



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Please pray for the following priests of the diocese: Fr Timothy O'Brien, Fr Bernard O'Connor, Fr Denis O'Connor, Fr Liam O'Connor, Fr Thomas O'Connor, Fr Brendan O'Malley, Fr Martin O'Malley

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.

PARISH GROUPS

- Rosary Group:** Mondays at 8pm
- Women's Christian Union:** Thursdays at 9.15am
- SVP:** meets alternate Wednesdays at 2.30pm.
- CAFOD group:** meets monthly
- Choir:** 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month at 7.45pm
- Music Group:** contact Julie Train
- Guild of St Stephen (altar servers):** last Sat of the month at 9am
- 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
- Diners' Club:** meets monthly
- Men's Breakfast:** 1st Saturday of the month 8.30am

PARISH INFORMATION

- Parish Office:** Pat Greene & Maureen Barnes, office hours: Weds & Fri 10am-3pm
- Gift Aid Organiser:** Angela Thompson
- Child Protection:** Pauline Lerner
- Parish Magazine:** Margaret Taylor
- Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Sat 4pm or by appointment
- Sacrament of Baptism:** Sunday 11.30am
- Sacrament Marriage:** By Appointment
- Adoration:** Thursdays 8—8.30pm & as announced

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 7th March 2010

Sunday Cycle: Year C; Weekday Cycle: Year II

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday	5pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	10am	Mass	<i>Mary Elliot</i>

Weekday Services

Monday	7pm	Mass & Rosary	<i>Joan Paget</i>
Tuesday	9.15am	Mass (in school Yr3)	<i>Emily Nugent</i>
Wednesday	12pm	Mass	<i>Michael F. Sweeney</i>
Thursday	7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
Friday	12pm	Mass	<i>Barbara Pritchard-Gordon</i>
	7pm	Stations of the Cross	

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	5pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	10am	Mass	<i>John Wright</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: Feb 20/21: £353.52; Feb 27/28: £451.97

SECOND COLLECTIONS: St Giles Hospice £288.96; Cafod Family Fast £983.58; this Sunday: Cathedral Maintenance / next Sunday: Easter Flowers

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Those who have died recently: Mary Elliot, Sylvester Kevin Saxon, Maureen Hinbest, Peter Bishop, Rev Rolf Hjorth, Fr James McInerney, Canon Mgr. Tom Gavin, Kathleen Longbottom, Joan Ward, Paul Twyman

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: Janet McKeon, James Gaffey, Julia Green, William Solery, Emily Nugent, John Kinsella, Florence Burns, Muriel Garbett, Paulette Bentham

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

Those preparing for the sacrament of 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, Niamh Simpkins, Sam Whitehouse

Those preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation: Jamie Campbell, Bradley Cantrill, 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, 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, Derrick Stone, Jenny Summerfield, Linda, Andy & Bethany Sutton, Margaret Trickett, Matthew Waterfield, Thelma Waters, Winnie Williams, Jean Winsper, Maureen Withy.

The Word This Week

"The man who thinks he is safe must be careful he does not fall." This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which is the focus of our Lenten journey in Year C. Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events in order to illustrate his point about sin and repentance - there is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasised in the parable, where we see a tree not being condemned immediately, but given a chance to change and produce fruit. So are we. This links in with the two other readings, which also talk about escape - the escape of Israel from Egypt. This is to be a warning for us, as Saint Paul says: if we are Christians, we must live as Christians, and be aware of the need to watch our lives and the direction they are taking.



GENERAL NOTICES

CATHOLIC QUESTION TIME

Last week's answer: The days of fasting and abstinence are Ash Wednesday & Good Friday. **This week's question:** According to the book of Exodus how old was Moses when he received his mission from God?

LENT

Mon: Rosary & Benediction after 7pm Mass
Fri: Cafod lunch after 12pm Mass & Stations of the Cross at 7pm
Confessions: as well as Saturday at 4pm there will be confessions from 6.30 - 7.30pm on the subsequent Fridays of Lent.

ROSARY GROUP: During Lent, there will be Rosary & Benediction on Monday evenings in church, straight after Mass.

LIVING STONES: Meeting this Tuesday (March 9th) at 7.30pm in the school chapel.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: The next meeting will be on Monday 8 March at 7.30pm

CJM CONCERT: CJM are holding a concert here in church on the evening of Sunday 7 March. Tickets available at the back of church.

YOUNG MEN: There is going to be a retreat for 14 to 17 year olds at Oscott College, Sat 13—Sun 14 March for those who may consider the priesthood in the future. Please see Fr Patrick for details

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: There will be a meeting here at St Joseph's for those who are going to the Holy Land in August on Fri 23 April at 7.30pm

DINERS' CLUB: Change of venue Next meeting on Fri 19 March. 7.30 for 8pm at The Nag's Head. Please sign the list at the back of church.

SPIRIT OF TRUTH: Car-boot (Mar 27) has had to be postponed. Talk at Hilton on Fri 19 March, 7.30pm, Fr Julian Green

EASTER FLOWERS: Please bring along to church pots of spring bulbs in order to decorate the church for Easter.