

## 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.



## ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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## 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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Number 234216 (1883)  
St Joseph's is a Fair Trade Parish*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Week beginning Sunday 25 March 2012  
Sundays Year B; weekdays Year 2; Psalter Week 1

### Sunday 25 March *Fifth Sunday of Lent*

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

### Monday 26 March *Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord*

7pm	Mass	<i>Richard Sedgeley</i>
7.30pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	

### Tuesday 27 March *Lent feria*

9.15am	Mass (in school)	<i>Derrick Stone</i>
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### Wednesday 28 March *Lent feria*

9.15am	Mass	<i>Maria Rowlands</i>
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### Thursday 29 March *Lent feria*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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### Friday 30 March *Lent feria*

11.45pm	Mass	<i>Norah O'Donovan</i>
7pm	Stations of the Cross	

### Saturday 31 March *Lent feria*

4pm	Confessions	
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### Sunday 1 April *Palm Sunday*

5pm	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10am	Mass	<i>Oisin Sweeney</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

In the weeks of Lent so far we have followed God’s work of salvation: we have seen the Covenants he established with Noah, Abraham, Moses and the people of Israel after the return from Babylon. Now we come to one of the most significant parts of the Old Testament: the promise of a brand new Covenant, which will be different from all those that went before. This Covenant will see God and Man living more closely together. For the ratification of a Covenant, something was always sacrificed as a sign of the new relationship – normally man would offer some animal offering to God. But the New Covenant will be ratified not with the death of sheep or bulls, but by the death of Jesus Christ, God and Man. In this perfect sacrifice is the source of our eternal salvation.



### PLEASE PRAY FOR

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

**Those whose anniversaries occur this week:** Diane Margaret Flynn, St John Bettesworth, Derek Terence Elmer, Susan Jeffers, Francis Neenan, Stanley Brozowski

*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

18 March £383.06  
(Gift aid £150.12, Loose £232.94)

### Second collections

last Sunday: Anniversary celebration £305.65  
this Sunday: Easter flowers  
next Sunday: Church Maintenance

### THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

**Rosary Group:** No Rosary this week, next week it will take place in church at 7pm

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

**Saints helping us Today:** Next film on Tues 27 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

**Red Boxes:** We have 11 unclaimed APF boxes, if anyone wants to take one, they are on the piety stall.

**First Reconciliation & Holy Communion:** The next session, will be this Sat 24 March at 6pm & then next Sat 31 March.

**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 £120 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 redefine the definition of Marriage, you will find it at the back of church. It can also be found online at C4M.ORG.UK

**Thank you:** Thanks to everyone who helped with my 10th anniversary celebrations, to the musicians, the altar servers, those who made canapés & who helped in the marquee. (especially those who served & washed up!) Special thanks for the collection which paid for the beautiful vestment & having my chalice repaired.

**Parish Day of Prayer:** Thanks to those who came to pray & sit in church during the 12 hours of exposition on March 13th. Many blessings will come from this, and from the other times of adoration also.

**St Augustine’s Catholic High School, Redditch, Worcs:** The governors seek to appoint a head of RE. Please see poster at the back of church for details on how to apply. Alternatively please contact Mrs J Bostock on 01527 555963 for further details.