

## 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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## TWENTY FOURTH WEEK OF THE YEAR

Week beginning Sunday 12 September 2010

Sundays Year C; Weekdays Year 2; Psalter Week 4

### Sunday 12 September

5pm (Sat)

10am

11.15am

### Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass

Mass

Baptisms

*Betty Mealey*

*People of the Parish*

*Danni-Lee Nevett, Bradley Robert*

*Nevett, Jamie Jensen Nevett*

### Monday 13 September

7pm

### St John Chrysostom

Mass

*Pat Greene*

### Tuesday 14 September

9.15am (in school)

### Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Mass

*Harvey Joseph Lowe*

### Wednesday 15 September

12pm

### Our Lady of Sorrows

Mass

*Sr Claudia*

### Thursday 16 September

7.30pm

### St Cornelius & St Cyprian

The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration

### Friday 17 September

7pm

### St Robert Bellarmine

Mass

*Margaret Thomas*

### Saturday 18 September

4pm

### Feria

Confessions

### Sunday 19 September

5pm (Sat)

9.30am

6pm

### Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass

Mass

United Service

*People of the Parish*

*Arthur Hawksley*

*Chasetown Methodist Church*



## 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

**Bereavement Group:** contact Maureen Barnes

**Guild of St Stephen (altar servers):** last Sat of the month at 9am

**Play Group & Nursery:** contact Ann King on 671356

**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:** Breda Helm

**Parish Magazine:** Margaret Taylor / Tony Hayward

**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

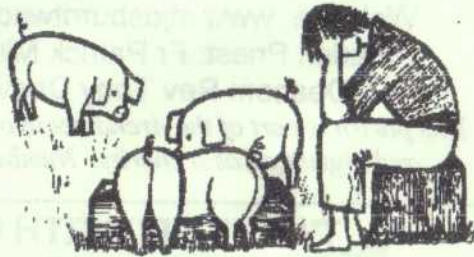
**Hednesford Our Lady of Lourdes:** Sun 9.30am, 5.30pm

**Lichfield Holy Cross:** Sun 8.30am, SS Peter & Paul Sat 6pm, Sun 11am

**Rugeley SS Joseph & Etheldreda:** Sat 7pm, Sun 11am, 6.30pm

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

he message of God's forgiveness is one that we are familiar with, but which the Lord still wishes to emphasise. Our human approach to forgiveness is so often flawed - we hold grudges, erect barriers, make demands and establish conditions. Jesus wants to remind his listeners - and us - that God's forgiveness is overflowing and plentiful. Saint Paul was well aware of this: he had persecuted the Church, calling himself "the greatest of sinners"; and yet, thanks to the "inexhaustible patience" of God, he can count himself a believer. We must be open to the gift of forgiveness for ourselves, and also (as the Parable of the Older Brother shows) open to that forgiveness offered to other whom we would condemn.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**those who have died recently:** Margaret Lowe, Teresa Cormican, Pat Greene, Harvey Joseph Lowe, Margaret Thomas, Maura Connolly, Jennifer Catherine Summereld, Anastasia Cullotty, Len Holloway, Sydney Breeze

**those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** James Hawkins, Catherine Veronica Lorrall, Wladshawk Galuszka, Mary Ann Smith

*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, Teresa Averill, Betty Bardell, Christopher Brown, Nikki Carr, Pauline & Ken Chaplain, Joan Coley, Anne Corfield, Auriel Dalley, Fr Brendan Donlan, Janet Evans, Stuart Frost, Olga Grant, 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, 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.

### FINANCE

last Sunday: **£431.79**  
(gift aid: £188.26 loose £223.53)

### Second collections

last Sunday: CAFOD £371.45  
this Sunday: Racial Justice  
next Sunday: Fr Hudson's Society

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

### CATHOLIC QUESTION TIME

*Last week's answer:* We bless ourselves with holy water when we go into church in order to remind ourselves of our Baptism.  
*This week's question:* Who, according to Tradition, first discovered the True Cross?

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Mass will be at 9.30am next Sunday so that people can watch the 10am Papal Mass in B'ham on the TV.

**ROSARY GROUP:** This Monday at 2 Keble Close at 8pm. All welcome

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

**DINERS' CLUB:** Next meeting at The Trooper, Wall on Tues 21 Sept, 7.30pm. Please sign up on the list. All welcome.

**SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS:** There will no longer be any refreshments after Mass on Sunday mornings. If anyone would like to help provide refreshments on a monthly, fortnightly or monthly basis, please sign the list at the back of church.

**BURNTWOOD CHURCHES UNITED:** The AGM for BCU is on Thurs 30 Sept at 7.30pm at St John's Church, Chase Terrace. The meeting is open to all.

**PARISH DRAW:** If anyone cancels their direct debit please could they let the office know so that their numbers can be taken out of play. Thank you.

**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 [www.birminghamhalfmarathon.com](http://www.birminghamhalfmarathon.com)

**MUSIC AT PRIMARY SCHOOL:** We are trying to develop the pupils' appreciation & knowledge of all types of music next year in school. Do you or do you know anyone who has musical talents or an interest in music? We are looking for volunteers to either perform for the pupils or share their knowledge & experience in school. Please contact Mrs Ralphs or Miss Deaville at school.

**ALTAR SERVING:** 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.

**PAPAL VISIT:** The Handbook for the Papal Visit is being distributed throughout England, Scotland and Wales over the coming weekends. We would like to invite you to make a donation towards the Handbook if you are able. £2-00 per copy would help to cover the costs. Please use the Handbook when following the Pope's visit on television or the internet.