

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)

St Joseph's is a Fair Trade Parish



ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Week beginning Sunday 8 January 2012
Sundays Year B; weekdays Year 2; Psalter Week 1

Sunday 8 January *The Epiphany of the Lord*

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

Monday 9 January *The Baptism of the Lord*

7pm	Mass & Holy Hour	<i>Chris & Mike Egan</i>
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Tuesday 10 January *Feria*

9.15am	Mass (in church)	<i>Margaret Scully</i>
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Wednesday 11 January *Feria*

12pm	Mass	<i>Teresa Hinks</i>
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Thursday 12 January *St Aelred of Rievaulx*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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Friday 13 January *St Hilary*

9.15am	Mass	<i>Cátriona Murphy</i>
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Saturday 14 January *Feria*

4pm	Confessions	
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Sunday 15 January *Second Sunday of the Year*

5pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10am	Mass	<i>William Waters</i>

In the East, this Season of Christmas is called the "Time of Manifestation", or Showing. Today is the 'Feast of the Manifestation', or the Showing of the Saviour to the whole world, to all nations. In the wise men who travel from the East, we see all the nations other than the people of Israel being welcomed at the New Temple of the New Covenant - the new born child in the manger. A look at the Psalm response shows this: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord." The same is true of the key word in the second reading: "Revelation". Remember that for the people of Israel this was to be their Messiah, come to restore their fortunes. By this feast, we proclaim God's plan was to extend his salvation to men and women of every nation, of every time and every place - including us. In many ways this is our Christmas Feast, when we celebrate the Good News of the Saviour's birth revealed at last to us.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: Alfred Litherland, Perina Ward, George Johnstone, Elizabeth Leaver, Doris Meeley, Christine Mary Mulvey-Delaney, James Hooper, Hubert Regan, Iris Hession, Charles Braudrick Cosgrove, Dorothy O'Mahony, Bernadine Camelia Tibbenham, Aileen Farley, Bedelia Westwood, Mary Anne Griffiths

*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: £356.88 (Gift aid £123.93, Loose £222.95)
Second collections last Sunday: Church Maintenance £243.56
this Sunday: Fr Hudson's Society
next Sunday:

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Journey in Faith: Meeting in the hall on Tuesday 17 January at 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

Today the Church has been joined to her heavenly bridegroom, since Christ has purified her of her sins in the river Jordan: the Magi hasten to the royal wedding and offer gifts: the wedding guests rejoice since Christ changed water into wine, alleluia.

(Benedictus antiphon of the Epiphany)

