

### PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

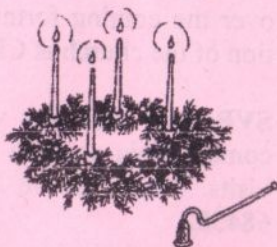
O Blessed St Joseph,  
Patron of the Universal Church,  
extend to all God's children the care you showed  
to the Holy Family in Nazareth  
and pray for us as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.  
Guide & protect all the people of our parish  
and make the light of Christ shine among us  
so that His Kingdom may be established in our midst.  
Amen.

### PARISH GROUPS

**Rosary Group:** Mondays after Mass  
**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:** Maureen Barnes & Cath Nugent, 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:** after Mass on Sundays  
**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



## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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### SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Week beginning Sunday 12 December 2010  
Sundays Year A; Weekdays Year 1; Psalter Week 3

<b>Sunday 12 December</b> 5pm (Sat) 10am	<b>Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)</b> Mass Mass	<i>Patrick Drain</i> <i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Monday 13 December</b> 6pm	<i>St Lucy</i> Mass & Rosary	<i>Jane Kearns</i>
<b>Tuesday 14 December</b> 9.15am	<i>St John of the Cross</i> Mass (in school)	<i>Rose Davis</i>
<b>Wednesday 15 December</b> 7pm	<i>Wednesday of Advent</i> School Carol Service (in church)	
<b>Thursday 16 December</b> 6pm	<i>Thursday of Advent</i> Mass	<i>Pat Greene</i>
<b>Friday 17 December</b> 12pm	<i>O Sapientia</i> Mass	<i>Mrs N. Barreto</i>
<b>Saturday 18 December</b> 4pm	<i>O Adonai</i> Confessions	
<b>Sunday 19 December</b> 5pm (Sat) 10am	<b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b> Mass Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>William &amp; Celia Howard</i>

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## THE WORD THIS WEEK

*Gaudete in Domino semper!* Rejoice in the Lord always! Why? For the Lord is near... Today's readings from Isaiah and from Matthew talk of the Good News: the eyes of the blind opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, the lame leaping like deer, the dumb singing for joy. Why? God is coming; the Lord comes to save you. And when we see the splendour of our God, everlasting joy will show on our faces and joy and gladness will go with us. So look around this week in Church. How many people show such joy? Do you? Perhaps we don't see the Lord close to us! Come, Lord, and save us.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those who have died recently:** Winnie Williams, Betty Bardell, John Anthony Stokes, Charlotte Hughes, Margaret Rowe, Teresa Cormican, Pat Greene, Harvey Joseph Lowe, Margaret Thomas

**Those whose anniversaries occur this week:** Alfred Oscar St Ossel, Elsie Riley, Francis Meredith, John Joseph Geraghty, Arthur Bernard Court, Thomas Michael Kelly, James Thomas Mealey, Winifred Ethel Neenan

*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, Christopher Brown, Nikki Carr, Pauline & Ken Chaplain, Joan Coley, Anne Corfield, Auriel Dalley, Janet Evans, Stuart Frost, Olga Grant, Jill Gutteridge, Tracy Holland, 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, Jean Winsper, Maureen Withy

Sunday refreshments: Next week Germaine Caldwell & Yvonne Stanley

## GENERAL NOTICES

### CATHOLIC QUESTION TIME

**Last week's answer:** The two liturgical divisions of Advent are (i) from the 1st Sunday to 16th Dec & (ii) from 17th Dec to 24th Dec **This week's question:** Who were the grandparents of Jesus?

**RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH:** Next meeting Thurs Jan 6 in the Parish Hall at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford.

**BETHLEHEM CANDLES:** Candles produced by the Christian community in Bethlehem are available on the piety table at £5 each.

**KEY SAFE:** There is now a key safe on the wall just outside church. This is to allow better access for those who need it & will enable parishioners to visit the church more often.

**FLOWERS:** Please bring in a poinsettia over the coming fortnight for the decoration of the church at Christmas. Thank you

**SVP:** new members would be very welcome to join us & to help out with home visits. Please phone Jackie Perry 01543 684582.

**QUIZ NIGHT:** Fundraiser for Guild of St Stephen: Sat 11 Dec in the Parish hall. Tickets available nearer the time.

**BOOKS:** The Cafod group want to set up a parish bookstall & are appealing for books. Faith books very welcome but anything considered as long as it's suitable! We would be grateful if you could bring them to church & leave in the box at the back. We propose a 50p borrowing charge for funds.

**CAROL SERVICE:** The Primary School will be holding it's carol service here in church on Weds 15 Dec at 7pm.

**HOLY LAND REUNION:** There will be a reunion at Burton for all who came on the pilgrimage to the Holy Land this summer on Saturday 29 January at 7.30pm.

### CONFESSIONS IN ADVENT:

**BURNTWOOD:** Sat 18 Dec 6pm

**LICHFIELD:** Tue 21 Dec 7.30pm

### CHRISTMAS WEEKEND

**FRI 24 DEC:** 5pm Vigil Mass  
9pm Midnight Mass  
(carols from 8.30pm)

**SAT 25 DEC:** 10am Mass

**SUN 26 DEC:** 11am Mass

### FINANCE

Collection 27-28 Nov: **£367.31** (gift aid: £153.80 loose £213.51)  
Second collections: last Sunday: B'ham children's hospital: £268.26  
this Sunday: Christmas flowers  
next Sunday: Poor Parishes

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**