



PARISH OF ST. JOSEPH, BURNTWOOD

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

DATES	TIMES	MASS INTENTIONS
Saturday 18 th July Vigil for Sunday	5.00pm	Deceased of Mooney Family
Sunday 19 th July 16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	People of the Parish
Monday 20 th July – <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Deceased of O'Donnell Family
Tuesday 21 st July - <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention
Wednesday 22nd July <i>Feast of St. Mary Magdalene</i>	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention
Thursday 23 rd July – <i>Feria</i> <i>Feast of St. Bridget, Patron of Europe</i>	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention
Friday 24 th July – <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	Celebrant's Intention
Saturday 25 th July Vigil for Sunday	5.00pm	Pauline Geraghty & the deceased of Geraghty Family
Sunday 26 th July 17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.00am	People of the Parish

ANNIVERSARIES WITHIN THE WEEK: Joan Paget, Bernard McGann, Dorothy Smith, Mary Johnson, Mary O'Donnell, Phyllis Stenson, Teresa Myring, Alice Abbey, William Waters, & Pauline Geraghty. 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 so many ways. May the Lord grant them healing, strength and peace!

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 NOT on sales after Masses. We need more people to join the monthly draw by direct debit so that the draw is able to take place, please contact 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 Thank you.

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

MASS INTENTION: Please use your own envelop to put a donation and a CLEAR note about the intention and the date(s) you prefer, then either give it directly to Fr. Linh when you come to church or put it in his letter box. Please note: if the date is not available, the Mass for your intention will be celebrated on the nearest date (before or after your chosen date). Thank you.

NEWSPAPERS: “CATHOLIC UNIVERSE” and “CATHOLIC TIMES” are not available to be collected at church, but you can get it delivered direct to your home every week, POST FREE. Please go to www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call them on 0161 820 5722 and they will arrange for you. SPECIAL OFFER 3 MONTHS - £18.00 or 12 Months - £72.00

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.* 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 be 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.
- **Collection Boxes are at the entrance and exit.**
- **TOILETS & THE HALL WILL REMAIN CLOSED**
- **Sacrament of Reconciliation:** please arrange 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.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading - Wisdom 12:13. 16-19

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

After sin you will grant repentance. There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm - Psalm 85

R. O Lord, you are good and forgiving.

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

Second Reading - Romans 8:26-27

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

The Spirit expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words. The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. **Alleluia!**

Gospel - Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well.

The owner's servants went to him and said, 'Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?' 'Some enemy has done this,' he answered. And the servants said, 'Do you want us to go and weed it out?' But he said, 'No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'

He put another parable before them, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches."

He told them another parable, "The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through."

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy: I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, "Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us." He said in reply, "The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels.

Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will

shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!"

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.**

MAY GOD BLESS YOU