle RIP (T/C after Mass)	FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD
	11.00am	Tony Stanley RIP (T/C after Mass)	
Mon 7 th August	9.30am	Dorothy Walters RIP	Feria (Devotion to St. Joseph after Mass)
	7.00pm	Rosary	
Tue 8 th August	9.30am (Brownhills)	NO MASS	Memorial of St. Dominic, Priest
Wed 9 th August	7.00pm	<u>NO</u> PRAISE AND WORSHIP	
Thurs 10 th August	9.30am	Service of the Word with HC	Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr
	6.00pm	Holy Hour	
Fri 11 th August	9.30am	Sr. Marrieta Larkin RIP & Theresa Larkin RIP	Memorial of St. Clare, Virgin (Devine Mercy after Mass)
Sat 12 th August	5.00pm	Mary Stone RIP	Sunday Vigil
	6.30pm(Brownhills)	Lina Skrodelis RIP	
Sun 13 th August	9.00am (Brownhills)	Paul Dunwell RIP (T/C after Mass)	19 TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
	11.00pm	Brian Bishop RIP (T/C after Mass)	

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. The intentions will be published in the weekly newsletter. Candles are lit from Saturday to Saturday.



This week we pray for...

Sanctuary Light:

Pat & Billy Greene RIP

Sacred Heart's Light:

Murtagh Baxter RIP

Our Lady's Light:

Caroline Baxter RIP

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK

ST. JOSEPH'S: Leslie Bettsworth, Maud Neenan, Ivy Robinson, Arthur Hawksley, Sonia Cerrone, Harold Myring, Bridget Woolridge, Anthony Twyman, Florence Watton, John Brown, Ellen Day and Patrick O'Kane

ST. BERNADETTE'S: Patricia Pibworth, Glen Barratt, Bridie Bradbury, Cathrine Barry, Mary Rodgers, Jadwiga Zalewa, John Redman, Norman Wigley, Jean Taylor, Stan Partington and Eliza Madden

MARCH FOR LIFE 2023

March for life UK happens in London on **Saturday 2 September**. Many are concerned about restrictions on freedom but it's often not until these restrictions affect us personally that we speak up. **Abortion** destroys the most fundamental freedom, the freedom to live, and leaves so many women and men deeply hurting. Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. For more info: www.marchforlife.co.uk

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023
LISBON 1-6 AUGUST

The global event takes place every few years and was initiated by Saint John Paul II in 1986. You can follow the pilgrimage via EWTN channel, Shalom TV. The live broadcast of World Youth Day 2023 is brought to you by the Catholic channel **Shalom World TV**, the Media Partner for World Youth Day.

CELEBRATE SUMMER
family activity pack

Download the brand new, **free CELEBRATE** online family activity pack for summer. Packed full of activities to do, pray, read and watch. This online resource will give you ideas on how to connect with God, your family and others. www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypac

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Heart of Tamworth was established by the parish of St John the Baptist in Tamworth and is based at Sacred Heart Church. It is a registered charity and is now looking to appoint an Operations Manager. The post-holder will manage HoT's day-to-day operations, contribute to the ongoing development of the charity's role and strategic objectives, lead and support nominated team members and volunteers, manage the new HoT Shop and prepare applications for funding. **More info:** poster at the back of the church OR email office@heartoftamworth.org Closing date is **Friday 1st September**. Interviews and an assessment centre will take place on Tuesday 19th September 2023.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS - Visit **St Chad's**, the first Catholic Cathedral to be built in England after the Reformation. St Chad's Cathedral is offering tours on **Friday 8, Saturday 9 and Saturday 16 September**. Booking essential. To book please email karla.lowes@rcaob.org.uk or call 0121 230 6215.

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. *Winners of the July draw 1st Prize T Deaville, 2nd Prize C Silk and 3rd Prize B Mills*

YOUTH GROUP: will be taking a summer break. Next session on **Tuesday 6th September** at 6.30pm, All are welcome from Years 6, 7 & 8. Open from 6.15pm. Cost £1. Every 2nd and 4th Tues of the month. Volunteers to help would be welcomed.

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.

