

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 5.15pm, Sun 8am, 10.30am
Hednesford Our Lady of Lourdes: Sat 6pm, Sun 9.30am
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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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Week beginning Sunday 20 February 2011

Sundays Year A; Weekdays Year 1; Psalter Week 3

Sunday 20 February

5pm (Sat)
10am
6pm

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass *People of the Parish*
Mass *Angela Felgate*
United Service *St Anne's, Chasetown*

Monday 21 February

St Peter Damien
No Service

Tuesday 22 February

Chair of Peter, Apostle
No Service

Wednesday 23 February

St Polycarp
No Service

Thursday 24 February

7pm

Feria
Mass

Ann King

Friday 25 February

9.15am

Feria
Mass

Chris Barton

Saturday 26 February

4pm

Feria
Confessions

Sunday 27 February

5pm (Sat)
10am

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass *Dorothy Hurley*
Mass *People of the Parish*

Sunday refreshments: Germaine Caldwell & Yvonne Stanley

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Love your neighbour as yourself." These are words we associate so clearly with the teaching of Jesus and the way of life the Gospel calls us to. But it may be a surprise to some people to hear that these words come first from the Old Testament, in the mouth of Moses himself. Moses was speaking the Lord God's instruction for the community – the community of the people of Israel in flight from Egypt in their long sojourn in the wilderness. God's instructions were about how that community had to work – without grudges, resentment or vengeance, but with love and forgiveness and tolerance. When Jesus comes with the message of the Kingdom of heaven, it is the same – instruction for a perfect, God-guided society, which depends on how each of us lives with others. The "wisdom of this world", which Saint Paul mentions in the Second Reading, will not teach us this: the world will believe in vengeance, and friendship only for your friends. Each of us must ask how we can embrace the apparent folly of Jesus' teaching: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have died recently: Patrick William Ryan, Susan Burke, Angela Felgate, Winnie Williams, Betty Bardell, John Anthony Stokes, Charlotte Hughes.

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: Arthur Ernest Averill, Ellen Elizabeth Taylor, Michael McGovern, Pauline Jenkins, Marie Josephine Berrington, Bridget Williams.

*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 Barton, Christopher Brown, Nikki Carr, Pauline & Ken Chaplain, Joan Coley, Anne Corfield, Ariel 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, Bernadette Samongie, Tony Scott, Michael Stanley, Derrick Stone, Linda, Andy & Bethany Sutton, Margaret Trickett, Matthew Waterfield, Thelma Waters, Jean Winsper, Maureen Withy

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GENERAL NOTICES

CATHOLIC QUESTION TIME

Last week's answer: The Book of Ecclesiasticus is now more commonly called the Book of Sirach. **This week's question:** What are the 5 Precepts of the Church?

MASS TIMES: Please note that there is no longer a Sunday evening mass at Hednesford. There is a Saturday vigil mass at 6pm instead. Also, in Cannock the Saturday vigil mass is a 5.15pm

RCIA / JOURNEY IN FAITH: Next meeting Thurs 3 March in the presbytery at Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford.

HILTON TALKS

Fr David Keniry: Fri 25 Feb 7.15pm
Life in the Spirit Seminars will be held from Easter to Pentecost
For more details ring Julie: 01543 672923 or Nichola: 01543 480428

DINERS' CLUB: Fri 4 March, 7pm at the Chetwynd Arms, Upper Longdon. Sign up list is at the back of church.

CAFOD: The next meeting will be on Mon 7 March at 7.30pm in the hall. New members very welcome.

LENT TALKS: A series of talks entitled The Religious Life will be taking place at Holy Cross in Lichfield on the Thursdays of Lent at 7.30pm. See poster at back of church.

CONCERT: Cannock ex-servicemen's club male voice choir (soloist Diana Gunn) will be coming to sing on Sat 19 March, the feast of St Joseph. 7 for 7.30pm, tickets will be £5, children free. Proceeds to the choir, Cafod & the British Legion. Refreshments available.

HEAD TEACHER WANTED: St Thomas More Catholic Primary School at Great Wyrley wish to appoint a new Head Teacher. See letter at back of church

DIOCESAN PIGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: Sept 29 -Oct 6 2011. 10 day pilgrimage visiting the major sites in Jerusalem, Bethlehem & Galilee. Details on poster on notice board.

FAIR TRADE: St Josephs is now officially a Fair Trade parish. This means that, as far as possible, we buy Fair Trade goods for parish events & support farmers & producers in the third world, helping to lift them out of poverty.

FINANCE

Collection 29-30 Jan: £497.12 (gift aid: £195.10 loose £302.02)
Second collections: last Sunday: Church Maintenance £292.02
this Sunday: Catholic Education Council
next Sunday: Primary school

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY