

YEAR FOR PRIESTS Please pray for the following priests of the diocese: Fr Thomas Rock, Fr Peter Rogers, Fr Cecil Rogerson, Fr Anthony Rohan, Fr Dominic Round, Fr Francis Rowe, Fr Vincent Royles



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 Larner

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



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HOLY WEEK

Week beginning Sunday 28th March 2010

Palm Sunday

Saturday Mass 5pm Sunday 10am Mass People of the Parish

Ellen Day

Weekday Services

Monday Tuesday

Wednesday

12pm 9.15am Mass Mass (in school) Nellie Harvey McNally Family Ints.

7.30pm 9.15am

Mass

Penitential Service (SS Peter & Paul, Lichfield) Nellie Carroll

Confessions 7pm

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday

7pm MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Good Friday

9.15am 3pm

Office of Readings & Morning Prayer

THE GOOD FRIDAY LITURGY Stations of the Cross

7pm

Holy Saturday

9.15am 8pm

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THE EASTER VIGIL

People of the Parish

Oisin Sweeney

Easter Sunday

Sunday

10am

Mass

Oisin Sweeney

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: £188.17 Loose: £238.92 Total: £427.09

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION: The Holy Places **EASTER COLLECTION:** Offering to Parish Priest

SECOND COLLECTIONS: last Sunday: Father Hudson's Society £362.57

this Sunday: Church Maintenance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Breeze, Arthur Clissett, Geoff Harris, nique Levell, James Malley, Kay Mar-Mary Elliot, Gertrude Farrell, Sylvester shall, Sam McCabe, Rosie Nugent, Niamh Kevin Saxon, Maureen Hinbest, Peter Poole, Isobel Richards, Lucy Richards, Bishop

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: Derek Terence Elmer, Susan The sick & housebound: Betty Bardell, liamson

they rest in peace. Amen

Niamh Simpkins, Sam Whitehouse

ningham, Bradley Dunn, Emily Galvin, Jean Winsper, Maureen Withy. Henry Gardner, Yasmin Herd, Christopher

Those who have died recently: Sydney Ilsley, Joe Ireson, Courtney Jordan, Domi-Bethany Simpkins, Jessica Smith, Samuel Tapper, Darryl Worth

Jeffers, Francis Neenan, Stanley Bro- Christopher Brown, Nikki Carr, Pauline & zowski, Oisin Sweeney, Harriet May Wil- Ken Chaplain, Joan Coley, Maura Connelly, Anne Corfield, Teresa Cormican, Auriel Dalley, Fr Brendan Donlan, Janet Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and Evans, Stuart Frost, Olga Grant, Pat let perpetual light shine upon them. May Greene, Jill Gutteridge, Tracy Holland, Catherine & Len Holloway, Charlotte Hughes, Mary Hughes, Josie Kimberly, Those preparing for the sacrament of Lorraine Macbeth, Kay McCulloagh, Lily Holy Communion: Daniel Cartwright, McGrath, Michael McGowan, Tracy Charlie Davies, Joshua Dunn, Jack Dun- McGregor, Amy McKeon, Anita McLean, ning, Karina Falco, Jemima Gartshore, Diane Meddings, Paul Robert Moffat, Molly Hassell, Joshua Levell, Connor Daniel Moody, Ricardo Morcillo, Vincent Mander, Todd Marshall, Kien O'Donnell, Morgan, Betty Myatt, Elsie Norman, Maureen Parker, Bob Preston, Bernadette Samongie, Tony Scott, Derrick Stone, Jenny Those preparing for the sacrament of Summerfield, Linda, Andy & Bethany Confirmation: Jamie Campbell, Bradley Sutton, Margaret Trickett, Matthew Wa-Cantrill, Lucy Cartwright, Bethany Cunterfield, Thelma Waters, Winnie Williams,

The Word This Week

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story and the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.



GENERAL NOTICES

CATHOLIC OUESTION TIME

Last week's answer: The Stations of the ing will be on Mon 19 April at 7.30pm Cross were introduced after the time of the Crusades, when it became impossible to YOUTH GROUP: Next meeting on Fri make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. This 16 April, 7.30pm week's question: Who ruled Judea (a) at the time of Jesus' birth & (b) at the time of CAFOD CAKE SALE: There will be a his death?

EASTER SERVICES: Please keep silence in and around the church during the EASTER FLOWERS: Please bring along Triduum (from after the Mass of the to church pots of spring bulbs in order to Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday until decorate the church for Easter. after the Easter Vigil). Thank you.

CONFESSIONS

Tues 30 March: Lichfield Penitential Ser- those who are going to the Holy Land in vice: 7.30pm; Weds 31 March: from 7pm

for Fr Hudson's Society.

LIVING STONES: Next meeting tha

EASTER MONDAY: The Men's Break- the Holy Father's visit has now been fast group will be providing refreshments launched: thepapalvisit.org.uk after Mass (10am) on Easter Monday.

JOURNEY IN FAITH: The next meet-

cake sale after Mass on Sunday to raise money for Cafod.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE: There will be a meeting here at St Joseph's for August on Fri 23 April at 7.30pm

SCHOOL PRODUCTION: Pupils from INVOCATION 2010: This is a unique Cardinal Griffin School will be putting on national vocations discernment weekend a production of CJM's Born For This on 2-4 July at Oscott College aimed at 16-35 Tuesday at 7pm. There will be a collection yr olds. Cost £50. The parish would pay for 2 people to go. See website www. invocation.org.uk

PAPAL VISIT: The official website for