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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THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Week beginning Sunday 6 November 2011 Sundays Year A: weekdays Year 1; Psalter Week 3

Sunday 6 November Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

People of the Parish Mass 5pm (Sat)

Stephen & David Darcy 10am Mass

11.30am **Baptism** Lily Benson

Monday 7 November St Willibrord

Marcel LeGrand 7pm Mass & Holy Hour

Tuesday 8 November Blessed George Napier

Marie Ashton Mass (in school) 9.15am

Wednesday 9 November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Donna Sault 12pm Mass

Thursday 10 November St Leo the Great

The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration 7.30pm

Friday 11 November St Martin of Tours

Kath Mealey Jon 6pm Mass

Saturday 12 November St Josaphat

Confessions 4pm

Sunday 13 November Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Remembrance Sunday

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

Maurice Bayliss Mass

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Watch early for wisdom": wise words. and ones that the foolish bridesmaids of the Gospel should have taken to heart. This is the ultimate in 'putting off till tomorrow', since the reading is about the end of time, when the Son of Man will come again. Then there will be no tomorrow. If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing today. Quite often we contemplate the end of time with anxiety and fear: this is not what God wants. Look at the Psalm, where we hear of desperate longing, a thirst for the Lord, that cannot wait. We should not just wait for the Lord with patient endurance, but with impatient longing: what could we desire more than the coming of the Lord, the rising of the dead and an eternity of joy & glory?

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: Stephen Darcy, Patrick Edmund Burke, James Peter Banks, Clara Antill, George William Fitzgerald, Bridget Sheehan

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. 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, Josie Wilson, Jean Winsper, Maureen Withy, Letitia Worth

GENERAL NOTICES

Rosary Group: 8pm at 2 Keble Close, Burntwood. All welcome.

November: 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.

Cafod group: 'Don't drop the Ball' cards are being handed out today as part of a campaign to highlight the effects of global warming on the very poor. Please sign & return them if you wish.

Cafod: Next Cafod group meeting is on Monday 7 November at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Journey in Faith: Meeting in the hall on Tuesday 8 November at 7.30pm.

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

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.

Parish Requiem: There will be a Mass for those in the parish who have died over the past 12 months on Monday 21 November at 7pm. All welcome.

Burntwood Churches United Advent Service will be on Thursday 24 Nov at 7pm at Chasetown Methodist Church

Cheese & Wine: The annual cheese & wine party will be on Sat 26 Nov at 7.30pm in the hall. Tickets £6. Includes 2 drinks & a mince pie. Bar available. Money raised will go to Cafod.

Cardinal Griffin Senior Citizens Christmas Party – 16 December 2011

Children's Liturgy: If anyone is interested in being involved in children's liturgy, either the 5pm Mass on Saturday or the 10am mass on Sunday please see cither Yvonne Stanley of FF Ratrick!

Church bell: Plans have been drawn up for the church bell which should be up by Christmas. The 5p collection has so far raised £1400 which should cover the cost.

Pilgrimage to Rome: If anyone is interested in coming to Rome next July, please sign the list at the back of church

FINANCE

Collection 23 October: £425.26 (Gift aid £167.60 Loose £257.66)

Second collections last Sunday: Angel Tree £296.83 this Sunday: New liturgical books

next Sunday: The Johnson Fund (retired clergy)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY