



PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, BURNTWOOD

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Y E A R
F O R
P R I E S T S

2018 June 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 2nd March (*Vigil for Sunday*)

4.00pm Confession

5.00pm Private Intentions (D)

Sunday 3rd March – *Eighth Sunday (Year C)*

10.00am Noel's Investiture

Monday 4th March – *Feria*

9.30am Pauline Till RIP (*followed by Rosary*)

7.30pm CAFOD Meeting (Parish Hall)

7.30pm House Rosary (*4 Mossbank Ave*)

Tuesday 5th March – **DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

9.30am Monica Quinn RIP

EXPOSITION AFTER MASS UNTIL 7PM

Wednesday 6th March – **ASH WEDNESDAY**

9.30am Mass in School

7.30pm Private Intention (A. H.)

Thursday 7th March – *Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

9.30am Michael and Pat Moloney RIP

VIGIL TO PRAY FOR PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS UNTIL 12.00PM

Friday 8th March – *Friday after Ash Wednesday*

12.00 noon Pauline Till RIP (*followed by Divine Mercy*)

12.45pm LENTEN SOUP IN THE HALL

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 9th March – *Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

10.00am Celebrant's Intention

4.00pm Confession

5.00pm Private Intention (D)

Sunday 10th March – *First Sunday of Lent*

10.00am Margaret Linney RIP (*Rite of Bap. during Mass*)

Church Flowers

*The Floral Tribute this weekend is
in honour of Noel Sweeney
as a Knight of The Pontifical Order
of St. Gregory the Great.*

Confession:

*Saturday 4.00pm
or speak to Fr. Linh*

Baptism/Wedding:

*Contact Fr. Linh
or the parish office*

DEVOTIONS

Exposition
Thursdays 7.00pm

Divine Mercy
Fridays - after Mass

Rosary
Mondays - after Mass

Saint Joseph
Tuesdays - after Mass

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK: Patrick Mealey, Patrick Neenan, Hilda Hession, Lettie Cureton, Alphons Rudzinski, John O'Malley, Janet McKeon, James Gaffey & Julia Green. May they rest in Peace.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: The sick and housebound of the parish. We include all those we know in hospitals, nursing homes and their own homes. May the Lord grant them healing, strength and peace! If you have relative(s) who are housebound and would like to have a regular visit by the clergy or a minister, please let us know.

WELCOME: This Sunday, St. Joseph's joyfully welcome His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley, together with many priests and deacons to our parish to celebrate Mass on the occasion of Noel's investiture as Knight of the Pontifical

Order of St. Gregory the Great. We extend our warmest welcome to the Lord Lieutenant of West Midlands Mr John Crabtree OBE and his wife Diana, Civic Dignitaries from Burntwood and Lichfield, other distinguished guests, and many members of Noel's family and friends. We hope that you will have a great time with us at St. Joseph's for this wonderful celebration.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION (WCU): the group will lead a vigil to pray for Persecuted Christians on Thursday 7th March, from 10.00am to 12.00pm. All welcome. WCU began 14 years ago and has seen many ladies, come and go. **We would love more ladies to join our forward moving group.** We meet every Thursday of the month from 10.00am – 12.00 noon in the Parish Hall. Our aim is to support one another through faith and friendship. We also reach out to support others who are in need through different charities. We are a lively friendly group and would love to invite more ladies to come along and meet with us. Every month, we discuss various topics from the group's interests, e.g. from looking at faith through art to reading scripture, contemplation, prayer, looking at world matters and incorporate them in our prayers, etc. New members are always welcome. Just come and see on every 1st Thursday of the month at St. Joseph's Parish Hall at 10.00am. Thank you.

PARISH DRAW: £5/month to win £200 every month. The only way to win the prize is to be in the draw. Thank you

MEN'S BREAKFAST: First Saturday of each month at 8.30am in the Parish Hall. All men are welcome. Please contact **Tom Bentham** by the preceding Thursday. Tom's contact: 0780 884 9085 or preferably by email to tombentham@yahoo.com. The next is on **6th April.**

MONTHLY LUNCH: NO LUNCH IN MARCH. The next Monthly Lunch is **30th April.** Please contact Sue Barnes 01543 671701 to book/cancel in advance. Donations for Raffle Prizes are ALWAYS NEEDED. Thank you for your support.

Mass attendance
Sat.82, Sun.125 Total: 207

Offertory Collection

Gift Aid: £325.00

Loose: £201.77

2nd col: £238.16

2nd Collection next week is for **Cathedral Maintenance**

Thank you for your generosity and support.

