



# PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, BURNTWOOD

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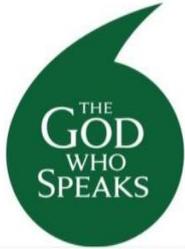
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## First Sunday of Lent



Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> February (Vigil for Sunday)

4.00pm Confession

5.00pm Veronica Cosgrove RIP

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March: 1st Sunday of Lent

10.00am Patricia Price RIP (Tea/Coffee after Mass)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March – Feast of St. Chad, Bishop

9.30am Arthur & Daisy, Bernard & Teresa Averill RIP (followed by Rosary)

**7.00pm House Mass (9 Severn Drive)**

7.30pm House Rosary (38 Highfields Rd)

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March – DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

9.30am William Greene RIP (followed by Devotion to St. Joseph)

**Exposition and Adoration until 6.00pm**

12.45pm Funeral Service of Clare O'Donnell (at Streetly Crematorium)

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March – Lent Feria

7.00pm Clare O'Donnell RIP

**7.30pm Journey in Faith**

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – Lent Feria

9.30am Monica Quinn RIP (Anniversary)

2.30pm Mass with Year 5 (school)

**7.00pm Holy Hour**

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Lent Feria

**10.30am** Monthly Coffee Morning

**12.00 Noon** Douglas Thompson RIP

*followed by Divine Mercy and CAFOD Lenten Soup*

**7.00pm Stations of the Cross**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March – Lent Feria

10.00am Celebrant's Intention

4.00pm Confession

5.00pm Christine Rogers RIP

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March – Second Sunday of Lent

10.00am People of the Parish

### Church Flowers

If you would like to donate for the flowers (after Lent) in memory of loved ones or on special occasions, please contact the Parish Office for details.

*Please remember  
St. Joseph Church in  
your will.*

## DEVOTIONS

**Exposition**  
Thursdays 7.00pm

**Divine Mercy**  
Fridays - after Mass

**Rosary**  
Mondays – after Mass

**Saint Joseph**  
Tuesdays – after Mass

**SYMPATHY:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Carl Coughlan, Clare O'Donnell (Isla) and Douglas Thompson who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy with their families. May they rest in Peace. *Douglas will be received into church on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March at 6.00pm; his funeral is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March at 12 noon, followed by burial at St. Matthew's cemetery.*

**ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK:** Dorothy Slade, George Hill, Ruby Tibbitts, Ellen Winsper, Sarah Dutton, Geoff Harris, Patrick Mealey, Patrick Neenan, Hilda Hession, Lettie Cureton, Alphons Rudzinski, John O'Malley & Janet McKeon. 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 or staying in a home, and would like to have a regular visit by the clergy, please let us know.

**JOURNEY IN FAITH:** Are you seeking to become a Catholic? Would you like to become more familiar with the teachings of the Catholic Church? Would you like to deepen your knowledge and to grow in faith? Every Wed 7.00pm – MASS followed by sessions. All welcome.

**CHURCH FLOWERS:** **NO flowers in church during Lent.** If you would like to donate for the flowers in memory of loved ones or on special occasions at Easter and during Easter season, please contact the Parish Office for details.

**CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY** on Friday 6 March. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week for the second collection next week. Thank you.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Exposition and Adoration from 10.30am until 6.30pm (Litany for vocations and Benediction at 6.00pm). Sign-up sheet at the back of the Church, please make sure every slot is filled with at least 2-3 people. Thank you.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Volunteers are needed in a variety of church tasks; we rely heavily on people's good will, kindness and precious time. We are currently seeking more volunteers and helpers for: Coffees after Sunday Masses, Monthly Lunch, Monthly Coffee Morning, choir, church cleaners, flower arranging, welcomers (giving out hymn books and sheets before Mass and tidying up after Mass)... If you can help in any way, on a regular basis, please speak to Fr. Linh or contact the Parish Office for details.

**SACRAMENTS DATES:** First Reconciliation: 10am Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2020, First Holy Communion: 10am Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2020.

**NEW GIFT AID ENVELOPES & STANDING ORDERS:** 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 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.

**Mass attendance**  
Sat. 78 Sun. 182 Total: 260

**Offertory Collection**

**Gift Aid:** £171.50

**Loose:** £249.52

**Total: £421.02 + SO**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Coll. £247.63**

2<sup>nd</sup> collection today is for  
**Cathedral Maintenance**

2<sup>nd</sup> coll next week is for  
**Lent Fast (Cafod)**

**Thank you for your generosity  
and support.**

**CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19):** The disease is mostly mild. However, we are in “flu season”. Please take extra care! If you have cold or flu symptoms, few things to be considered: refrain from the physical sign of peace and taking Communion from the Chalice, receive the Host on the hand. Thank you for your cooperation.

**'THE LIVE SIMPLY AWARD'** is an opportunity for Catholic parishes to respond to Pope Francis' invitation in *'Laudato Si'* to “work with generosity and tenderness in protecting this world which God has entrusted to us”. The award celebrates what we are already doing and inspires us to do more. It helps our community to live, not just more simply, but also more fully. I do hope our parish will support this project.

