

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

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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Week beginning Sunday 25 September 2011
Sundays Year A; weekdays Year 1; Psalter Week 2

Sunday 25 September *Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5pm (Sat) Mass *People of the Parish*
10am Mass *Noel William Brown*

Monday 26 September *SS Cosmas & Damian*
7pm Mass & Holy Hour *Paul Hardwick*

Tuesday 27 September *St Vincent de Paul*
No Service

Wednesday 28 September *St Wenceslaus*
12pm Holy Hour

Thursday 29 September *SS Michael, Gabriel & Raphael*
7.30pm The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration

Friday 30 September *St Jerome*
No Service

Saturday 1 October *St Teresa of the Child Jesus*
4pm Confessions

Sunday 2 October *Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*
5pm (Sat) Mass *Joan O'Grady*
10am Mass *People of the Parish*

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Once a sinner, always a sinner." That seems to be the attitude of the self-righteous in the first reading and the Gospel; they object that God is unjust, because he gives sinners another chance. But God tells them quite clearly that such attitudes are the real injustice - to allow prejudice and hardness of heart to come between repentance and forgiveness. The words of Christ in the Gospel must have struck a chill into the hard hearts of the so-called righteous chief priests - even today they can make us stop and think: "Prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you." All our outward show matters little, if it does not correspond with what is deep in our hearts; all our words are meaningless, if they do not correspond with the way we live our lives.



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: Elsie Aston, Charlotte Lillian Hughes, Jennifer Gilbert, Michael Robert Dewsbury, Pauline Brazier

*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, Margaret Trickett, Matthew Waterfield, Thelma Waters, Josie Wilson, Jean Winsper, Maureen Withy, Letitia Worth

FINANCE Collection 18 September: £402.44 (Gift aid £164.20, Loose £238.24)

Second collections last Sunday: Home Mission Sunday £263.13

this Sunday: Father Hudson's Society

next Sunday: Church Maintenance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

GENERAL NOTICES

Rosary Group: This Monday at 8pm at 101 Springhill Road, Burntwood.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Holy Land: The priest who normally leads this pilgrimage has had to pull out due to ill health. I have been asked to step in & lead it otherwise it might have had to be cancelled. I'll therefore be away from Tues 27 Sept to Thurs 6 Oct.

Supply priest: Fr Philip Caldwell who is based at Oscott College will be coming to celebrate Mass here next weekend.

CAFOD deanery Mass: to be celebrated at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour in Barton-under-Needwood on Tues 27 Sept at 7pm. All welcome. Please put names on list at the back of church if you can offer or if you need transport.

Macmillan Coffee Morning: All are invited to a coffee morning in the parish hall on Sat 1 Oct, 10.30am-12.30pm in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Diners' Club: Fri 7 Oct at 7pm at The Windmill, Gentleshaw. Please sign the list. All welcome

Concert: Gerry Coates, singer, songwriter & poet. To be held here at church on Fri 7 Oct at 7.30pm. All welcome. No charge. Refreshments available.

New Translation of Mass: There will be another evening on the Mass on Tues 11 October at 7.30pm in the hall.

Cardinal Griffin 50th Anniversary: Sat 15 Oct. 7.30pm, The Premier Suite, Cannonock. Tickets £15 available from school (01543 502215 / office@cardinalgriffin.staffs.sch.uk) Mass will be celebrated on Tues 1 Nov. at 7pm in the school.

New Missal: The following Missals are going to be available: People's Sunday Missal (red) at £18. Delux (gold leafed pages) edition of same at £25 [both available from Advent]. Daily Missal (blue; includes Sundays also) at £45. [available early next year]. Please see brochure & sign the list at the back so we have some idea of how many to order.

OPUS Theatre Company are performing the play *Confessions of Honour* (a mystery set in World War II) on Mon 14 Nov at 7.30pm in the parish hall. Tickets £5, on sale soon.

Parish hall: The hall is hired by various groups from the local area during the week. This raises money for the parish and makes the church a familiar place to people unconnected with it; sometimes they come into the church to have a look & some have even come to a service. Please always try to be hospitable & friendly, especially if a hall booking sometimes overlaps with Mass