

PAPAL VISIT PREPARATION PRAYER

God of truth and love, your Son, Jesus Christ, stands as the light to all who seek you with a sincere heart. As we strive with your grace to be faithful in word and deed, may we reflect the kindly light of Christ and offer a witness of hope and peace to all. We pray for Pope Benedict and look forward with joy to his forthcoming visit to our countries. May he be a witness to the unity and hope which is your will for all people. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady, Mother of the Church — pray for us.

St Andrew — pray for us.

St George — pray for us.

St David — pray for us.



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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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

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 5.30pm, 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

EIGHTEENTH WEEK OF THE YEAR

Week beginning Sunday 1 August 2010

Sundays Year C; Weekdays Year 2; Psalter Week 2

Sunday 1 August	<i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
5pm (Sat)	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10am	Mass	<i>Joan Coley</i>
11.30am	Baptism	<i>Joshua Danan</i>
Monday 2 August	<i>Feria</i>	
10am	Mass	<i>Walter Richardson</i>
Tuesday 3 August	<i>Feria</i>	
7pm	Mass	<i>Alf Brookes</i>
Wednesday 4 August	<i>St John Vianney</i>	
12pm	Mass	<i>Sheila Geraghty</i>
Thursday 5 August	<i>Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major</i>	
7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
Friday 6 August	<i>The Transfiguration of the Lord</i>	
10am	Mass	<i>John Neville</i>
Saturday 7 August	<i>St Sixtus II</i>	
10am	Mass (Latin)	<i>Holy Souls</i>
4pm	Confessions	
Sunday 8 August	<i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	
5pm (Sat)	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10am	Mass	<i>Arthur Hawksley</i>



THE WORD THIS WEEK

Today we contemplate a great truth about our life: you can't take it with you. The old phrase "There are no pockets in a shroud" is what we confront today, in the preaching of both Ecclesiastes and the Lord Jesus. What Jesus makes us think about, however, is not just this truth, but the consequences of it: if we are not to build up treasure here on earth, what are we to do? The answer is simple: by our way of living we "make ourselves rich in the sight of God"!



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have died recently: Jennifer Catherine Summerfield, Anastasia Cul-lott, Len Holloway, Sydney Breeze, Arthur Clissett, Geoff Harris, Mary Elliot, Gertrude Farrell, Sylvester Kevin Saxon, Maureen Hinbest, Peter Bishop

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Joan Cage, Leonard Phillips, Herbert Kilgallon, Joseph Henry Ratchford, Rebecca Louise Packwood, Ronald O'Sullivan, Leslie St John Terence Bettsworth, Maud Neenan, Ivy Robinson, Arthur Milton Hawksley, Harold Francis Myring, Bridget Philomena Clare Wool-ridge

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

The sick & housebound: Sheila Appleton (nee Levell), Chris Austin, 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, Dorothy Hurley, Josie Kimberly, Lorraine Macbeth, 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, Patrick Ryan, 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

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.

GENERAL NOTICES

FINANCE

17/18 July: £404.32 (Gift Aid: £223.29 Loose £181.03)

Last Sunday: £369.68 (Gift Aid: £150.63 Loose £219.05)

Second collections

17/18 July: Comboni Missionaries £790.62 / last Sun: Church Maintenance £284.12

this Sunday: Church Maintenance / next Sunday: Church Maintenance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

CATHOLIC QUESTION TIME

Last week's answer: Lazarus was the brother of Martha & Mary and they lived at Bethany. *This week's question:* Can you name any of the Patron Saints of Europe?

ROSARY GROUP: There will be no house rosary until Monday 6 September.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday 7 August 8.30am

YOUTH GROUP: (Year 6 upwards) Next meeting on Fri 17 Sept, 7.30pm

PRAYER WALKS: The next walks will be 14 Aug & 4 Sept.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS: If anyone would be willing to volunteer to help with tea & coffee after the 10am Mass, please see Ann King or Fr Patrick.

PIG ROAST: Sunday August 15 from 12pm. £5 for adults, £2 for under 18s. Please could we have payment by the end of the month. Dee McCormick will collect money & issue tickets. There is a list at the back of church if any more wish to sign up.

PAPAL VISIT: The church asks that we pray for the success of the Papal visit. The Prayer of Preparation printed on the back of this sheet will be prayed at the end of the weekend Masses. There will also be Benediction after the Sat 5pm Mass over the summer.

ALTAR SERVING: There'll be no practices at the end of June or in July or Aug. The next practice will be on Sat 25 Sept at 9am. If there are any children who have made their first holy communion & are interested in becoming a server, they are welcome to attend the September practice, with their parents, to find out more about what is involved.

BIRMINGHAM HALFMARATHON: One of our parishioners, Ulrike Jones, is running for the Cafod team in the B'ham Halfmarathon on Sun 24 Oct. If anyone would like to join her, they can enter online at www.birminghamhalfmarathon.com