

## 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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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

*Laetare Sunday, Mothering Sunday*

Week beginning Sunday 18 March 2012

Sundays Year B; weekdays Year 2; Psalter Week 4

### Sunday 18 March *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

5pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10am	Mass	<i>Joan Coley</i>
6pm	United Service	<i>Chasetown Methodist Church</i>

Monday 19 March *St Joseph, Husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7pm	Mass & Holy Hour	<i>Bernard Hession</i>
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Tuesday 20 March *Lent feria*

9.15am	Mass (in school)	<i>Derrick Stone</i>
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Wednesday 21 March *Lent feria*

9.15am	Mass	<i>Gerry Murphy</i>
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Thursday 22 March *Lent feria*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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Friday 23 March *Lent feria*

11.45pm	Mass	<i>Mrs Friel</i>
7pm	Stations of the Cross	

Saturday 24 March *Lent feria*

4pm	Confessions	
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### Sunday 25 March *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

5pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10am	Mass	<i>Martin Erangey</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

There were two remarkable moments in the story of the Old Testament where God saved his people; one was in the escape from Egypt – we’ll keep that for the Easter Vigil. The other was the end of their second exile, this time in Babylon, which we hear of today. Of course there was an even greater moment when God saved his people: the work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God – and we hear Jesus tell Nicodemus about that today. So today’s theme is “salvation”: but to understand “being saved”, we must ask “What from?” Saved from slavery, from exile, from human enemies – these are all clear. But the last and greatest salvation brought by Jesus is harder to understand: saved from sin and death. These threaten us as much as any other enemy, and our salvation in Jesus is as real as any other.



### 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:** Stanley Sealey, Phillip Martin Bayliss, Barbera Joan Coley, Thomas Saxon, John Fitzpatrick, Ellen Edwards, Charles Quinn, Howard William Hurley

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

**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, Sally Ireson, 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** 26 February £374.55 (Gift aid £136.16, Loose £238.39)  
*Second collections* last Sunday: Cathedral maintenance £245.33  
this Sunday: Anniversary celebration  
next Sunday: Easter flowers

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**Rosary Group:** Mon 19 March, 8pm. 9 Hamps Close, Burntwood. All welcome.

**Journey in Faith:** Meeting in the *presbytery* on Tuesday 27 March at 7.30pm.

**Saints helping us Today:** Next film on Tues 20 March. Refreshments All welcome.

**Diners’ Club:** Thurs 29 March, 7pm, The Plough & Harrow, Hednesford. Please sign list & fill in the menu at the back of church.

**Cafod:** After both masses on Palm Sunday, the Cafod group will be holding an Easter cake stall. Cakes welcome. Please bring on the day or can collect. The Cafod group invite you to look at the display book at the back of church on Biera, our Ethiopian sister parish.

**Penance Services:** The usual Lenten confessions will be as follows: St Joseph’s, Burntwood: Mon 26 March 7.30pm & SS Peter & Paul, Lichfield: Tues 3 April 7pm

**First Reconciliation & Holy Communion:** Congratulations to the children who celebrated the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time last Saturday. The first session, for Holy Communion, will be this Sat 17 March at 6pm & the second will be next Sat 24 March at 6pm

**Born for this:** Students from Cardinal Griffin are performing Born for This on Good Friday at 7pm at St Mary’s Cannock. There will be a rehearsal the day before, Thurs 5 April from 10am—4pm, anybody who would like to be involved is welcome to go to the rehearsal.

**Pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** May 19, depart B’ham 14.15; return May 26, arrive 21.10. Cost £534 per person sharing, single £210 extra. Insurance £30 if needed. Ring Josie 01889 582146 if interested.

**Marriage Petition:** If you wish to sign the petition asking the government not to re-define the definition of Marriage, you will find it at the back of church.