



# PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, BURNTWOOD

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## Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

DATES	TIMES	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> July – <i>Feria</i> Vigil for Sunday	5.00pm	Douglas Thompson RIP
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> July <i>15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am 6.00pm	Kathleen Phillips RIP People of the Parish
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> July – <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Yvonne Horsley RIP
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July - <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Thanksgiving (Ordination Ann.)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July – <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Doris Salt RIP
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July - <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	James Salt RIP
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July – <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	In thanksgiving for St. Joseph's Christian Nursery 1993 - 2020
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> July – <i>Feria</i> Vigil for Sunday	5.00pm	Deceased of Mooney Family
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> July <i>16<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am	People of the Parish

**ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK:** Cornelius Cosgrove, Rev. John Molyneux, Anne Corns, Gladys Saxon, Frances Harper, John Deakin, Kevin Yates, Agnes Edwards, Jennifer Summerfield, John Paget & Bernard McGann. 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!

**PARISH DRAW:** Only £5/month to win £200 every month. MAY winners: E. O'Donnell (1<sup>st</sup>), S. Fryer (2<sup>nd</sup>) & P. Lamer (3<sup>rd</sup>). The only way to win the prize is to be in the draw. Tickets are NOT on sales after Masses. We need more people to join the monthly draw by direct debit, please email the office for details.

**WEEKLY OFFERINGS:** please put your envelope/cash in the donation box provided. The best way is to set up a standing order. Please consider doing this. The diocese has also set up other ways for us to support our parish online. Please visit the link for details:

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/supporting-your-parish-financially](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/news/supporting-your-parish-financially) Thank you.

**COLLECTION ENVELOPS:** Envelopes for weekly collection (first and second OR just second collection) are ready to be collected, please take yours when you come in. Thank you.

## **PUBLIC MASS AT ST. JOSEPH'S**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** to be **stewards and to clean the church after every Mass.** We rely heavily on your good will, kindness and precious time. *If we don't have enough volunteers to keep everyone safe, the church won't be open for public Masses.* If you are not deemed vulnerable (over 70 years, and/or with certain pre-existing health conditions) and would like to help, please contact the parish (by email or phone) to get more information. Thank you.

### **IMPORTANT NOTES**

- **IT IS COMPULSORY TO WEAR A MASK/FACE COVERING IN THE CHURCH.** (unless you are asthmatic or under 5). The clergy will wear a face mask to give Holy Communion.
- The existing arrangements in place for individual private prayer will remain: access for all from the car park (usual entrance), use of hand gel on arrival and leaving the church, candles lit by yourselves, one-way system and exit via the fire door (nearest to the Baptismal Font)
- **EVERY DAY IS SUNDAY.** The obligation to attend Sunday Mass remains suspended. *We can still attend online Masses or come to any weekday Mass instead of Sunday. This will help spread the number of people wanting to come over the whole week.* Due to limited seats based on social distancing rules, please **RESERVE YOUR SEATS** in advance, especially at weekends (by email or phone).
- We will provide seating family groups (3-5 people). Elsewhere there will be places for couples and individuals. Only occupy the family accommodation if you are from the same household or in a pre-arranged bubble. Please respect and strictly follow our stewards' instructions
- Children are welcome but there will be no children's liturgy, no reading resources and it will be essential that parents can ensure that they satisfy the special distance requirements.
- **There will be collection at the entrance and exit.**
- **TOILETS & THE HALL WILL REMAIN CLOSED**
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** If you wish to make your confession, you will need to make an appointment with Fr. Linh by phone or email.
- **The Church will be cleaned after every Mass.**

## READINGS AT MASS

### The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you,  
we bless you,  
we adore you,  
we glorify you,  
we give you thanks for your great glory,  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
O God, almighty Father.  
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,  
you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us;  
you take away the sins of the world,  
receive our prayer;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,  
have mercy on us.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the  
Father. **Amen.**

### First Reading - Isaiah 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord: "As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do."

### Responsorial Psalm – Psalm 64

R/ *Some seed fell into rich soil  
and produced its crop*

1. You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain. R.

2. And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows,  
you level it, soften it with showers,  
you bless its growth. R.

3. You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. R.

4. The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing. R.

### Second Reading - Romans 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

### Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening; you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

### Gospel - Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, "Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up.

Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, "Why do you talk to them in parables?" "Because" he replied "the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

"But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

"You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man

who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty."

### **The Profession of Faith**

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

***(all bow during the next two lines)***

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**GOD BLESS**

