YEAR FOR PRIESTS
2018 June 2019

PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, BURNTWOOD

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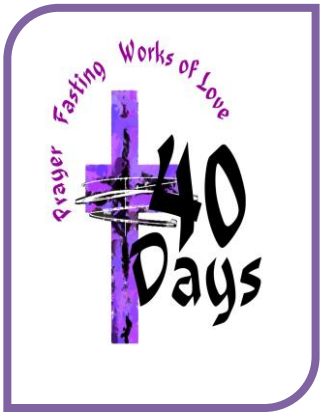
Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

Saturday 16th March ***(Vigil for Sunday)***
4.00pm Confession
5.00pm Veronica Gleeson RIP

Sunday 17th March – ***2nd Sunday of Lent (Year C)***
10.00am Noel Sweeney & family *(Tea/Coffee in the Hall) followed by Baptism*

Monday 18th March – ***Lent feria***
9.30am John & Mary Preece RIP *(followed by Rosary)*
7.30pm House Rosary *(44 Slade Ave.)*



Tuesday 19th March – ***Solemnity of St. Joseph – Parish Feast***
9.30am Whole School Mass
7.30pm People of the Parish (***followed by light refreshments in the Hall)***

Wednesday 20th March – ***Lent feria***
7.00pm Celebrant's intention
7.30pm Journey in Faith

Thursday 21st March – ***Lent feria***
9.30am John Wright RIP
7.00pm Holy Hour

Friday 22nd March – ***Lent feria*** – **FAMILY FAST DAY**
12.00 noon Suzanne McKenna RIP *(followed by Divine Mercy)*
12.45pm CAFOD LENTEN SOUP
7.00pm Stations of the Cross

Saturday 23rd March – ***Lent feria***
10.00am Victims of two World Wars
4.00pm Confession
5.00pm Noel Sweeney & family

Sunday 24th March – ***Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)***
10.00am Karen Ireson RIP

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: Arthur Bradbury, Madge Hawkins, Stanley Sealey, Phillip Bayliss, Barbara Coley, Thomas Saxon, John Fitzpatrick, Ellen Edwards & Suzanne McKenna. 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.

PARISH FEAST DAY: Tuesday 19th March, Mass 7.30pm, followed by refreshments in the Hall. This is our FEAST; let's celebrate, even though we are in Lent! All are invited. It's **'bring and share.'** If you can help with food, please put your names on the lists, what you bring and for how many people. We also need some people to help with setting up, serving tea/coffee, etc. Thank you for your support.

MISSIO BOXES. Please hand boxes to be emptied to the office or directly to Jacqueline. There are many boxes with names on that have not been collected, please collect yours ASAP. If anyone who does not have a box and would like one, please take one without a name on. Thank you.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS AND READERS: you are invited to attend Holy Hour 7.00pm on *Thursday 28th March (for all Extraordinary Ministers)* and *Thursday 4th April (for all Readers at Mass)*. Lent is perfect time for us to spend some time with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament and to refresh our ministry together. Please do make time for this special section. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVERS: Another appeal to children from year 4 onwards, if you'd like to serve at Masses, please let me know. Parents, please encourage your children to be involved and to serve the church in this special ministry. A general training/practice for ALL servers is on Saturday 6th April, after 10am Mass. This is also to prepare for Holy Week and Easter. Please make sure that you attend this training. Thank you.

WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION (WCU): WCU began 14 years ago. We meet every first 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**

Mass attendance
Sat.74, Sun.164 Total: 238
Offertory Collection
Gift Aid: £185.70
Loose: £205.51
2nd Col: £280.10

2nd Collection today is for **Cafod** – Lent Fast

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

Thank you for your generosity and support.

to invite more ladies to come along and meet with us. Each month, we discuss various topics from the group's interests, e.g. from looking at faith through art, or reading scripture, contemplation, prayer, to looking at world matters and incorporate them in our prayers, etc. All Christian women are welcome. Just come and see at our next meeting (Thursday 4th April) at St. Joseph's Parish Hall at 10.00am. Thank you.

PARISH DRAW: £5/month to win £200 every month. Congratulations to the winners of this month: *Una Stevens (1st Prize) Mick Train (2nd Prize) Caroline Bullock (3rd Prize).* The only way to win the prize is to be in the draw. Thank you

MONTHLY LUNCH: 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.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: A Lenten Men's Breakfast will be held on 6th April. A simple menu of cereal and/or toast will be served at 8-30am. All men of the parish are invited, and this meal will be FREE. Please be sure to contact Tom Bentham by Thursday 4th April to reserve a place. Email preferred tombentham@yahoo.com or leave a message on 01543 506698 or text 0780 884 9085.

DEANERY VISITATION Closing Mass and Meeting is on Wed. 27th March 7.00pm 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.

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.

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, please contact the parish office for details. **We desperately need more volunteers to help.** If you can, please let me know. Thank you.

DATES FOR DIARY

- **Deanery Visitation Closing Mass**: 27th March
- **CAFOD:** 1st April
- **Women's Christian Union**: 4th April
- **Men's Breakfast**: 6th April
- **Reconciliation Service**: 16th April
- **Monthly Lunch**: 30th April, 21st May
- **First Holy Communion Date:** 19th May 19

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Following the forthcoming retirement of the present post-holder, we are looking to recruit a new **Senior Administrative Assistant/Personal Assistant to the Vicar General.** Permanent/Full-time (35 hours per week) £25,000 to £30,000 p.a. For an informal discussion about this role please call Gerry Dryden, Human Resources and Communication Director on 0121 230 6224. The job description for this role is available from gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org. Application for this role is via CV and covering letter, which should set out how your experience, knowledge and skills match those required for this position. *Closing date for receipt of applications is noon, Friday 22nd March 2019*. More details on the notice board.

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.

WALSINGHAM NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S PILGRIMAGE: 27th – 28th April, coinciding with Divine Mercy Sunday. Contact *info@catholicman.uk* if you have any questions or visit http://www.catholicmenspilgrimage.uk/

CALLED TO WITNESS: A vocations event for your people (18+) More information on the notice board, or call: 0121 321 5139 (Tharushi Jayakody) or 0121 321 5135 (Deacon Owen Gresty) Email: office@vocations.org.uk or visit: www.vocations.org.uk/events

THE SOWER: FREE MAGAZINE for news from the Archdiocese, available at the back of the Church. Please help yourselves. If you'd like to receive monthly e-newsletter from the Archdiocese, please go to the website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk and subscribe it.

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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