BURNTWOOD FOOD BANK URGENT NEEDS: long-life milk, rice pudding, baked beans, custard, tinned soup, tinned fruit, tinned tomatoes, biscuits, tinned meat, pasta sauce, tinned vegetables. Please help if you can.

THANK YOU: to everyone who sponsored Richard McCormick with his Firewalk on 24th June. In total Richard raised **£295** for the Heart of Tamworth Charity. So far the Firewalk event has raised £21,000 and is continuing to receive donations. Your generosity is very much appreciated.

THANK YOU: The CAFOD group would like to say thank you for the huge parish response to the Seeds campaign. We filled two posters! These have been sent to CAFOD and will be forwarded to the World Bank. The next CAFOD meeting is on Saturday September 9th at 10am. All welcome.

Financial Information

Church	St. Joseph's	St. Bernadette's
1 st (loose)	£158.78	£69.73
1 st (GA)	£26.00	£86.00
2 nd Col (Parish Maintenance)	£133.40	£44.26
	£45.00(GA)	£20.00(GA)
SO	£549	£175
Total	£733.78	£330.73
Attended	167 (Sat & Sun)	68 (Sat & Sun)

ST. BERNADETTE'S

CHURCH GROUNDS TIDY Even the weather was not good, few people still came and did a great job on Saturday (5th August). Thank you so much to Andy and those who came to help tidy up the church ground.

THE PRESBYTERY: The house is still unoccupied. Whenever you can, please keep an eye on it to make sure everything is OK. I will update on this matter. Thank you.

50/50 CLUB: We need to sell a minimum number of tickets for the draw to run, but thereafter all profits go toward church funds. With better odds of winning than matching 4 numbers in the national lottery, it is a great way to support our parish! 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. Thank you.

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Wed 23rd August 7pm

All welcome!

VOCATION PROMOTION TEAM

The purpose is to help develop a culture of vocations.

This could be by: **Praying** together for vocations in our Archdiocese, especially for our seminarians and men in formation for the permanent diaconate, **fostering an awareness** of all vocations within the Church, helping to organise vocations events for young people, **fundraising** for the Clergy Training Fund, and so on. If you'd like to join the team, please come along for the first meeting to discuss more on **Thursday 7th September at 7.15pm**

"In a Church which is totally vocational, all are vocations promoters." (In Verbo tuo... 6)

DIOCESAN PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

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Heavenly Father,
we ask you to send labourers into your harvest.

Inspire, in the hearts of your people,
vocations to the priesthood,
diaconate and religious life.

Bless our families with a spirit of generosity,
so that those whom you call, have the courage
to give themselves to your Church in faith.

Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady of Divine Vocations

Pray for us!

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.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:

(27th Nov – 4th Dec (8 days/ 7 nights), £1,459pp)

Booking Forms are available at the back of the Church. **Online Booking** is available at www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/HL0801. There are only few places left.

SCAM EMAIL ALERT: DO NOT reply to any emails using my name (Fr. Linh) but not under the emails given in the newsletter asking for financial help in any way.

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. **Please note: NO Repair Café in August.**

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 going to Sunday Mass is absolutely necessary? Sunday Mass fulfils *God's law* (Third Commandment). It's our *duty* to give Him the worship He deserves, and our *loving response* to the God who has loved us first.

What is required to receive Holy Communion? To receive Holy Communion, one must be **fully incorporated** into the Catholic Church and be in the **state of grace**, that is, not conscious of being in mortal sin.

What is a mortal sin? A mortal sin is one that "destroys in us the charity without which eternal beatitude is impossible. Unrepented, it brings eternal death". Three ingredients in a mortal sin: (1) "grave matter," (2) "full knowledge," and (3) "deliberate consent." Grave matter is specified by the **Ten Commandments**. The right question to ask: is this the kind of behaviour that places something else above God or turns me away from God? If so, it's grave matter.

THE ANGELUS PRAYER

✠ The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
℟. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary...

✠ Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

℟. Be it done unto me according to thy word. Hail...

✠ And the Word was made flesh.

℟. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary...

✠ Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.

℟. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross, be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen. May the Divine Assistance remain always with us. And may the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in Peace. Amen.