

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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Number 234216 (1883)
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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Week beginning Sunday 27 November 2011
Sundays Year B; weekdays Year 2; Psalter Week 1

Sunday 27 November *First Sunday of Advent*

5pm (Sat)	Mass	<i>Joan Winifred Taylor</i>
10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Monday 28 November *Advent Feria*

7pm	Mass	<i>Richard Sedgeley</i>
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Tuesday 29 November *Advent Feria*

9.15am	Mass (in school)	<i>Muriel Springett</i>
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Wednesday 30 November *St Andrew*

9.15am	Mass	<i>Mrs D. Salt</i>
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Thursday 1 December *St Edmund Campion*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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Friday 2 December *Advent Feria*

9.15am	Mass	<i>Les & Paul Twyman</i>
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Saturday 3 December *St Francis Xavier*

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

Sunday 4 December *Second Sunday of Advent*

5pm (Sat)	Mass	<i>Tom, Margaret & Frank Hurmson</i>
10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Advent opens with a great cry, and a great promise: "Oh that you would tear the heavens open and come down!" is the cry, of a people who need God. "...The master is coming" is the promise, not to breed fear, but to answer our cry. Advent begins, not with thoughts of the past, with the coming of the Lord we celebrate at Christmas, but with the future, and the promise that He is coming back. We are encouraged to treat every day as the day the Lord will come; we do not do this out of fear for a Master who beats his servants, but out of love of a Master who always treats us with love and mercy. Nevertheless we must always be watchful, because we can grow sleepy and complacent, saying that we can leave this prayer or that confession or the other change in the way we live to tomorrow. Even as we look forward to the tomorrow of the Lord's coming, we must remember that it might be today!



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have died recently: Eileen Head, Richard Sedgeley, Joan O'Grady, James Ward, Terry McHale, Olga Grant, Kath Mealey

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: Mary Frances Dykes, Gladys Wilkins, William Francis Hurmson, Alice Lefaucheur, George Alfred Edwards, Richard Paul Gartside, George Williamson, Roy Ward, Leslie Ernest Twyman, Veronica Mary Greatrex, Margaret Hurmson, Edwin Walter Adcock

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, Josie Wilson, Jean Winsper, Maureen Wither, Letitia Worth

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Rosary Group: 8pm on Mon 28 Nov at 38 Highfields Road, Chasetown. All welcome

Cafod: next meeting on Mon 5 Dec at 7.30pm. All welcome. The Cafod group would like to thank you for your 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 6 December at 7.30pm.

Diners' Club Christmas dinner: Fri 9 Dec, Nag's Head. Anyone who would like to come please contact Douglas on 306419 asap.

Cardinal Griffin Senior Citizens Christmas Party – 16 December 2011

Raffle: members of the Cafod group will be selling raffle tickets after mass for a luxury Christmas hamper. Please see display in lobby. Draw to take place at mass on Sun 18 Dec.

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 either Yvonne Stanley or Fr Patrick.

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: Information about the pilgrimage is with the sign up list at the back of church. The dates are July 24–31 2012. The cost is £1125. There will be a meeting on Fri 9 Dec at 5pm to ascertain numbers and arrangements.

FINANCE

21 November: £493.61 (Gift aid £216 Loose £277.61)
Second collections last Sunday: Catholic Youth Service £273.52
this Sunday: Church Maintenance
next Sunday: Christmas flowers

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY