



### 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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 Number 234216 (1883)  
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YEAR OF FAITH 2012-2013

### ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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### THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Week beginning Sunday 16 December 2012  
 Sundays Year C; weekdays Year 2

#### Sunday 16 December *Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)*

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| 5pm (Sat) | Mass | Mrs Netty Baretto    |
| 10am      | Mass | People of the Parish |

#### Monday 17 December *O Sapientia*

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| 12pm | Mass                       | Iris & Bernard Hession |
| 7pm  | Evening Prayer & Holy Hour |                        |

#### Tuesday 18 December *O Adonai*

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| 9.15am  | Mass (in school)     | Kathleen Friel |
| 11.15am | Requiem Mass         | Keith Pooley   |
| 7pm     | School Carol Service |                |

#### Wednesday 19 December *O Radix Jesse*

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| 9.15am | Mass | Anne Corfield |
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#### Thursday 20 December *O Clavis David*

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| 9.15am | Mass | Mrs D. Salt |
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#### Friday 21 December *O Oriens*

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| 7pm    | Mass        | Eunice Owen |
| 7.30pm | Confessions |             |

#### Saturday 22 December *O Rex Gentium*

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| 4pm | Confessions |  |
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#### Sunday 23 December *Fourth Sunday of Advent (O Emmanuel)*

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| 5pm (Sat) | Mass         | Joan O'Grady                      |
| 10am      | Mass         | People of the Parish              |
| 4pm       | Nuptial Mass | Johanne Deaville & Stuart Windsor |

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

This Sunday is called "Gaudete" Sunday — "Rejoice Sunday". This comes from the readings we hear today, and it underlines an important point. In the Gospel, we hear John the Baptist telling different groups what to do - they must repent, and change their lives. We might think of this as a rather joyless thing - something which is hard and unrewarding. The message of this Sunday is that repentance and changing our lives to welcome Jesus is something richly joyful. When we are planning to welcome anyone we love to our homes, we set about cleaning and preparing for their visit with enthusiasm - nothing is too much trouble for someone we care for greatly. Even scrubbing the bath or polishing the furniture can be a happy and joyful thing! The message of this Sunday is that preparing to welcome the Lord - even though it may involve hard work - is something utterly joyful, because of our love for Him, and His love for us.



## Indications for the Divine Office: Week 3 of Advent Psalter Week 3

Mon p33ff (+551ff); Tues p35ff (+561); Weds p36ff (+571); Thurs: p39ff (+581); Fri: p41ff (+591); Sat: *MP*: p43 (+601); *EPI(Advent 4)* p605 (+p3); Sun p610ff (+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:* James Thomas Mealey, Winifred Ethel Neenan, Donald James Cook, Patrick John Arthur Cage, Winifred Littlewood, James Robert Newbrook, Winifred Dewsbury, Madeline Patricia King, Anna Iwachiw

*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 Meroillo, 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:** 9 December £325.29  
(gift aid: £121.07 loose: £204.22)

### Second collections

last Sunday: Christmas flowers £232.18

this Sunday: Church Maintenance

next Sunday: St Chad's Sanctuary

(homelessness project run by St Chad's cathedral & the Salvation Army)

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Rosary Group:** 8pm on Mon 17 Dec at 2 Keble Close. All welcome

**Journey in Faith—Year of Faith:** Mon 17 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

**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.

**Church decoration:** The church will be set up for the Christmas season on Mon 24 Dec from 10am, all helpers welcome.

## THE FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT

The Great "O" Antiphons are seven brief prayers that are traditionally chanted or sung on successive evenings starting on Dec 17. The precise origin of these texts is unknown. However, by the 8th and 9th centuries, churches throughout western Europe were using them at Evening Prayer during the season of Advent. These ancient supplications beautifully express the Church's profound yearning for her long expected Savior. They continue to be part of the seasonal devotions of many churches today. The Great "O" Antiphons form the basis of the popular Advent hymn, O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

**Diners' Club:** Thurs 10 Jan, 6.30pm at The Malt Shovel, Chorley. Please sign the list.

**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](http://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.