

PRAYER TO ST JOSEPH

O Blessed St Joseph,
Patron of the Universal Church,
extend to all God's children the care you showed
to the Holy Family in Nazareth
and pray for us as we gather to celebrate the Eucharist.
Guide & protect all the people of our parish
and make the light of Christ shine among us
so that His Kingdom may be established in our midst.
Amen.

PARISH GROUPS

Rosary Group: Mondays after Mass
SVP: meets alternate Wednesdays at 2.30pm.
CAFOD group: meets monthly
Music Group: contact Julie Train
Bereavement Group: contact Maureen Barnes
Guild of St Stephen (altar servers): last Sat of the month at 9am
Play Group & Nursery: contact Ann King on 671356
Youth Club: 1st & 3rd Friday of the month at 7.30pm
Diners' Club: meets monthly
Men's Breakfast: 1st Saturday of the month 8.30am

PARISH INFORMATION

Parish Office: Maureen Barnes & Cath Nugent, office hours: Weds & Fri 10am-3pm
Gift Aid Organiser: Angela Thompson
Child Protection: Breda Helm
Parish Magazine: Margaret Taylor / Tony Hayward
Sacrament of Reconciliation: Sat 4pm or by appointment
Sacrament of Baptism: after Mass on Sundays
Sacrament Marriage: By Appointment
Adoration: Thursdays 8—8.30pm & as announced

SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN NEIGHBOURING PARISHES

Brownhills St Bernadette: Sat 6.30pm, Sun 10am
Cannock SS Mary & Thomas More: Sat 5.15pm, Sun 8am, 10.30am
Hednesford Our Lady of Lourdes: Sat 6pm, Sun 9.30am
Lichfield Holy Cross: Sun 8.30am, SS Peter & Paul Sat 6pm, Sun 11am
Rugeley SS Joseph & Etheldreda: Sat 7pm, Sun 11am, 6.30pm

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ST JOSEPH'S PARISH NEWS

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HOLY WEEK

Week beginning Sunday 17 April 2011

Sunday 17 April 5pm (Sat) 10am 6pm	Palm Sunday Mass Mass United Service	<i>People of the Parish Marjorie Neenan St Joseph's</i>
Monday 18 April 10am 7pm	Monday of Holy Week Mass Holy Hour	<i>Mrs Sara Llewellyn</i>
Tuesday 19 April 10am	Tuesday of Holy Week Mass	<i>Janeine Mills</i>
Wednesday 20 April 9.15am 11.30am	Wednesday of Holy Week Mass Chrism Mass (St Chad's Cathedral)	<i>Billy Ryan</i>

THE EASTER TRIDUUM

Thursday 21 April 7pm	Maundy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching until midnight	<i>Noel Sweeney</i>
Friday 22 April 9.15am 3pm 7pm	Good Friday The Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Stations of the Cross & Divine Mercy Novena	
Saturday 23 April 9.15am 8pm	Holy Saturday The Office of Readings and Morning Prayer The Easter Vigil	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Sunday 24 April 10am	Easter Sunday Mass	<i>Helen Magulska</i>
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THE WORD THIS WEEK

On Palm Sunday the long reading of the Passion dominates the celebration, and in a sense its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as more than just a long story. It is our story – the tale of how God achieved OUR salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Those who have died recently: Margaret Mary Yates, Edward O'Loughlin, Joan Coley, Muriel Hayes, Teresa Averill, Patrick William Ryan, Susan Burke, Angela Felgate, Winnie Williams, Betty Bardell, John Anthony Stokes, Charlotte Hughes.

Those whose anniversaries occur this week: Nina Appleby, Sarah Weir, Harriet Millar, Rosemary Kane, William Phillips, Emma Davenport, Arthur Evans, Elizabeth Frances Scarrettm Helena Waden Maria Ilnicka.

The sick & housebound: Sheila Appleton (nee Levell), Chris Austin, Christopher Barton, Christopher Brown, Nikki Carr, Pauline & Ken Chaplain, Anne Corfield, Auriel Dalley, Roger Dunne, Janet Evans, Stuart Frost, Olga Grant, Jean Griffiths, Jill Gutteridge, Tracy Holland, Mary Hughes, Dorothy Hurley, Clare Kettle, Josie Kimberly, Lorraine Macbeth, Lily McGrath, Michael McGowan, Tracy McGregor, Amy McKeon, Anita McLean, Diane Meddings, Paul Robert Moffat, Daniel Moody, Ricardo Morcillo, Vincent Morgan, Betty Myatt, Elsie Norman, Maureen Parker, Bob Preston, Bernadette Samongie, Tony Scott, Michael Stanley, Derrick Stone, Linda, Andy & Bethany Sutton, Margaret Trickett, Matthew Waterfield, Thelma Waters, Josie Wilson, Jean Winsper, Maureen Withy

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen*

FINANCE

Collection 9-10 April: **£416.30** (gift aid: £157.36 loose £258.94)

Second collections: last Sunday: Fr Hudson's Lent Appeal £289.94
this Sunday: No second collection
Good Friday: Holy Places
Easter Sunday: no second collection

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

GENERAL NOTICES

ROSARY GROUP: Mon 18 April 8pm. The Rosary will be at 101 Springhill Road. All welcome. No Rosary on Mon 25 April

EASTER TRIDUUM: Please keep the customary silence in and around the church from the end of Mass on Holy Thursday until after the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday. Thank you.

BORN FOR THIS: A Lenten reflection performed by students of Cardinal Griffin Catholic High School. Wednesday 20 April 7pm. There will be a retiring collection for Cancer Research

DIVINE MERCY: The Novena to the Divine Mercy begins on Good Friday & ends the Second Sunday of Easter. Please take one of the leaflets if you wish to participate. It would be an appropriate way to mark the Beatification of Pope John Paul II on May 1st which is Divine Mercy Sunday.

EASTER COLLECTION: A reminder that the collection at the Easter Vigil & on Easter Sunday goes to the Parish Priest.

YOUTH CLUB: If there are any parents willing to help with running the youth club, please see Fr Patrick or Lisa Gartshore.

CAFOD: Please support Ulrike Jones who is running the Lichfield Half-Marathon on May 1st for Cafod. Sponsor forms at the back of church.

MEDJUGORJE: Marian Tours Pilgrimage 15—22 May, £519 (insurance £20 if required). Contact Josie Smith on 01889 582146 if interested.

HILTON TALKS: Life in the Spirit Seminars Fri April 29—Fri June 10, 7.15pm. Please take green leaflet from back of church *For more details ring Julie: 01543 672923 or Nichola: 01543 480428*

SVP: If anyone knows somebody who would appreciate a visit by members of the SVP please let Fr Patrick or a member of the SVP know.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE: St Peter & St Paul's, Lichfield on Tues 19 April at 7.30pm

Sunday refreshments: Margaret Taylor and Pete Taylor