

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 contact Mary Kane
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: Mondays 7.30—8.30pm & Thursdays 8—8.30pm

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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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Week beginning Sunday 30 October 2011
Sundays Year A; weekdays Year 1; Psalter Week 3

Sunday 30 October *Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

Monday 31 October *Feria*

7pm	Vigil Mass of All Saints	<i>Peter Stanley</i>
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Tuesday 1 November *Solemnity of All Saints*

9.15am	Mass (in primary school)	<i>William & Agnes Geraghty</i>
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Wednesday 2 November *Commemoration of All Souls*

12pm	Mass	<i>Winnie Williams</i>
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Thursday 3 November *St Martin de Porres / St Winifride*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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Friday 4 November *St Charles Borromeo*

7pm	Mass	<i>Harriet & George Williamson</i>
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Saturday 5 November *Feria*

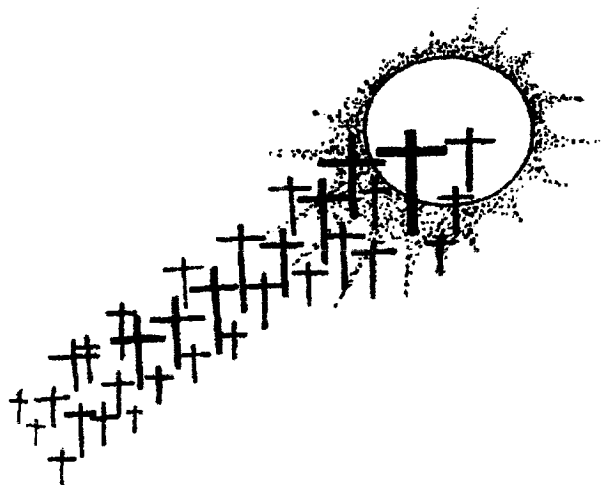
10am	Latin Mass	<i>Holy Souls</i>
4pm	Confessions	

Sunday 6 November *Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5pm (Sat)	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10am	Mass	<i>Stephen & David Darcy</i>
11.30am	Baptism	<i>Lily Benson</i>

THE WORD THIS WEEK

An awkward set of readings to sit through as a priest today! The more responsibility we have for the flock of God, the more is demanded of us. But for all God's people, there is the need for constant vigilance, to be on guard against hypocrisy and complacency, the two greatest threats to our living God's way and not our own, self-serving way. This is a prelude to the end: for the next three weeks we will think about the end of the world and the judgement that awaits. This Sunday's readings should begin to encourage us not to fear and dread that day, but to look forward to it, by putting our lives in order and living as the Lord showed us.



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: Most Rev Maurice Couve de Murville, Winifred Hanson, Margaret Woods, Catherine Teresa Longbottom, Charlotte Adelaide Porter, William Geraghty, Ellen Marriott, Henry James Cartwright, Noreen Carmel Banks

*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

GENERAL NOTICES

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

Feast of All Saints: All Saints is an Holyday of Obligation; There will be 2 Masses in this parish; a vigil Mass at 7pm on Monday 31 Oct & at 9.15am in the Primary school hall on Tuesday 1 Nov

All Souls: Mass on All Souls day (this Wednesday) is at 12pm. The casket for the names of those who have died & are to be remembered at Mass during November will be just in front of the altar. Please put the names in the casket.

New Missal: The new Missal for the celebration of Mass has arrived (the people's editions are now on order). If anyone would like to view it, (it is an object of fine workmanship & great beauty) it is on display just inside the Reconciliation room

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 now.

Journey in Faith: There will be a meeting on Monday 31 Oct at 8pm in the hall for anyone who is considering entering into full communion with the Church (i.e. becoming a Catholic)

Diners' Club: Fri 11 Nov, 7.15pm at The Drill. Please sign the list. All Welcome

Cardinal Griffin ADVANCE NOTICE Cardinal Griffin Senior Citizens Christmas Party – 16 December 2011

FINANCE

Collection 23 October: £419.33 (Gift aid: £168.53; Loose £250.80)

Second collections last Sunday: APF (World Mission Sunday) £282.59

this Sunday: Angel Tree (Christmas presents for children of prisoners)

next Sunday: The Johnson Fund (retired clergy)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY