

### 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 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Week beginning Sunday 2 October 2011  
Sundays Year A; weekdays Year 1; Psalter Week 3

#### Sunday 2 October *Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5pm (Sat)	Mass	<i>Joan O'Grady</i>
10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Monday 3 October *St Thomas Cantilupe*  
7pm Rosary & Holy Hour

Tuesday 4 October *St Francis of Assisi*  
No Service

Wednesday 5 October *Feria*  
12pm Holy Hour

Thursday 6 October *St Bruno*  
7.30pm The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration

Friday 7 October *Our Lady of the Rosary*  
7pm Mass *Pauline Brazier*

Saturday 8 October *Feria*  
4pm Confessions

Sunday 9 October *Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
5pm (Sat) Mass *Jim Ward*  
10am Mass *People of the Parish*

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

Today we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned, cared for if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heartbreaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending then and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?



## PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those who have died recently:** Joan O'Grady, James Ward, Terry McHale, Olga Grant, Kath Mealey

**Those whose anniversaries occur this week:** Mary Ellen Brindley, John Michael Beebee, Joan Ward, Frank Wright, Patrick Joseph Ward, Mary Elizabeth White, Richard Henry Percy Pountney, John Anthony Stokes, Joan Bird, Sidney Henry Nicholls

**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

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen*

## FINANCE

Collection 25 September: TBA

Second collections last Sunday: Father Hudson's Society: TBA  
this Sunday: Church Maintenance  
next Sunday: CAFOD Harvest Fast  
**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

## GENERAL NOTICES

**Rosary Group:** During October the Rosary will be said in church at the start of the Holy Hour on Monday evenings

**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:** We welcome Fr Philip Caldwell from Oscott College who is celebrating Mass here this weekend.

**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 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** Sat 15 Oct. 7.30pm, The Premier Suite, Can-nock. 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 un-connected 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