



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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Week beginning Sunday 23 December 2012
 Sundays Year C; weekdays Year 2

Sunday 23 December *Fourth Sunday of Advent (O Emmanuel)*

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

Monday 24 December *Christmas Eve*

5pm	Vigil Mass	Edmund & Bernard Kelly
9pm	Midnight Mass	Anne Corfield

Tuesday 25 December *Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord*

10am	Christmas Day Mass	People of the Parish
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Wednesday 26 December *St Stephen*

10am	Mass	Mooney family
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Thursday 27 December *St John*

No Service

Friday 28 December *The Holy Innocents*

10am	Mass	Marie Drain
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Saturday 29 December *St Thomas of Canterbury*

4pm	Confessions	
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Sunday 30 December *Feast of the Holy Family*

5pm (Sat)	Mass	James Shaughnessy
10am	Mass	People of the Parish

THE WORD THIS WEEK

It's only in this last week before Christmas that we begin to hear about the "Christmas story" itself. For the past weeks we have been preparing ourselves to greet the Lord, when he comes. Now we prepare to remember how he first came, by listening to the prophecies of his coming, and by hearing of the events before his birth. We meet Mary, who herself had been prepared for the coming of the Messiah. She has received the angel's greeting, and his strange news, and has accepted her role in God's plan. Now she hurries to her kinswoman, Elizabeth, who herself bears John the Baptist in her womb. John, just as we heard last week, alerts us to the presence of the Lord, as he leaps for joy in his mother's womb. His joy is that God has kept his promise, and is with his people.



indications for the Divine Office: Week 4 of Advent Psalter Week 4

Mon MP p47 (+624); EP p49ff; Tues p53ff (+390); Weds MP p597 (+390); EP p55 & 64; Thurs: MP p959 (+390); EP p55 & 65 Fri: MP p961 (+390); EP p55 & 67; Sat: MP: p53 (+68 & 963); EP p60 (+p982); Sun p61ff (+p390)

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 Hopley, Joseph Francis Paget, Joseph James Kane, Charlotte Evelyn Smith, Noel John Williams, Winifred Smith, Henry David Benton, Thomas Kinsella, Janet Heart Laird, Amelia Golingay, Albert Ritbergeris, Ted Cannon, Maris Margaret Low, Ellen Porter, Mrs Beamish, Kathleen Theresa McInnes, Ivy Bevington

*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: 16 December £431.36 (gift aid: £236.80 loose: £194.56)
Second collections last Sunday: Church Maintenance £230.29
this Sunday: St Chad's Sanctuary
next Sunday: Friend's of the Holy Land
(Bethlehem Christians' charity)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Christmas: The Church will be set up for Christmas on Monday morning from 10am. All help welcome

Christmas collection: The collection at Christmas is for the parish priest, there's no second collection

St Stephen's Day: Mass will be at 10am & is a special celebration for altar servers, especially those in the guild of St Stephen

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

SAINT OF THE WEEK St Thomas Becket

Feast 29 December

Born in London in 1118, as a cleric he served the kingdom as Chancellor, and was chosen to be Archbishop of Canterbury in 1162. He defended the Church against Henry II. He was sent into exile for six years. After returning to Canterbury he was martyred by the king's followers while he was celebrating Mass. He is the patron saint of the English pastoral clergy.

