

### 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  
**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

*This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and registered as a charity.*

*Number 234216 (1883)*

*St Joseph's is a Fair Trade Parish*



### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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### TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Week beginning Sunday 4 September 2011  
Sundays Year A; weekdays Year 1; Psalter Week 3

#### Sunday 4 September *Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5pm (Sat)	Mass	<i>Kath Mealey</i>
10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

#### Monday 5 September *Feria*

7pm	Mass and Holy Hour	<i>Annie Woodhouse</i>
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#### Tuesday 6 September *Feria*

9.15am	Mass	<i>Joan Coley</i>
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#### Wednesday 7 September *Feria*

12pm	Mass	<i>Mick Devine</i>
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#### Thursday 8 September *The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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#### Friday 9 September *St Osburg*

9.15am	Mass	<i>Tony &amp; Dora Hayward</i>
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#### Saturday 10 September *Feria*

4pm	Confessions	
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#### Sunday 11 September *Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5pm (Sat)	Mass	<i>Alison Cantrill</i>
10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

"No man is an island..." How true this is for those who follow Christ: each of us has responsibilities towards each other, based on our 'debt of mutual love'. When we see wickedness and wrongdoing, then because of our privileged position of following the Lord Jesus, we have a duty to speak out. This will not always be easy - remember the prophet Jeremiah last week - but this was the mission of the Lord Jesus himself, and as his followers, it is our mission too. As with everything, love is 'the answer to every one of the commandments.'



## SAINT OF THE WEEK: St Osburg *Feast 9 September*

St Osburg was the first Abbess of a monastery founded at Coventry by King Canute at the beginning of the eleventh century. She died around 1018. Although nothing else is known about her, there was a strong cult to St Osburg in Coventry during the Middle Ages. In the nineteenth century revival of Catholicism, Bishop Ullathorne dedicated the first Catholic church in the city to her. September 9 is the date when Bishop Wiseman consecrated the new church of St Osburg in Coventry in 1845.

## FINANCE

Collection 28 August: £422.48 (Gift aid £184.70, Loose £237.88)

Second collections last Sunday: Mary's Meals £280.30

this Sunday: Papal visit deficit

next Sunday: Racial Justice

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## GENERAL NOTICES

**Rosary Group:** This Monday at 8pm at 52 Birch Avenue, Chasetown.

**Cafod:** The next meeting of the Cafod group will be on Mon 5 Sept at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Red Boxes:** The APF boxes have been emptied and can be collected from the back of church.

**New Translation of Mass:** There will be a discussion evening on the Mass on Tues 6 Sept at 7.30pm in the hall.

**Cardinal Griffin 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Sat 15 Oct. 7.30pm, The Premier Suite, Cannock. Tickets £15 available from school (01543 502215 / [office@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk)) Mass will be celebrated on Tues 1 Nov. at 7pm at St Mary's, Cannock.

**Sunday refreshments:** 11 September *Tom Bentham & Jean Chamberlain*

## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those who have died recently:** Joan O'Grady, James Ward, Terry McHale, Olga Grant, Kath Mealey, Anita Patricia Pope, Margaret Mary Yates, Edward O'Loughlin, Joan Coley, Muriel Hayes

**Those whose anniversaries occur this week:** Doris Malley, Andrew Paul Young, Jaduya Hood, Evelyn Maud Matthews

*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, Janet Evans, Stuart Frost, Jean Griffiths, Jill Gutteridge, Joshua Harley, Tracy Holland, Mary Hughes, Dorothy Hurley, Clare Kettle, Josie Kimberly, Lorraine Macbeth, John Magulski, 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, Margaret Smith, Michael Stanley, Derrick Stone, Linda, Andy & Bethany Sutton, Margaret Trickett, Matthew Waterfield, Thelma Waters, Josie Wilson, Jean Winsper, Maureen Withy, Letitia Worth