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 & 3rd 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

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SIXTH WEEK OF EASTER

Week beginning Sunday 29 May 2011 Sundays Year A; weekdays Year 1; Psalter Week 2

Sunday 29 May Sixth Sunday of Easter

People of the Parish 5pm (Sat) Mass 10am

Mass Joan Coley

Monday 30 May Dedication of the Church

Mass, Rosary and Adoration Deirdre McCarthy 7pm

Tuesday 31 May Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.15am Mass (in church) Sean O'Connor

Wednesday 1 June St Justin

John & Mary Preece 12pm Mass Wedding Service James Baker & Danielle 3pm

Didlock

Thursday 2 June SS Marcellinus and Peter

The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration 7.30pm

Friday 3 June St Charles Lwanga and his Companions

Ellen Bates (Special Int.) 9.15am Mass

Easter Feria Saturday 4 June

Confessions 4pm

Sunday 5 June The Ascension of the Lord

5pm (Sat) Mass Sidney & Dennis Roberts People of the Parish 10am Mass

Kira Skye Jarred 11.15am **Baptism**

The New Translation - the four presences of Christ

The Second Vatican Council reminded us of our ancient faith: Christ is always present in his church, especially in its liturgical celebrations. So, each time we come to Mass we experience the presence of Christ in four different ways:

Christ is present in the congregation - the people gathered together;

Christ is present in the person of the priest:

Christ is present in the Scriptures that we listen to during Mass;

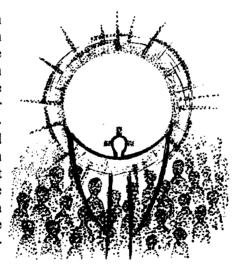
Christ is present in the bread and wine when it becomes Christ's Body and Blood.

The more we are able to understand and join in the Mass, the more we will come to love it. The new translation will help us to do that because the words we will now use will say more clearly what our faith is teaching us. If you would like to know more about how our Mass helps us in what we believe, go to

http://catholicism.org/lex-orandi-lex-credendi.html

THE WORD THIS WEEK

By now we are some distance away from Easter, but the season is still permeated with the Easter message: Christ is risen, we are baptised in him. But today a new dimension of the story comes out: Easter is not complete until the risen Lord has returned to the Father and sent the Holy Spirit. So in the Gospel today we begin two weeks of looking forward to the coming of that 'Spirit of truth' which sets us apart from the world. This is a Spirit of power, which flows through the life of the Church, enabling its members to 'proclaim the Christ' and, dwelling in our hearts, to live in the midst of the world's slander and accusations.



FINANCE

Collection: 21-22 May: £584.54 (Gift aid £103.10 Loose £481.44)

Second collections: last Sunday: Christian Aid £321.25

this Sunday: Church Maintenance next Sunday: Catholic Communications

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

GENERAL NOTICES

HOUSE BLESSINGS: These will take place over the coming month.

ROSARY & ADORATION: After Mass this Monday

SPONSORSHIP MONEY: If you have sponsored Ulrike, can we kindly ask you to give your sponsor money asap so we can estimate what she achieved. A member of the CAFOD group will be at the back of church after Mass to collect any outstanding monies for Ulrika's half marathon.

SVP: If anyone knows somebody who would appreciate a visit by members of the SVP please let Fr Patrick or a member of the SVP know.

PLANNED GIVING: There are a lot of uncollected envelopes left at the back of church. If you have decided to stop giving to the parish in this way, please let either Fr Patrick or the parish office know (open Weds & Fri, 10am-3pm). Thanks.

DINERS' CLUB: Fri July 8, 6.30pm at The Malt Shovel, Chorley. Sign up list at the back of church. All welcome.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have died recently: Margaret Mary Yates, Edward O'Loughlin, Joan Coley, Muriel Hayes, Teresa Averill, Patrick William Ryan, Susan Burke, Angela Felgate, Winnie Williams, Betty Bardell.

week: Irene Littler, Margaret Mary Kimberly, Lorraine Macbeth, John Magulski, Michaels, John Murray, Mary Margaret Lily McGrath, Michael McGowan, Tracy Perrett, John James Burns, Graham Wil- McGregor, Amy McKeon, Anita McLean, liam Harris, John William Paget, Elsie Mary Benton, Elizabeth Dutton, James McNeil.

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), Gillian Atkinson, Chris Austin, Christopher Barton, Christopher Brown, Nikki Carr, Pauline & Ken Chaplain, Anne Corfield, Auriel Dalley, Roger Dunne, Janet Evans, Stuart Frost, Olga Grant, Jean Griffiths, Jill Gutteridge, Tracy Holland, Mary Those whose anniversaries occur this Hughes, Dorothy Hurley, Clare Kettle, Josie Cath Mealey, Diane Meddings, Paul Robert Moffat, Daniel Moody, Ricardo Morcillo, Vincent Morgan, Betty Myatt, Elsie Norman, Joan O'Grady, Maureen Parker, Bob Preston, Bernadette Samongie, Tony Scott, Michael Stanley, Derrick Stone, Linda, Andy & Bethany Sutton, Margaret Trickett, Matthew Waterfield. Thelma Waters, Josie Wilson, Jean Winsper, Maureen Withy, Letitia Worth

Sunday refreshments: Lynn Stanley & Carmel Sweeney