



## YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Please pray for the following priests of the diocese:

Fr Gabriel Maguire, Fr Wladyslaw Marmol, Fr Paul Martin, Fr Alexander Master, Mgr Josef Matysik, Fr Gerard McArdle, Fr Andrew McCann

## 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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## MASS TIMES

Week beginning Sunday 10th January 2009

Sunday Cycle: Year C; Weekday Cycle: Year II

### The Baptism of the Lord

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

### Weekday Services

Monday	7pm	Mass	<i>Mrs Annie McGowan</i>
Tuesday	9.15am	Mass (Y6 in school)	<i>Mrs Maud Johnston</i>
Wednesday	12pm	Mass	<i>Fr Marcus Stock</i>
Thursday	7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
Friday	9.15am	Mass	<i>Peter</i>

### Second Sunday of the Year

Saturday	5pm	Mass	<i>Rev Henry Atkinson</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 £141.98 Loose £233.41 **Total £375.39**

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** Last Sunday: LIFE £362.96

this Sunday: Church Maintenance / next Sunday: Pax Christi

**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:* James Hooper, Hubert Regan, Iris Hession, Charles Braudrick Cosgrove, Dorothy O'Mahoney, Aileen Farley, Bedelia Westwood, Mary Anne Grif-fiths, Elsie Louise Tams

*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 White-  
house

*Those preparing for the sacrament of  
Confirmation:* Jamie Campbell, Bradley  
Cantrill, Lucy Cartwright, Bethany Cun-  
ningham, Bradley Dunn, Emily Galvin,  
Henry Gardner, Yasmin Herd, Christo-  
pher 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 Ev-  
ans, 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 Mor-  
cillo, Vincent Morgan, Betty Myatt,  
Elsie Norman, Maureen Parker, Bob  
Preston, Bernadette Samongie, Tony  
Scott, Jenny Summerfield, Linda, Andy  
& Bethany Sutton, Margaret Trickett,  
Matthew Waterfield, Thelma Waters,  
Winnie Williams, Jean Winsper, Mau-  
reen Withy.

## The Word This Week

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem, that we fully understand the reason for the joy with which we celebrated Christmas Day. As we come to the end of Christmas today, and look forward to hearing the Gospel in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

## GENERAL NOTICES

### CATHOLIC QUESTION TIME

*Last week's answer:* Gold represents royalty, Frankincense represents priesthood and Myrrh represents suffering. *This week's question:* What are the names of Mary's parents?

**ROSARY GROUP:** The next house rosary will be held on Jan 4th at 9 Hamps Close, Burntwood. All welcome.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** The next meeting will be on Monday 18 January at 7.30pm

**PARISH MAGAZINE:** Magazine subscriptions for this year are now due. If you haven't already done so, will you please write your name on one of the envelopes provided and enclose £4. Leave your completed envelope in the box. Thank you. First edition of magazine will be February.

**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 would like to help the parish in this way please let either Julie Train or Fr Patrick know.