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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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

Week beginning Sunday 20 November 2011 Sundays Year A; weekdays Year 1; Psalter Week 2

Sunday 20 November Solemnity of Christ the King

5pm (Sat)

Mass

Patrick White

10am

Mass

People of the Parish

Monday 21 November Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7pm

Mass

Holy Souls

Tuesday 22 November St Cecelia

9.15am

Mass (in school)

Mr J Salt

Wednesday 23 November St Clement

12pm

Mass

Buckley & Gallagher families

Thursday 24 November St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions

7.30pm

The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration

Friday 25 November St Catherine of Alexandria

9.15am

Mass

Maddocks & Taylor families

Saturday 26 November Feria

4pm

Confessions

Sunday 27 November First Sunday of Advent

5pm (Sat)

Mass

Joan Winifred Taylor

10am

Mass

People of the Parish

THE WORD THIS WEEK

"Shepherd-King o'er mountain steep, homeward guide thy wand'ring sheep." This hymn which we will probably sing today captures the readings perfectly:

our King is not a cruel tyrant or despot, but a shepherd who loves his flock, who King would (and did) give his life for them. Love for the flock means that he will have to judge them, separating the sheep from those who do not belong to him. Coming to the end of the Church's year leads us to look to our final ending, the homecoming the hymn speaks of. The judgement of the end of time we do not view as a trial or a terror, but as a coming home: look back to the Isaiah reading on the 28th Sunday to see what a homecoming party is offered. All we do is put our lives in order, living just and holy lives. longing for the day of the lord to come.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have died recently: Richard Sedgeley, Joan O'Grady, James Ward, Terry McHale, Olga Grant, Nikki Carr, Pauline & Ken Chaplain, Anne Kath Mealey

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: William Robert Vaughan, Mona Kathleen Jones. Elizabeth Agnew, Mrs Bannon, Annie Snape

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, 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 Doolan, Zita Ann Mellor, Lilian May 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

FINANCE 13 November: £391.67 (Gift aid £163.56 Loose £228.11)

Second collections

last Sunday: The Johnson Fund £423.83 this Sunday: Catholic Youth Service next Sunday: Church Maintenance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Rosarv Group: 8pm on Mon 21 Nov at 101 Springhill Road, 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.

Confirmation Comittment Mass: Christmas Party – 16 December 2011 This Sunday, the Feast of Christ the keep them in your prayers.

Cafod: next meeting on Mon 5 Dec at Patrick. 7.30pm. All welcome. The Cafod group would like to thank you for you Church bell: Plans have been drawn support with last week's campaign. 112 cards were completed.

Traidcraft are taking Christmas orders. Catalogues available. Delivery within 5 days. Please see stallholders.

Journey in Faith: Meeting in the hall on Tuesday 22 November at 7.30pm.

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 Ca-

Cardinal Griffin Senior Citizens

King, our Confirmation candidates are Children's Liturgy: If anyone is inmaking their public commitment to terested in being involved in children's their catechetical preparation. Please liturgy, either the 5pm Mass on Saturday or the 10am mass on Sunday please see either Yvonne Stanley or Fr

> 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