

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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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Week beginning Sunday 26 February 2012
Sundays Year B; weekdays Year 2; Psalter Week 1

Sunday 26 February *First Sunday of Lent*

5pm	Mass	<i>Kathleen Phillips</i>
10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Monday 27 February *Lent feria*

7pm	Mass & Holy Hour	<i>Derrick Stone</i>
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Tuesday 28 February *Lent feria*

9.15am	Mass (in school)	<i>John Keeney</i>
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Wednesday 29 February *Lent feria*

9.15am	Mass	<i>Richard Sedgley</i>
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Thursday 1 March *Feast of St David*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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Friday 2 March *Feast of St Chad*

11.45am	Mass	<i>Maria Rowland</i>
7pm	Stations of the Cross	

Saturday 3 March *Lent feria*

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

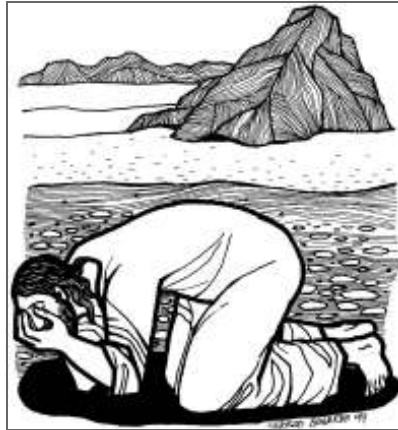
Sunday 4 March *Second Sunday of Lent*

5pm	Mass	<i>James Shaughnessey</i>
10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

‘My house shall be called a house of prayer’
 Before Mass Talk to God, during Mass Listen to God,
 after Mass Talk to each other

THE WORD THIS WEEK

We begin our Lenten journey at the decisive moment of the flood, when God establishes his first Covenant with man, in the person of Noah. Noah was saved from the waters, while we (as Saint Peter points out) are saved by the waters of Baptism. This is the Covenant we live in, thanks to Christ, who came to establish this “new and eternal Covenant in his blood”. He is the only one who can do this, because he is without sin, despite “having been tempted in every way that we are”.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have died recently: Bernard Hession, John Carless, Brian Mealey, Patrick Gerard Murphy, Derrick Stone, Eileen Head, Richard Sedgely, Joan O’Grady, James Ward

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: Marie Josephine Berrington, Bridget Williams, Keith Evans, Jane Elizabeth Cartwright, Dorothy May Slade, George William Hill, Ruby Ashton Tibbitts, Ellen Winsper, Sarah Ann Dutton, Geoff Harris, Patrick & Mary Mealey, Patrick Michael Neenan, Hilda Beatrice Hession

The sick & housebound: 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, 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

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

GENERAL NOTICES

Finance:

12 February: £411.15
 Gift aid £182, Loose £229.15
 19 February £473.72
 Gift aid £236.04, Loose £237.68
Second collections
 last Sunday: Pro Life £311.95
 this Sunday: Society of St Peter the Apostle
 next Sunday: Cafod Family Fast

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

LENT

Lent Fast Day: This Lent the UK gov’ts Dept. for International Development will match pound for pound every donation given to Cafod. Your fast day envelopes are available in church this week. Please give as much as you can. Thank you.

Saints helping us Today: There will be a series of 6 short films on lives of some of the Saints on the Tuesdays of Lent at 7.30pm in the hall. First session Tues 28 Feb. Refreshments provided, all welcome.

Stations of the Cross will take place on the Fridays of Lent & will be led by different groups from the parish

- Fri 24 Feb 7pm Fr Patrick
- Fri 2 March 7pm Altar Servers
- Fri 9 March 7pm Faith Support Group
- Fri 16 March 12pm Cafod Group
- Fri 23 March 7pm Rosary Group
- Fri 30 March 7pm Children’s Liturgy
- Good Friday 7pm Deacon Tony

Cafod lunches: Mass on the Fridays of Lent will be celebrated at 11.45am followed by soup & bread in the hall.

Fr Patrick’s anniversary: Follow up meeting on Mon 27 Feb at 7.30pm in the hall.

Sunday Music Group: Meeting on Thurs 8 March at 6.30pm for children (Year 5 & above) who would like to sing at Mass, once a month, on Sunday mornings.

Women’s World Day of Prayer: Fri 2 March, 7pm at St Anne’s, Chasetown. All welcome. Last choir practice on Tues 28 Feb at 7pm

First Reconciliation & Holy Communion: Third session on Saturday 25 Feb after 5pm Mass

Cafod: On Sun 4 March, to celebrate Fair Trade fortnight, the Big Brew will take place in the hall after Mass. Refreshments available. On Mon 5 Mar at 7.30pm, Julia Hood from Cafod’s B’ham office is giving a presentation on her recent visit to Cafod’s work in Ethiopia. All welcome, refreshments available.

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

Journey in Faith: Meeting in the *presbytery* on Tuesday 28 February at 7.30pm.

Rosary Group: 8pm on Mon 27 Feb at 101 Springhill Road. All welcome.

Diners’ Club: Thurs 1 March, 6.45pm at The Boat, Hilton. Please sign list at back of church.

Bernard Hession RIP: Bernard will be received on Mon 5 March at 5pm & his funeral Mass will be at 10.30am on Tues 6 March