

## 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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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Week beginning Sunday 29 January 2012  
Sundays Year B; weekdays Year 2; Psalter Week 4

### Sunday 29 January *Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10am	Mass	<i>Private Int. (Benilda)</i>
11.30am	Baptism	<i>Kasey Anna Mason</i>

### Monday 30 January *Feria*

7pm	Mass & Holy Hour	<i>Trish &amp; Keith Allmand</i>
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### Tuesday 31 January *St John Bosco*

9.15am	Mass (in school)	<i>Deb Jennings</i>
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### Wednesday 1 February *Feria*

12pm	Mass	<i>Rodney Kingston</i>
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### Thursday 2 February *Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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### Friday 3 February *St Werburg / St Blaise*

9.15am	Mass	<i>Joan Coley</i>
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### Saturday 4 February *Feria*

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

### Sunday 5 February *Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10am	Mass	<i>Brian Evans</i>

**THE WORD THIS WEEK** Where does authority come from? Why is one man regarded as a prophet, and another as a lunatic, and a third as a hypocrite? Jesus startles the crowds with a "new teaching" today, but what amazes them so much is not the message but the authority behind it: they are convinced because what he does somehow adds credibility to what he says. It 's the old situation that we are all familiar with - we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is - a Kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. The other side to this is that we must listen to a prophet or teacher when they are backed by such authority; we may not "harden our hearts" and ignore the message when we have recognised that the messenger is sent by God. This is the hard part, because it demands that we too show, by our actions, that we have heard.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR

**Those who have died recently:** Brian Mealey, 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:** Frances Dilcock, Petros Milauskas, Sylvester Lauri Ward, Thomas Jeffers, Daniel Morris, Daniel O'Mahony, Brian Clive Bishop, Christopher Clarke, Michael Jeffers, Margaret Mary Jones

*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, Brian Mealey, 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:** 22 January: £420.69 (Gift aid £134.32, Loose £286.37)  
**Second collections** last Sunday: Church Maintenance £260.24  
 this Sunday: Mary's Meals  
 next Sunday: Catholic Education Service

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Journey in Faith:** Meeting in the hall on Tuesday 31 January at 7.30pm.

**Rosary Group:** 8pm on Mon 30 Jan at 9 Hamps Close, Burntwood. All welcome.

**Diners' Club:** Friday 3 February, 7pm at The Nelson, Chorley. All welcome

**Cafod:** The next meeting is on Mon 6 Feb at 7.30pm in the hall. All welcome.

**Sunday Music Group:** There will be a music group meeting at 6.30pm on Thurs 2 Feb in the church. Any children (Year 5 upwards) who want to sing are welcome to come.

**Fr Patrick 10th anniversary:** Please sign the list at the back of church (for catering purposes) if you plan to come to the celebrations on Fri 16 March.

**Cardinal Griffin over 55s Luncheon Club:** 2 course meal of roast dinner & dessert & tea/coffee for £3. Meals served at 12pm with tea/coffee from 11.30am. Begins on Weds 1 Feb. Visitors need to ring & reserve a place. Please contact Mrs Brookes on 01543 502215 ext. 205 or 01543 509905

**Women's World Day of Prayer:** Fri 2 March, 7pm at St Anne's, Chasetown. All welcome. There will be 3 choir practices at St Anne's for anyone interested: Tues 7 Feb 7-8pm, Tues 21 Feb 6.30-7.30pm & Tues 28 Feb at 7pm

**First Reconciliation & Holy Communion:** Enrolment Mass and first session next Saturday 4 February.

**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