



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Please pray for the following priests of the diocese: Fr John Osman, Fr Patrick O'Sullivan, Bishop Philip Pargeter, Fr John Peyton, Fr Anthony Pham-Tri-Van, Canon Anthony Piercy, Fr Stephen Plimlott

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 14th March 2010

Sunday Cycle: Year C; Weekday Cycle: Year II

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	5pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	10am	Mass	<i>John Wright</i>

Weekday Services

Monday	7pm	Mass & Rosary	<i>Pat Moloney</i>
Tuesday	9.15am	Mass & Adoration	<i>McNally Family Ints.</i>
Wednesday	12pm	Mass	<i>Harriet & George Williamson</i>
Thursday	7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
Friday	11am	Mass (in school)	<i>Martin Bayliss</i>
	7pm	Stations of the Cross	

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday	5pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	10am	Mass	<i>Oisin Sweeney</i>
	6pm	United Service (St Joseph's)	

CONFESSIONS: Friday 6.30-7.30pm during Lent & Saturday 4pm

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: £159.33 Loose: £276.07 Total: **£435.40**
SECOND COLLECTIONS: last Sunday: Cathedral Maintenance £273.58
this Sunday: Easter Flowers / next Sunday: Father Hudson's Lent Appeal

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Those who have died recently: Geoff Harris, 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: Michael Jeffers, Wladyslawa Mielczarek, Ellen Elizabeth Deakin, John Wright, Olive Kathleen Bowen, Arthur David Bradbury, Madge Hawkins, Stanley Sealey, Phillip Martin Bayliss

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'Donneil, 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, 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

As today we hear the familiar parable of the Prodigal Son (or the Forgiving Father), the message is Reconciliation - the making new of relationships, the healing of past wrongs and the opening of ourselves to the "new creation". This is just as the Israelites opened themselves to the New Creation of the Promised Land, when under Joshua they ended their sojourn in the wilderness after forty years of hardship, and began to eat of the produce of the country. It is all God's work: it is God who calls us back, and God who welcomes us into the Promised Land of his mercy when we return. So today, let us think not so much of sin and offences, as the new creation God offers us, if we but turn back to him and embrace him as our Father.



GENERAL NOTICES

CATHOLIC QUESTION TIME

Last week's answer: Moses is supposed to have been 80 when he received his mission from God and led the Israelites out of Egypt. **This week's question:** Where does the word 'Maundy' come from in Maundy Thursday?

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 Tuesday 23 March at 7.30pm in the school chapel.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: The next meeting will be on Mon 22 March at 7.30pm

DAY OF PRAYER: This Tues is our designated day of prayer for vocations. There will be adoration during the day. Please sign up for a slot on the list at the back of church.

YOUTH GROUP: Next meeting on Fri 19 March, 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.

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

INVOCATION 2010: This is a unique national vocations discernment weekend 2-4 July at Oscott College aimed at 16-35 yr olds. See website www.invocation.org.uk Cost £50. The parish would pay for 2 people to go.

PENITENTIAL SERVICES: Rugeley Tues 16 March, 6.30pm; Lichfield: Tue 30 March 7.30pm