

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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Week beginning Sunday 6 May 2012
Sundays Year B; weekdays Year 2; Psalter: Week 1

Sunday 6 May *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

5pm	Vigil Mass	<i>Theresa Rosewarne</i>
10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Monday 7 May *Easter Weekday*

6.40pm	Evening Prayer	
7pm	Mass, Rosary & Holy Hour	<i>Lillian Fernandes</i>

Tuesday 8 May *Easter Weekday*

9.30am	Mass (in church)	<i>Bernard Hession</i>
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Wednesday 9 May *Easter Weekday*

12pm	Mass	<i>Andrew Gill</i>
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Thursday 10 May *Easter Weekday*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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Friday 11 May *Easter Weekday*

9.15am	Morning Prayer	
9.30am	Mass	<i>Holy Souls (HM)</i>

Saturday 12 May *SS Nerus & Achilleus / St Pancras*

4pm	Confessions	
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Sunday 13 May *Sixth Sunday of Easter*

5pm	Vigil Mass	<i>Mrs Jennings</i>
8.15am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10am	Mass (First Holy Communion)	<i>Lydia Brown</i>

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Last week it was sheep: this week, the vine. Jesus offers us another (agricultural) image to explain the mystery of his offering of himself, and our belonging to him, our being part of him, which comes about through the sacrament of Baptism. This is, as was stated earlier, the period of Mystagogy, when the newly baptised are helped to see what life in Jesus Christ really means. Today this comes out strongly for all of us, with two of the three readings emphasising the moral aspects of life in Christ: it is not simply enough to "belong" to him: our belonging must be shown by the works we do, by the fruits we bear - while remembering of course that we cannot bear fruit except in him.



Indications for the Divine Office *Psalter: Week 1*

Monday—Saturday: All weekdays of Eastertide, Psalms from Week 1, starting on p402. Reading, Intercessions etc. from Ordinary for Eastertide, p238

Saturday evening: Evening Prayer I of 6th Sunday of Easter, p455 & p231

Sunday: Morning Prayer p460 & p234 Evening Prayer II p469 & p236

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have died recently: Doris Rose Page, Rev Ken Collins, 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: Kathleen McGann, Agnes Priscilla O'Mahony, Molly McConnell, Annie Doreen MacInnes, June Rose Ryan, Elizabeth Bailes, Audrey Margaret Galuszka, Winifred Daisy Geraghty, Robert William Hardy, Alfred Daniel Floyd, Rev Francis Woodward, Mr H Walters, James DeGregorio.

*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 Taylor, Margaret Trickett, Cath Wyman, Matthew Waterfield, Josie Wilson, Jean Winsper, Maureen Withy, Letitia Worth

**'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**

GENERAL NOTICES

Finance: 29th April £343.55 (gift aid: £117.72 loose: £225.83)

Second collections

last Sunday: Priests' Training Fund £291.93

this Sunday: Cafod

next Sunday: Christian Aid

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Rosary Group: The Rosary will be prayed in church after the 7pm Mass during the month of May.

Journey in Faith: Next meeting in the hall on Tues 8 May at 7.30pm

Diners' Club: Fri 25 May at 7pm. The Chetwynd Arms, Upper Longdon.

First Holy Communion: Next week, children will be making their First Holy Communion at the 10am Mass. There will be an early Mass at 8.15am to ease congestion on the car park

SVP: Raffle for Hamper won by Margaret Hubble. Thank you for your support. The event raised £129

Confirmation: Bishop David McGough is coming on Pentecost Sunday (27 May) to celebrate Confirmation at 12pm

Children's Liturgy: All children who have not yet made their First Holy Communion are welcome to join in with children's liturgy. If anyone is interested in helping with this, especially at the Sat 5pm Mass, please let Fr Patrick know.

Parish Magazine: New editor needed from Dec 2012, please see Tony Hayward (01543 278508)

