

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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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

Sunday 1 April *Palm Sunday*

5pm Mass *People of the Parish*
10am Mass *Oisin Sweeney*

Monday 2 April *Monday of Holy Week*

12pm Mass *Derrick Stone*
7pm Rosary & Holy Hour

Tuesday 3 April *Tuesday of Holy Week*

9.15am Mass (in church) *Michael O'Neil*

Wednesday 4 April *Wednesday of Holy Week*

9.15am Mass *Noel Leech*

Maundy Thursday

7pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper** *Bernard Hession*

Good Friday

9.15am The Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
3pm **The Passion**
7pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

9.15am The Office of Readings & Morning Prayer
8pm **The Easter Vigil** *People of the Parish*

Sunday 8 April *Easter Sunday*

10am Mass *Francie McMulkin*

‘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

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story – the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.



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: Oisín Sweeney, Harriet May Williamson, Edward James O’Loughlin, Nora Black, Kathleen Winifred Jones, Leonard John Bradbury, Daniel Joseph Burke, Patricia Ann Murtagh, Theresa Gwendoline Edge, Marjorie Dorema Neenan, Petra Ritbergeris, Margaret Mary Tully

*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

25 March £527.28

(Gift aid £254.06, Loose £283.22)

Second collections

last Sunday: Easter flowers £263.54

this Sunday: Church Maintenance

Good Friday: The Holy Places

next Sunday: No second collection

(Easter Offering to Parish Priest)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Rosary Group: In church this Monday

Saints helping us Today: Next film on Tues 3 April. Refreshments All welcome.

Penance Services: 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 after the Easter holidays on Sat 21 April.

Born for this: Students from Cardinal Griffin are performing Born for This on Good Friday at 7pm at St Mary’s Cannonk. 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.

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.

Holy Week & Triduum: Please keep silence in and around the church during this most sacred time. Particularly from after Mass on Maundy Thursday, before & after the Good Friday Liturgy and before the Easter Vigil. There will be watching at the altar of repose until midnight on Thursday.

Easter Offering: The collection next weekend goes to the parish priest. All money that is collected in the baskets including the Easter Offering envelopes is taxable, but if you intend to send a card & make an offering that way, then it’s not.