

### 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

*This parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham and registered as a charity.  
Number 234216 (1883)  
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### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Week beginning Sunday 1 January 2012  
Sundays Year B; weekdays Year 2; Psalter Week 2

#### Sunday 1 January Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

5pm	Mass	People of the Parish
10am	Mass	Margaret Briggs

#### Monday 2 January Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen

7pm	Holy Hour	
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#### Tuesday 3 January The Most Holy Name of Jesus

No Service

#### Wednesday 4 January Christmas feria

No Service

#### Thursday 5 January Christmas feria

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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#### Friday 6 January Christmas feria

7pm	Mass	Richard Sedgeley
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#### Saturday 7 January St Raymond of Penafort

10am	Latin Mass	The Hayward family
4pm	Confessions	

#### Sunday 8 January The Epiphany of the Lord

5pm	Mass	People of the Parish
10am	Mass	Susan Burke
11.30am	Baptism	Bria Erin Webster-Ayre



The Octave of Christmas ends on the first day of the new year, which is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, venerated as the Mother of God. The Gospel reminds us that she 'kept all these things, pondering them in her heart' (Lk2:19). So she did in Bethlehem, on Golgotha at the foot of the cross, and on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended in the Upper Room. And so she does today too. The Mother of God and of human beings keeps in her heart all of humanity's problems, great and difficult, and meditates upon them. The Alma Redemptoris Mater walks with us and guides us with motherly tenderness towards the future. Thus she helps humanity cross all the 'thresholds' of the years, the centuries, the millenia, by sustaining their hope in the One who is the Lord of history. *Blessed Pope John Paul II (from the Sunday Missal)*



#### 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:** John Burgess, Patrick Joseph Darcy, David John Skrodelis, Annie Morrisroe, Anne Dews, Julia Wall, Mary Bernadette O'Sullivan, Sheila Julia Kinder, Annie Galley, Edward Hodgkiss, Leslie Turner, Christobel Kathleen Pauline Litherland, Marion Elizabeth Jeffers, Mary Small, John Balance, Madeline Elsie Winifred Southam, Rev. John Davies.

*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, 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

#### GENERAL NOTICES

**Finance:** 25 December: Christmas offering  
*Second collections* last Sunday: No second collection  
 this Sunday: Church Maintenance  
 next Sunday: Fr Hudson's Society

#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**Thank you:** Many thanks for your Christmas offerings last weekend, also for the many cards and gifts I received. Thanks also to all who helped with the Christmas celebrations in the parish.

**Journey in Faith:** Meeting in the hall on Tuesday 3 January at 7.30pm.

**The Epiphany** will be celebrated next Sunday, Jan 8, therefore Jan 6 is not a Holyday of Obligation.

**Staff & Governors** of the primary school are invited to the presbytery for drinks on Fri Jan 6 from 7.30pm.

**Rosary Group:** 8pm on Mon 9 Jan at 52 Birch Ave. All welcome

**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

**5p 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