

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
Toddlers' Group: Wednesdays 9.30—11.30am contact Liz Wootton
Play Group & Nursery: contact Ann King on 671356
Diners' Club: meets monthly contact Douglas Thompson
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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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Week beginning Sunday 23 September 2012
Sundays Year B; weekdays Year 2

Sunday 23 September *Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5pm (Sat)	Mass	
10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>
11.30am	Baptism	<i>Callie Erin Laffort</i>

Monday 24 September *Our Lady of Walsingham*

6.45pm	Evening Prayer	
7pm	Mass & Holy Hour	<i>Anna Murray</i>

Tuesday 25 September *Feria*

No Service

Wednesday 26 September *SS Cosmas and Damien*

12pm	Mass	<i>Josie Kimberley</i>
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Thursday 27 September *St Vincent de Paul*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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Friday 28 September *St Wenceslaus / St Laurence Ruiz*

6.45pm	Evening Prayer	
7pm	Mass	<i>Special Int.</i>

Saturday 29 September *SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael*

10.30am	Mass	<i>SVP</i>
4pm	Confessions	

Sunday 30 September *Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

5pm (Sat)	Mass	<i>Pauline Brazier</i>
10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>



THE WORD THIS WEEK

The tone of the Gospel begins to grow darker: Jesus is now on his way to Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and killed. Despite this, both this week and next week, there is a lighter contrast in the children that Jesus welcomes and blesses. Perhaps this tells us something about Jesus and his mission: despite the gathering clouds, (and possibly even because of that) he is still the manifestation of God's love for all his children, a love that will be most clearly displayed when he faces that death for our sake. There is one quite chilling phrase which links these together, in the first reading, where the plotters against the good man say "Let us test him with cruelty and torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his." The cold calculation of this is not far removed from the plotting of those who saw in Jesus a threat to their positions - with all his purity of worship and faith, with all his "reproaches for our breaches of the law". There is indeed a storm gathering. But the last line of the first reading, though meant mockingly, will come true: "God will look after him - we have his word for it." And three days after his death he will rise again.



Indications for the Divine Office:

Week 25 of the Year *Psalter Week 1*

Mon p402ff; Tues p411ff; Weds p421ff; Thurs p430ff (+p890/891); Fri p441ff; Sat pp892 (+p390) & 455; Sun p460ff

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have died recently: Josie Kimberly, Ann Mary Northcott, Mary O'Donnell, Andrew Nicholas, Edward Haken, Doris Rose Page, Rev Ken Collins, Bernard Hession

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Mary Preston, Cecilia Catherine Wharton, Terence Leo Furlong, Elsie Aston, Charlotte Lillian Hughes

*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, 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: 16 September £444.59
(gift aid: £179.54 loose: £265.05)

Second collections

last Sunday: Catholic Evangelisation £229.11
this Sunday: Fr Hudson's Society
next Sunday: Church Maintenance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Rosary Group: Mon 24 Sept, 8pm at 2
Keble Close, Burntwood. All welcome.

Journey in Faith: Next session Monday
1 October, 7.30pm in the parish hall.

Diners' Club: Thurs 27 Sept 7pm at
The Boat, Hilton. Please sign the list.

Tea & Coffee: Thanks to all who volunteer on Sunday mornings, there are new rotas at the back of church.

Lunch Club: The over 55's Lunch Club at Cardinal Griffin Catholic High school is restarting on Weds 10 Oct, anyone wishing to attend would need to call 01543 509905 to reserve a place.

Welcome to Rev Wayne Coughlin, who is with us on weekend placement until 17/18 Nov. Wayne is at Oscott College training to be a priest for the Diocese of Northampton.

Fr Patrick: Due to various duties outside the parish (episcopal area days, ongoing formation committee, Oscott, Old Romans committee, newly ordained priests) I won't be around very much mid week over the next few weeks.

SVP Mass: There is a special Mass next Saturday at 10.30am for the SVP. All are welcome, there will be tea & coffee in the hall after Mass.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael: Feast 29 September

Each of these archangels performs a different mission in Scripture: Michael protects; Gabriel announces; Raphael guides. Earlier belief that inexplicable events were due to the actions of spiritual beings has given way to a scientific world-view and a different sense of cause and effect. Yet believers still experience God's protection, communication and guidance in ways which defy description. We cannot dismiss angels too lightly.