FINANCIAL REPORT AND GIFT AID ENVELOPES: A brief report on our parish finance 2018 is available on the notice board for you to have a look at our financial condition. Please do so. Gift Aid envelopes are available to be collected at the back of the church. Thank you for your ongoing support to the parish.

NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDERS: As the new tax year will soon be upon us, we would like to ask current, and any potential new gift aiders, if they would kindly consider setting up a standing order for their contributions instead of using envelopes. The Archdiocese is gradually trying to cut down on the use of envelopes as the standing order system is a more effective system and cuts down on a huge amount of work. We would be grateful therefore if you could make this change. Please contact the parish office if you need any assistance with this. Thank you for your support.

SEASON OF LENT

Journey in Faith: Wednesdays, beginning on Wed. 13th March,
7.00pm Mass, followed by DVD series
‘THE JOY OF HOPE’ – how to live joyfully in the hope of eternal life,
with Tea/Coffee in the Hall.

CAFOD Lenten Soup: Fridays, 12.00 noon Mass,
followed by Lenten Soup in the Hall.

Stations of the Cross: Fridays, **7.00pm** beginning on Friday 8th March.
All are welcome.

DEANERY VISITATION Closing Mass and Meeting is on Wed. 27th March in Tamworth. Bishop David will give his report on the Visitation to the Deanery. I hope a good number from our parish will attend this event. Thank you.

CHURCH FLOWERS: During Lent, it is forbidden for the altar to be decorated with flowers. From Easter, if you'd like to donate for the flowers, the easiest way is to contact the parish to give your donation, and the team will arrange everything for you. **Or if you'd like to have particular types of flowers or particular styles, please contact the parish office for details.** General practice is to bring your flowers to the Church by 12 noon on Friday prior the weekend; and the team will help you with the rest. **We desperately need more volunteers to help.** If you can, please let me know. Thank you.

SACRAMENTS DATES

- ✓ **First Reconciliation Date:** 16th Mar 2019
- ✓ **First Holy Communion Date:** 19th May 19

MORE DATES

- ✓ **CAFOD:** 4th March, 1st April
- ✓ **Men's Breakfast:** 2nd March, 6th April
- ✓ **Monthly Lunch:** 30th April, 21st May
- ✓ **Women's Christian Union:** 7th March, 4th April
- ✓ **Deanery Visitation Closing Mass:** 27th March

JACQUELINE'S JAUNTS: Those going to Liverpool on 6th April, please pay the £16.00 coach fare ASAP. There are a few seats still available, please speak to Jacqueline. Thank you.

FAMILY VISITS: Thank you to those families who gave us a warm welcome at their homes. There are few more families I'd like to see, but it's been very busy recently. Don't worry if you haven't been contacted. It will come!

JOB OPPORTUNITY: The governors at St Joseph & St Theresa Catholic Primary School Chasetown are seeking to appoint an inspirational and enthusiastic **Deputy Headteacher**, who is a practising Catholic, to work with the Headteacher and make a substantial contribution to the leadership and management of our outstanding school. If you have a passion to make a difference in an ambitious, creative & progressive school, that has a yearning to improve then we would warmly welcome and encourage you to visit our school.

To request an application pack or arrange a visit to the school please contact the Headteacher Isabel Walker: 01543 227220 headteacher@st-joseph-st-theresa.staffs.sch.uk

Closing date: Monday 4th March 2019 at 09:00am

FOODBANK IN BURNTWOOD: A single man with medical problems desperately needs the following items: A BED (single) A COOKER (**not** microwave) and A WASHING MACHINE. If you can help, please contact IAN at FOODBANK or text 07979995740. Thank you.

LATEST NEWS: To keep on top of the latest news, events and information from our Archdiocese, please follow these channels:

Instagram: www.instagram.com/birminghamarchdiocese

Web: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk; Twitter: www.twitter.com/RCBirmingham

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Archdiocese-of-Birmingham-166194176857632/>

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, I pray for your faithful and fervent priests; for your unfaithful and tepid priests; for your priests labouring at home or abroad in distant mission fields; for your tempted priests; for your lonely and desolate priests; for your young priests; for your dying priests; for the souls of your priests in Purgatory.

But above all, I recommend to you the priests dearest to me: the priest who baptised me; the priests who absolved me from my sins; the priests at whose Masses I assisted and who gave me Your Body and Blood in Holy Communion; the priests who taught and instructed me; all the priests to whom I am indebted in any other way.

O Jesus, keep them all close to your heart, and bless them abundantly in time and in eternity. Amen.

(St. Therese of the Child Jesus)

GOD BLESS YOU

Fr. Linh Nguyen – Parish Priest