

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-5pm
Gift Aid Organiser: Angela Thompson
Child Protection: Broda 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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Week beginning Sunday 18 December 2011
Sundays Year B; weekdays Year 2; Psalter Week 4

Sunday 18 December *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

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

Monday 19 December *O Radix Jesse*

12.30pm	Requiem Mass	Derrick Stone
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Tuesday 20 December *O Clavis David*

9.15am	Mass (in school)	Selwyn Simpkins
12.30pm	Requiem Mass	Patrick Gerard Murphy

Wednesday 21 December *O Oriens*

9.15am	Mass	Pat Moloney
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Thursday 22 December *O Rex Gentium*

9.15am	Mass	The Sedgeley family
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Friday 23 December *O Emmanuel*

12pm	Mass	Margaret Scully
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Saturday 24 December *Christmas Eve*

5pm	Vigil Mass	Kath Mealey
9pm	Midnight Mass	People of the Parish

Sunday 25 December *The Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*

10am	Mass	Helen Magulski
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THE WORD THIS WEEK

Here we enter a new stage of Advent: having spent so much time on the Second Coming, now we look back, to remember the details of the Lord's First Coming. Today we focus on the character of Mary, and hear of the angel Gabriel being sent to her, to invite her to take her part in the mystery of the Incarnation, "the revelation of the mystery kept secret for endless ages". This mystery springs from the House of David, and so we lead into the Gospel by hearing of the establishing of that house. An interesting idea is that the first reading talks of David wishing to build a house for the Lord; through the prophet he is told not of the house that he would build, but the House which is his line: eventually, in Mary (betrothed to Joseph) the House of David does itself become the house of the Lord, the womb wherein he has a dwelling place.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have died recently: Patrick Gerard Murphy, Derrick Stone, Eileen Head, Richard Sedgely, Joan O'Grady, James Ward, Terry McHale, Olga Grant, Kath Mealey

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: Winifred Ethel Neenan, Donald James Cook, Patrick John Arthur Cage, Winifred Littlewood, James Robert Newbrook, Winifred Dewsbury, Madeline Patricia King, Anna Iwachiw, James Hopley

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, Bernard Hession, 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, Margaret Trickett, Matthew Waterfield, 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*

GENERAL NOTICES

Finance: 11 December: £418.88

Gift aid £173.50 Loose £245.38)

Second collections

last Sunday: Christmas flowers £240.52

this Sunday: Fireside (homeless charity)

next Sunday: Parish priest

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sacrament of Reconciliation: The dates for the local Penance Services, for those who wish to go to confession before Christmas are:

Lichfield: Tues 20 Dec 7pm

Tamworth: Weds 21 Dec 7pm

Mass at Christmas

Vigil Mass: 5pm

Midnight Mass: 9pm

Christmas Day: 10am

St Stephen's Day: 10am

Rosary Group: Mon Dec 19, at 8pm.
9 Hamps Close, Burnwood. All welcome.

Journey in Faith: Meeting in the hall on Tuesday 20 December at 7.30pm.

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.

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.

Mission group: If anyone's interested in being part of a group to help coordinate the missionary activity of the parish (adult catechesis / IT / parish census etc.) there will be a meeting on Fri 13 Jan at 6pm in the hall. All welcome

Transport to church: If anyone is willing to be part of a group of volunteers who bring parishioners to Mass (on Sat or Sun) who cannot get there by themselves, please see Fr Patrick

Poinsettias: Please bring one to church over the coming week so we can use them in church over Christmas. Thank you.

Sp Collection: money collected will now go towards paying for a new tabernacle & lectern for the primary school chapel

Bacon sandwiches: money to go towards stained glass window for Cardinal Griffin school chapel