



## PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, BURNTWOOD

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## Third Week of Easter

DATES	TIMES	MASS INTENTIONS
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April – 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter	10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April – Easter Feria	10.00am	Noel Sweeney RIP
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> April – Easter Feria	10.00am	John and Mary Preece RIP
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	1.00pm	<b>Funeral Mass of Noel Sweeney followed by burial at 2.00pm</b>
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> April - Easter Feria	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> May – Easter Feria	10.00am	Noel Sweeney RIP
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May Memorial of St. Athanasius	10.00am	Celebrant's Intention
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations	10.00am	People of the Parish

**DAILY MASS:** said privately by Fr. Linh for your intentions. Details for live-streamed Masses from different churches are on our website. *For those who can't attend online Masses, please join me spiritually in prayer at home at the above set times.* Mass intentions that have already requested will be offered as arranged. Any further Mass intentions can be arranged by phone or email. Thank you.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Noel Sweeney** and **Anthony Scott** who died recently. We extend our deepest sympathy to their families during this difficult time. *Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord! And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in Peace!*

**ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK:** Elizabeth Malley, Harry Bennett, Frances Westwood, Winifred Robinson, Emma Cannon, Paul Rogers, Margaret Swift, Mary Hyden, Nancy Floyd, Margaret Tait, and Maureen Parker. 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. We pray especially for those who are affected by the coronavirus pandemic in various ways. May the Lord grant them healing, strength and peace!

### **If you are self-isolating and need any help**

*Grocery shopping, a friendly phone call, posting mail, walking the dog, urgent supplies.*

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## SOME PRAYERS DURING THE PANDEMIC

Jesus Christ, you travelled through towns and villages 'curing every disease and illness.' At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care. Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbours from helping one another. Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, hear us and heal us. Amen.

*(From America Magazine (2 March 2020), by Kerry Weber)*

For all who have contracted coronavirus,  
We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable,  
We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety,  
We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions  
between food on the table or public safety,  
We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,  
We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,  
We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world,  
We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision-makers,  
We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all. Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

*(US Conference of Catholic Bishops)*

*Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray: look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through Christ our Lord. Amen*

Most merciful and Triune God,  
We come to you in our weakness.  
We come to you in our fear.  
We come to you with trust.  
For you alone are our hope.  
We place before you the disease present in our world.  
We turn to you in our time of need.  
Bring wisdom to doctors.  
Give understanding to scientists.  
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.  
Bring healing to those who are ill.  
Protect those who are most at risk.  
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.  
Welcome those who have died into your eternal home.  
Stabilise our communities.  
Unite us in our compassion.  
Remove all fear from our hearts.  
Fill us with confidence in your care.  
Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you.  
Jesus, I trust in you. Amen.

*(Author unknown)*

*O Mary,  
you always shine on our path  
as a sign of salvation and of hope.  
We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick,  
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,  
keeping your faith firm.  
You, Salvation of the Roman People,  
know what we need,  
and we are sure you will provide  
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,  
we may return to joy and to feasting  
after this time of trial.  
Help us, Mother of Divine Love,  
to conform to the will of the Father  
and to do as we are told by Jesus,  
who has taken upon himself our sufferings  
and carried our sorrows  
to lead us, through the cross,  
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.*

*Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy  
Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of  
we who are in trial, but deliver us from every  
danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin*

*(Pope Francis)*

### SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Holy Sacrament of the altar. I love you above all things and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you now and forever. Amen.