

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 Marv & 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 2813

ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Week beginning Sunday 13 January 2013 Sundays Year C: weekdays Year 2 (1st week in Ordinary Time) Divine Office: Week 1 Through the Year

Sunday 13 January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

People of the Parish 5pm (Sat) Mass

8.10am Keith Poolev Mass

Iris & Bernard Hession 10am Mass 11.30am Samuel Thomas Williams **Baptism**

Monday 14 January Feria

6.45am **Evening Prayer**

Mass & Holy Hour Joe & Queenie Kelly 7pm

Tuesday 15 January Feria

Mr & Mrs Windsor Mass (in school) 9.15am

Wednesday 16 January Feria No Service

Thursday 17 January St Anthony of Egypt

6.30pm Mass Mrs Y. Horsley

Friday 18 January Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity

9.15am Mass Tams & Gleeson families

Saturday 19 January St Wulstan

Confessions 4pm

Sunday 20 January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

People of the Parish 5pm (Sat) Mass Anne Corfield 10am

Mass

THE WORD THIS WEEK

It may seem strange, but this is a Christmas Feast. Not if we think of Christmas only in terms of the Baby in Bethlehem, but if we have followed the ideas of the Feasts of Holy Family and especially // Epiphany, and have seen the Season in terms of the growing manifestation or appearing of the Son of God: first to the shepherds and then to the wise men from the East. Now in the River Jordan, Jesus, Son of Mary, is revealed to all as the fullness of all God's promises: "This is my Son, the Beloved". On this day we stand before the revelation of God's love for us, such that he would send his only Son into the world. Christmas without the Baptism of the Lord, and the words that are spoken from heaven, would be incomplete, since it is only in them that we fully see the wonder of what happened in Bethlehem. As we come to the end of Christmas



today, and look forward to hearing the Gospels in Ordinary Time, we do so having been shown who it is we listen to: the only Son of God, the Beloved.

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,

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Aileen Farley, Bedelia West-Thomas Robinson, Michael William Littler

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 Macwood, Mary Anne Griffiths, Elsie beth, John Magulski, Phoebe Gartshore, Louise Tams, Raymond Bluett, Patrick Lily McGrath, Michael McGowan, Tracy William Ryan, Michalino Linde, 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 Wa-Josie Wilson, Jean Winsper, terfield. Maureen Withy, Letitia Worth

GENERAL NOTICES

Finance: 6 January £342.30 (gift aid: £154.70 loose: £187.60)

Second collections

last Sunday: Church Maintenance £219.84

this Sunday: Epiphany Trust next Sunday: Pax Christi

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Rosary Group: Monday 14 Jan, 8pm, 9 Hamps Close, Burntwood. All welcome

First Confession & Holy Communion: There will be a parents' meeting on Sat 26 Jan at 6pm. The commitment Mass followed by the first teaching session will be on Sat 2 Feb.

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

Second collections: There have been unclaimed 2nd collection envelopes at the back of church since last April. If anyone does not want to gift aid their 2nd collection, please let the office know so no unnecessary envelopes are ordered.

Fr Patrick: Next Sunday will be my last weekend in the parish and I shall move at the beginning of the following week. Fr Paul Haines will be here for the following weekend

SAINT OF THE WEEK

17 January: St Anthony of Egypt

St Anthony was born in Egypt about the year 250. Following the death of his parents he gave up his inheritance and lived a life of solitude, gathering a community of disciples around him. He died in the year 356. Hoe is known as the father of all monks.