**CHESTER COACH TRIP:** those going on the trip on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April, please pay the £18.00 ASAP. There are still some seats available. Contact Jackie P. for details.

**PARISH DRAW:** Only £5/month to win £200 every month. The only way to win the prize is to be in the draw. Tickets are on sales after weekend Masses or you can set up a direct debit in order not to miss our monthly draw. Please contact the office for details.

**VISIT HMP SWINFEN HALL:** coffee morning (an informal gathering with useful information) at Swinfen on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March for anyone interested in prison ministry. If you'd like to go for this event; or if you'd like to join with some other parishioners to attend Mass with the men on Saturday morning (once a month), please speak to Carol Wood or Richard McCormick for details.

**ANNUAL THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE:** 12 noon on Saturday May 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at St Chad's Cathedral. The Mass invitation is open to all married couples as well as those preparing to marry in 2020. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary this year, whether it is your 1st anniversary or every 5th year up to 60th (and every year after 60), please email Lianne Pap (Marriage and Family Life Co-ordinator) [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org) to register to attend one of the Masses.

### **“YEAR OF THE WORD” PRAYER**

Living God, you walk alongside us, and speak to us throughout the Scriptures. Your Son, Jesus Christ, listens to our hopes and fears, and shows us how to live for one another. Send us the Holy Spirit, to open our hearts and minds, so that we may be your witnesses throughout the world. Amen

V. Your word is our path and your truth is our light.

**R. *This day and every day.***

Our Lady of the Annunciation - **R. *Pray for us***

St. Matthew - **R. *Pray for us***

St. Jerome - **R. *Pray for us***



“MARRIAGE MATTERS” – WORD from Sunday's Readings  
([www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk))



### ***Avoid independence***

*Today, both Eve and Jesus are tempted to become independent, to turn away from the love of God. In marriage, we can think we have a right to fulfil our own desires without considering our partner, but we need to share these deepest hopes and dreams, and be prepared to hear the impact on our loved one and our relationship.*

**FOODBANK URGENTLY NEEDED:** long-life milk, canned fruit, canned vegetables, and custard (instant or canned). Money donations are always needed to cover costs: gas, electricity, water rates etc. Thank you.

**MONTHLY COFFEE MORNING:** 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month in the Parish Hall, from 10.15am to 12 noon. Following dates: **6<sup>th</sup> March**, 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> May, 5<sup>th</sup> June, 3<sup>rd</sup> July. All are welcome.

**WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN UNION (WCU):** 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month from 10.00am – 12.00 noon in the Parish Hall. All Christian women are welcome. Next meeting **5<sup>th</sup> March**.

**MONTHLY LUNCH:** Next on Tuesday **21<sup>st</sup> April**. To book in advance, or cancel, call **Sue Barnes 01543 671701**. Donations for Raffle Prizes are always needed. Thank you for your support.

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month at 8.30am, next is **7<sup>th</sup> March**. All men are welcome. Please contact **Tom Bentham** in advance. Email preferred [tombentham@yahoo.com](mailto:tombentham@yahoo.com) or leave a message on 01543 506698 or text 0780 884 9085.

**REMEMBERING LOVED ONES IN OUR CHURCH:** to have a memorial plaque with the name(s) of our loved one(s) bonded to the interior church wall, please contact **Dave King** 07831 858443 or email [glynn.king1@ntlworld.com](mailto:glynn.king1@ntlworld.com). Forms are also at the back of the church.

**PARISH HALL HIRE:** For details, please contact **Helen Richards** 01543 677974 or 07982149136 or Email: [helenrichards2011@gmail.com](mailto:helenrichards2011@gmail.com).

**ST JOSEPH & ST THERESA CATHOLIC NURSERY:** In September 2020, our school will be opening a governor run nursery which, alongside their Reception class, will make an early years unit. To find out more details or register your interest in a nursery place please contact Miss Palmer in the office: 01543 227220 or [office@st-joseph-st-theresa.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-joseph-st-theresa.staffs.sch.uk) Parents are encouraged to visit the school to see first-hand the school's fantastic outdoor provision for early years.

**LATEST NEWS:** Copies of "The Sower" magazine are available at the back of the church, FREE to take. To keep on top of the latest news, events and information from our Archdiocese, please follow these channels: Web: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk); to receive Diocesan e-newsletter, please subscribe. Instagram: [www.instagram.com/birminghamarchdiocese](http://www.instagram.com/birminghamarchdiocese) Twitter: [www.twitter.com/RCBirmingham](http://www.twitter.com/RCBirmingham) Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Archdiocese-of-Birmingham-166194176857632/>

℟. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
℞. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. *Hail Mary...*

℟. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
℞. Be it done unto me according to thy word. *Hail Mary...*

℟. And the Word was made flesh.  
℞. And dwelt among us. *Hail Mary...*

℟. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.  
℞. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

**Let us pray:** Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that, we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

*The  
Angelus  
Prayer*