



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

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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HOLY FAMILY

Week beginning Sunday 30 December 2012
 Sundays Year C; weekdays Year 2

Sunday 30 December *Feast of the Holy Family*

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

Monday 31 December *St Sylvester*

6.45pm	Evening Prayer	
7pm	Mass & Holy Hour	<i>Selwyn Simpkins</i>

Tuesday 1 January *Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God*

No Service

Wednesday 2 January *St Basil the Great & St Gregory of Nazianzen*

No Service

Thursday 3 January *The Most Holy Name of Jesus*

7.30pm	The Word, Holy Communion & Adoration
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Friday 4 January *St Charles of Mount Argus*

No Service

Saturday 5 January *Feria*

4pm	Confessions
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Sunday 6 January *Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord*

5pm (Sat)	Mass	<i>Edmund & Bernard Kelly</i>
10am	Mass	<i>People of the Parish</i>

THE WORD THIS WEEK

As an example for us to follow, the Holy Family can seem a little too perfect: when we consider the more "dramatic" events of the Christmas & Easter story, it can seem so far removed from us. And yet, as today's Gospel reminds us there were also the so-called "hidden years" - the many years of family life in Nazareth, spent in ordinary things. During that time, we hear how Jesus grew & matured, & in the glimpse of that family life we see our example. Our celebration of this feast announces that there is a lasting value in the ideals of family life, & the relationship between husband, wife, parents & children. Whatever the changing details of each age, honour, understanding & love always remain the recipe for the perfect, & holy, human family. It is love that we put on over all the other clothes of changing cultures & places, to guarantee the life of the family in imitation of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph.



Indications for the Divine Office

Mon *MP* p72 (+53); *EP* p74 (+p982); Tues p76 (+390 & 992); Weds p83 (+496); Thurs: p86 (+508); Fri: p88 (+518); Sat: *MP*: p90 (+528); *EP* p97; Sun p101ff (+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: Mary Cummins, Margaret Burke, Winifred Ivy Bradbury, John Burgess, Patrick Joseph Darcy, David John Skrodelis, Annie Morrisroe, Anne Dews, Julia Wall, Mary Bernadette O'Sullivan, Sheila Julia Kinder

*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: 23 December £424.14
(gift aid: £187.79 loose: £236.35)

Second collections

last Sunday: St Chad's Sanctuary £294.18
this Sunday: Friend's of the Holy Land
(Bethlehem Christians' charity)
next Sunday: Church Maintenance

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Christmas: Thanks to all who helped in church with the Christmas celebrations, especially those who cleaned & polished, put up trees, set up the crib, arranged flowers & set up and served at Mass. Thanks also to the children's liturgical parents, the musicians, readers & Eucharistic ministers.

Christmas collection: Many thanks for the very generous Christmas collection & for all the Christmas cards and gifts.

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

Standing Order: There is an unnamed standing order on the parish accounts, £25 a month has been going in since August but we can't claim any gift aid on it. Please contact the parish office if you think it might be you.

Food Bank Collection: In the new year we are going to ask for help involving donating food to Cannock & District 'foodbank'. It will help local people in crisis by buying food & donating. There will be a 'Shopping List' for foods to donate and where to bring it. There will be details on which foods to donate in the new year.

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.

FEAST OF THE WEEK The Most Holy Name of Jesus: 3 January

The greatest promoters of this devotion were St Bernadine of Siena and St John of Capistrano, who used a monogram of the Holy Name in their preaching. This feast reminds us that "Jesus" means "God saves", and that our salvation comes through Christ alone.

