

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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SIXTHSUNDAY OF EASTER

Week beginning Sunday 13 May 2012
Sundays Year B; weekdays Year 2

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>

Monday 14 May *Feast of St Matthias*

6.40pm	Evening Prayer	
7pm	Mass, Rosary & Holy Hour	<i>Return to health</i>

Tuesday 15 May *Easter Weekday*

9.30am	Mass	<i>Joan Coley</i>
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Wednesday 16 May *Easter Weekday*

12pm	Mass	<i>Martin Bayliss</i>
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Thursday 17 May *Easter Weekday*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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Friday 18 May *St John I*

9.15am	Morning Prayer	
9.30am	Mass	<i>Michael Joseph Barry</i>

Saturday 19 May *St Dunstan*

4pm	Confessions	
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Sunday 20 May *The Ascension of the Lord*

5pm	Vigil Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
10am	Mass	<i>Olga Grant</i>

THE WORD THIS WEEK

There are two obvious themes to today's readings: Saint Peter summarises many of the ideas of Easter - baptism, the name of Jesus, the pouring out of the Holy Spirit; the other readings talk simply of love, both God's love for us and our love for each other. Our Gospel is taken from the great discourse at the Last Supper, and has at its centre the New Commandment that Jesus gives his disciples - the commandment of love. This love has its origins in the love of the Father, manifested in the love shown by the Son (willing to die for his friends); we, like the disciples, are called to imitate the love we see in Jesus's life and death - not because we are servants, but because we are friends.



Indications for the Divine Office Eastertide Week 6 & 6B Psalter: Week 2

Monday: Common of Apostles p.1004 (Psalms p390) & from Proper of Saints p786

Tuesday—Saturday: All weekdays of Eastertide, starting on p486.

Reading, Intercessions etc. from Ordinary for Eastertide, p242

Saturday evening: Evening Prayer I of the Ascension p263

Sunday: Ascension: Morning Prayer p268 (Psalms p390) Evening Prayer II p269

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: Patricia Bridget Cantrill, Ivor Reginald Sheppard, William Arthur Stamper, Mark Neenan, James Doyle

*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 Twyman, 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: 6th April £552.33 (gift aid: £285.73 loose: £266.60)

Second collections

last Sunday: Cafod £379.01

this Sunday: Christian Aid

next Sunday: Catholic Communications

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 22 May at 7.30pm

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

First Holy Communion: Please keep the children who are making their 1st Holy Communion this weekend in your prayers

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)

Home help needed for a male pensioner of the parish. Approx. 6 hrs per week Mon-Fri. Hours flexible. £55 per week. Light household chores. Enquiries 07729553512 or 0780484893 or A. Thompson 01543 306419

Teaching opportunity: St Thomas More is a small, Catholic Primary School in Great Wyrley. We are delighted to be able to offer the opportunity for a school placement on the GTP programme, (via a local university where your place has already been secured). St. Thomas More is a growing school and the successful candidate would have the opportunity to work across the key stages. For further details, please contact, Mrs Stephanie Hewitt (Headteacher) on 01922 857075, or e-mail headteacher@st-thoasmore.staffs.sch.uk