



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Please pray for the following priests of the diocese: Fr Gwilym Lloyd, Fr Marisz Lorenc, Fr Bogdan Lukuc, Fr James Lutwama, Fr Adrian MacNamara, Fr Peter Madden, Fr Bernard Maddox

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Heavenly Father, grant that our priests be strengthened and healed by the power of the Eucharist they celebrate. May the Word they proclaim give them courage and wisdom. We pray that all those whom they seek to serve may see in them the love and care of Jesus, our Eternal High Priest, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen

Our Lady, Mother of priests, pray for us. Saint John Vianney, pray for us.

PARISH GROUPS

Rosary Group: Mondays after Mass

Women's Christian Union: Thursdays at 9.15am

SVP: meets alternate Wednesdays at 2.30pm. Contact Jackie Perry 684582

CAFOD group: meets monthly

Choir: 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm

Guild of St Stephen (Servers): meets last Saturday of the month at 9am

Adoration: Thursdays 8—8.30pm

Play Group & Nursery: contact Ann King on 671356

Living Stones Prayer Group: meets alternate Tuesdays at 7.30pm

Youth Club: 1st Friday of the month at 7.30pm

PARISH INFORMATION

St Joseph's Parish Office: Office hours: Weds & Fri 10am-3.30pm

Hall Bookings: contact Mrs Pat Greene in the Parish Office 686266

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4pm or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism: Sunday 11.30am

Sacrament Marriage: By Appointment

SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN NEIGHBOURING PARISHES

Brownhills St Bernadette: Sat 6.30pm, Sun 10am

Cannock SS Mary & Thomas More: Sat 6.15pm, Sun 8am, 10.30am

Hednesford Our Lady of Lourdes: Sun 9.30am, 5.30pm

Lichfield Holy Cross: Sun 8.30am, SS Peter & Paul Sat 6pm, Sun 11am

Rugeley SS Joseph & Etheldreda: Sat 7pm, Sun 11am, 6.30pm

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and registered as a charity. Number 234216



MASS TIMES

Week beginning Sunday 3rd January 2009

Sunday Cycle: Year C; Weekday Cycle: Year II

The Epiphany of the Lord

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| Saturday | 5pm | Mass | <i>Martin & Ada Mealey</i> |
| Sunday | 10am | Mass | <i>People of the Parish</i> |

Weekday Services

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| Monday | 7pm | The Word & Holy Communion | |
| Tuesday | No Service | | |
| Wednesday | No Service | | |
| Thursday | 7.30pm | The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration | |
| Friday | 7pm | Mass | <i>John Lalley</i> |

The Baptism of the Lord

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| Saturday | 5pm | Mass | <i>Kathleen Longbottom</i> |
| Sunday | 10am | Mass | <i>People of the Parish</i> |

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

O Blessed St Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, extend to all God's children the care you showed to the Holy Family in Nazareth and pray for us as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist. Guide & protect all the people of our parish and make the light of Christ shine among us so that His Kingdom may be established in our midst. Amen.

FINANCE

FIRST COLLECTION: Gift Aid £255.72 Loose £214.98 **Total £470.70**

SECOND COLLECTIONS: Last Sunday: —

this Sunday: LIFE / next Sunday: Church Maintenance

DRAW WINNERS: J & K Greene, Linda Birch, Doug Thompson

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have died recently: Kathleen Longbottom, Joan Ward, Paul Twyman

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: David John Skrodelis, Annie Morrisrog, Anne Dews, Julia Wall, Mary Bernadette O'Sullivan, Sheila Julia Kinder, Annie Galley, Edwad Hodgkiss, Leslie Turner, Christobel Litherland, Marion Jeffers, Mary Small, John Balance, Madeline Southam, Rev John Davies, Alfred Litherland, Perina Ward, George Johnstone, Elizabeth Leaver, Doris Meeley, Christine Mary Mulvey-Delaney

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen*

Those preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation & Holy Communion: Daniel Cartwright, Charlie Davies, Joshua Dunn, Jack Dunning, Karina Falco, Jemima Gartshore, Molly Hassell, Joshua Levell, Connor Mander, Todd Marshall, Kien O'Donnell, Sam Whitehouse

Those preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation: Jamie Campbell, Bradley Cantrell, Lucy Cartwright, Bethany Cunningham, Bradley Dunn, Emily Galvin, Henry Gardner, Yasmin Herd, Christopher Ilsley, Joe Ireson, Courtney Jordan, Dominique Levell, James Malley, Kay Marshall, Sam McCabe, Rosie Nugent, Niamh Poole, Isobel Richards, Lucy Richards, Bethany Simpkins, Jessica Smith, Samuel Tapper, Darryl Worth

The sick & housebound: Betty Bardell, Christopher Brown, Nikki Carr, Pauline & Ken Chaplain, Arthur Clissett, Joan Coley, Maura Connelly, Anne Corfield, Teresa Cormican, Auriel Dalley, Fr Brendan Donlan, Mary Elliot, Janet Evans, Gertrude Farrell, Stuart Frost, Olga Grant, Pat Greene, Jill Gutteridge, Geoff Harris, Tracy Holland, Catherine & Len Holloway, Charlotte Hughes, Mary Hughes, Josie Kimberly, Lorraine Macbeth, Kay McCulloagh, Lily McGrath, Michael McGowan, Tracy McGregor, Amy McKeon, Anita McLean, Diane Meddings, Paul Robert Moffat, Daniel Moody, Ricardo Morcillo, Vincent Morgan, Betty Myatt, Elsie Norman, Maureen Parker, Bob Preston, Bernadette Samongie, Tony Scott, Jenny Summerfield, Linda, Andy & Bethany Sutton, Veronica Thomas, Margaret Trickett, Matthew Waterfield, Thelma Waters, Winnie Williams, Jean Winsper, Maureen Wither.

The Word This Week

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the "Time of Manifestation", or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation". Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.

GENERAL NOTICES

CATHOLIC QUESTION TIME

Last week's answer: The relics of the Magi are believed to be in Cologne Cathedral

This week's question: What do the gifts of the Magi symbolise?

THANK YOU: Thank you again for your very generous Christmas Offering.

ROSARY GROUP: The next house rosary will be held on Jan 4th at 7 Pool Road, Chasetown. All welcome.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: The next meeting will be on Monday 4 January at 7.30pm

YOUTH CLUB: Next meeting on Friday 8 Jan at 7.30pm.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY: The Octave for Christian Unity is from 17—24 Jan. There are talks at different churches in the area 7.30-8.30pm during the week. See leaflet on notice board for more information.

OSCOTT: During the Year for Priests, all are invited to Sung Evening Prayer & Benediction at Oscott College on Sunday evenings at 6.30pm (but not on Dec 20, resuming on Jan 31). The main chapel doors will be open from 6.15pm to 7.10pm.

CHURCH CLEANERS: More volunteers are needed for the cleaning rota. If you would like to help the parish in this way please let either Julie Train or Fr Patrick know.