



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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YEAR OF FAITH ²⁰¹²/₂₀₁₃

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Week beginning Sunday 9 December 2012
Sundays Year C; weekdays Year 2

Sunday 9 December *Second Sunday of Advent*

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

Monday 10 December *St Edmund Gennings*

6.45pm	Evening Prayer	
7pm	Mass & Holy Hour	<i>Joe & Cynthia Kelly</i>

Tuesday 11 December *St Damasus I*

9.15am	Mass (in school)	<i>Patrick Drain</i>
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Wednesday 12 December *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

9.15am	Mass	<i>Anne Corfield</i>
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Thursday 13 December *St Lucy*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration	
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Friday 14 December *St John of the Cross*

9.15am	Mass	<i>Iris & Bernard Hession</i>
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Saturday 15 December *Advent feria*

4pm	Confessions	
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Sunday 16 December *Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)*

5pm (Sat)	Mass	<i>Mrs Netty Baretto</i>
10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Again we hear about the coming "Day of Christ", and meet the character of John the Baptist. Just as once before he "prepared the way" for the coming of Christ, so today he does the same for us. Our hearts should be open to his voice, as he calls us to repentance, and asks us to make the way straight for the coming of our Lord. The imagery of this Sunday is particularly rich: the dominant image is of a vast population moving together - the return from exile in the first reading, the going and coming of the sowers in the psalm, the community of the Church preparing together in Paul's letter. We prepare for the coming of the Lord as His people - a community who cooperate to make the "processional way" of the Holy One - flattening the hills of opposition and ridicule, filling in the valleys of doubt and despair, so that "all mankind shall see the salvation of God."



Indications for the Divine Office: Week 2 of Advent *Psalter Week 2*

Mon p13ff (+475ff); Tues p17ff (+486); Weds p20ff (+496); Thurs: p24ff (+507 & 954/5); Fri: p27ff (+518); Sat: *MP*: p30 (+528); *EP1(Advent 3)* p533 (+p3); Sun p539ff (+p8)

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have died recently: Jean Griffiths, Keith Pooley, Oliver George Black, Anne Corfield, Josie Kimberly, Ann Mary Northcott, Mary O'Donnell, Andrew Nicholas

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Daisy Kelly, Selwyn William Simpkins, Margaret Burke, Mark Wright, Mary Elizabeth Harper, Jane Anne Maria Kearns, Alfred Oscar StOssel, Elsie Riley, Francis Meredith, John Joseph Geraghty, Arthur Bernard Court, Thomas Michael Kelly

*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, Janet Bate, Christopher Brown, Nikki Carr, Brian Carter, Pauline & Ken Chaplain, Auriel Dalley, Blanaid Drain, Janet Evans, Stuart Frost, Jill Gutteridge, Joshua Harley, Tracy Holland, Mary Hughes, Dorothy Hurley, Sally Ireson, Clare Kettle, Lorraine Macbeth, John Magulski, Phoebe Gartshore, 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

GENERAL NOTICES

Finance: 2 December £473.95
(gift aid: £260.56 loose: £213.39)
Second collections
last Sunday: Poor Parishes Fund £242.28
this Sunday: Christmas flowers
next Sunday: Church Maintenance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Rosary Group: 8pm on Mon 10 Dec at 101 Springhill Road. All welcome

Journey in Faith—Year of Faith: Mon 10 Dec, 7.30pm in the parish hall. Lectio Divina for Advent: a prayerful reading & look at the Sunday readings for the Season of Advent. All welcome

Advent Penance Services: Lichfield (SS Peter & Paul): Tue 18 Dec 7pm; Burntwood: Fri 21 Dec 7pm Mass followed by Confessions

Teachers & Governors: There will be drinks in the presbytery on Fri 14 Dec from 5.30 to 7pm to say thank you, on behalf of the parish, for all you do for the children of the parish.

Poinsettias: Please bring a poinsettia to church next weekend or the following so we can decorate the church in the traditional manner.

School (KS2) Carol Service: Tues 18 Dec at 7pm in church.

Primary School: Was your child born between 1 Sept 2008 & 31 Aug 2009? They will start school in SEPTEMBER 2013. You need to make an application for your child to start school by 15 JAN 2013. You can do this online at: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/admissions. To arrange to visit St Joseph & St Theresa Primary School contact the school office 01543 510485

Radio Broadcast: On Sun 13 Jan, BBC Radio 4's Sunday Worship will be broadcast live from here. The service will be led by CJM Music. Anyone who is interested in being involved in the choir or congregation needs to sign up at the back of church with an email address if possible.

5p Collection: The school would like to thank all contributors; a new wooden adjustable lectern (£600) has just been bought for the school chapel, paid for with the 5p collection.

Fr Patrick As announced last weekend, I have been appointed as Catholic Chaplain to Birmingham University. My last weekend in the parish will be 19-20 Jan. Fr Paul Haines (who is at present looking after the parish in Droitwich) will be taking over the following week.

SAINT OF THE WEEK St Lucy Feast 13 December

A Sicilian martyr who died in the persecution of the Emperor Diocletian (304AD); she is an example of innocence and faithfulness, and her cult was very popular in the early Church. The legend is that her eyes were gouged out prior to her execution which is why she is usually depicted holding her eyes on a dish. She is patron saint of the blind & those suffering from eye problems

