



YEAR FOR PRIESTS

Please pray for the following priests of the diocese: Fr Joseph Vu-Duc-Yen, Fr John Wairagu, Fr Richard Walker, Fr Brian Wall, Fr John Walsh, Fr Thomas Walton, Fr James Ward



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

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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FIFTH WEEK OF EASTER

Week beginning Sunday 16 May 2010

Sunday Cycle: Year C; Weekday Cycle: Year 2

The Ascension of the Lord

Saturday	5pm	Mass	<i>Irene & Ken James</i>
Sunday	10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	1pm	Baptism	<i>Jack Padley</i>

Weekday Services

Monday	7pm	Mass	<i>Martin Bayliss</i>
Tuesday	9.15am	Mass (Y6 in church)	<i>Lilly Sheehan</i>
Wednesday	12pm	Mass	<i>Mary O'Dwyer</i>
Thursday	7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
Friday	12pm	Mass	<i>Frank McGuney</i>
	6pm	Holy Hour	
Saturday	4pm	Confessions	

Pentecost Sunday

Saturday	5pm	Mass	<i>Madge Docherty</i>
Sunday	10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	7pm	United Service (St Joseph's)	

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.

The Word This Week

Recently the bishops of England and Wales decided to move the celebration of Ascension to this Sunday. While this moves the feast away the fortieth day, it does open up this celebration as part of the journey of the Easter Season. Ascension is not just a feast that "happens to fall in Eastertide": it is an integral part of the Easter mystery. Remember the Lord's words at the Last Supper: "I am going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me." Jesus does not open the way to us just by rising from the dead: to complete the mystery presumes the Lord's return to the Father. Ascension is therefore a feast of hope: our hope that the Lord will return, as he went. Our hope that he will take us with him, when our bodies are raised as his was. Our hope that we will take our place in heaven, where he sits at the Father's right hand.



PRAYER INTENTIONS

Those who have died recently: Len Holloway, Sydney Breeze, Arthur Clissett, Geoff Harris, Mary Elliot, Gertrude Farrell, Sylvester Kevin Saxon, Maureen Hinbest, Peter Bishop

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: William Arthur Stamper, Mark Neenan, James Doyle, Sydney Thomas Barratt, Honora Christina Ellis, Aine Maire Baptie, John Styche, Roy Frederick Clifton, Josephine Mary Smith

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 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: Sheila Appleton (nee Levell), Betty Bardell, Christopher Brown, Nikki Carr, Pauline & Ken Chaplain, Joan Coley, Maura Connelly, Anne Corfield, Teresa Cormican, Auriel Dalley, Fr Brendan Donlan, Janet Evans, Stuart Frost, Olga Grant, Pat Greene, Jill Gutteridge, Tracy Holland, 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, Roger Whitehouse, Winnie Williams, Jean Winsper, Maureen Withy, Tony Wright.

GENERAL NOTICES

FINANCE

PARISH COLLECTION: Gift Aid: £141.38 Loose £231.14 Total: **£372.52**

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

last Sunday: help towards a sick parishioner going to Lourdes £277.32

this Sunday: Catholic Communications

next Sunday: Christian Aid

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

CATHOLIC QUESTION TIME

Last week's answer: We say the Nicene Creed each Sunday. It was formulated at the Council of Nicea. **This week's question:** Which Apostle was chosen to replace Judas?

LIVING STONES: Meeting in school chapel on Tuesday 18 May, 7.30pm. All welcome.

ROSARY GROUP: The Rosary this week will be at 9 Hamps Close at 8pm. All welcome

MAY: During May, the Rosary will be prayed before each Mass, starting about 20 minutes before Mass begins.

YOUTH GROUP: (Year 6 upwards) Next meeting on Fri 21 May, 7.30pm

JOURNEY IN FAITH: The next meeting will be this Mon 24 May at 7.30pm

PAPAL VISIT: The official website for the Holy Father's visit has now been launched: thepapalvisit.org.uk

CONFIRMATION: The Archbishop is coming to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday 20 June at 12pm.

HOLY HOUR: There will be an Holy Hour of reparation & atonement on the Fridays of May at 6pm to pray for healing, forgiveness & renewed dedication

ITALIAN MEAL: There will be an Italian meal in the hall on Fri 28 May to raise funds for the refurbishment of the chapel at Cardinal Griffin school & to help with the Year13 trip to Rome. Please sign list at back of church. Cost £10 per person

TALK AT HILTON on Fri 21 May 7.15pm. Fr David Oakley 'Do we need community?' All welcome. For info / directions ring Julie 672923 or Nicholas 07881 508776

ECUMENICAL MATTERS

Prayer Walks: There are a series of walks to pray for our town, organised by Burntwood Churches United. Begins at Chase-town Methodist church, at 9am on 19 June, 3 July, 14 Aug & 4 Sept.

Pentecost: Beacon Community Church will be leading 'Pentecost Praise' on behalf of Burntwood Churches United here at St Joseph's next Sun (23 May) at 7pm.