



SUNDAY BULLETIN



Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe Year B

24th November 2024

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Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and
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Our parish website
www.parityclustersacredheartstjoseph.org.uk

Confessions

Sacred Heart

Friday 10.00 am – 11.30 am (During Adoration)
Sunday 10.00 am – 10.20 am

St Joseph's

Wednesday 5.00 pm – 5.50 pm (During Adoration)
Saturday 4.30 pm - 4.50 pm

Eucharistic Adoration and Rosary

Sacred Heart

Friday 10.00 am – 10.30 am

St Joseph's

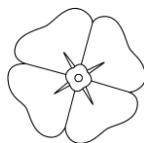
Wednesday 5.00 pm – 6.00 pm

| MASS SCHEDULE | SACRED HEART | SAINTE JOSEPH | EVENT | MASS INTENTION |
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| Saturday 23 rd November Feria in Ordinary Time | | 5.00pm | Vigil Mass for Sunday | Chris Hoy |
| Sunday 24 th November Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe National Youth Sunday | 10.30am | | Holy Mass | John, Andrew + David Hall & Graham Rushton |
| Monday 25 th November Feria in Ordinary Time | | | | |
| Tuesday 26 th November Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.30am (In Chapel) | | Holy Mass | Vincent McNicholas RIP |
| Wednesday 27 th November Feria in Ordinary Time | 10.30 am | 5.00pm 6.00pm | Requiem Mass Adoration Holy Mass | Brian Turner Tony Carr RIP |
| Thursday 28 th November Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.30am | | Holy Mass | People of the Parish |
| Friday 29 th November Feria in Ordinary Time | 9.30am (In Chapel) | | Holy Mass Adoration | Private Intention |
| Saturday 30 th November Feast of St Andrew, Apostle | | 5.00pm | Vigil Mass for Sunday | Chris Hoy |
| Sunday 1 st November First Sunday of Advent National Youth Sunday | 10.30am | | Holy Mass | John, Andrew + David Hall & Graham Rushton |

Church Calendar

- 24th Nov Family Mass Sacred Heart
- 24th Nov Catholic Youth Services Second Collection
- 26th Nov 10.30am Blessing at Tunstall Cemetery
- 27th Nov Sacred Heart, Requiem Mass for Brian Turner followed by refreshments in the social room(actual funeral is not in Tunstall)*
- 28th Nov St Wilfrid children at Mass at Sacred Heart
- 28th Nov 10.30am Blessing at Burslem Cemetery
- 3rd Dec Funeral Mass for John Dale at Sacred Heart
- 7th Dec Sacred Heart Christmas Party*
- 7th Dec Family Mass St Joseph's
- 8th Dec Poor Parishes Second Collection
- 20th Dec Mass & Penitentiary Service at Goldenhill St Joseph's 6pm
- 20th Dec St Wilfrid's Carol Concert at Sacred Heart 11am

* Additional information in the bulletin



November Cemetery Visit

Fr George will be visiting Tunstall Cemetery on Tuesday 26th November at 10.30 am and Burslem Cemetery on 28th November 10.30 am.

Baptism and Marriage

If you are interested in either of these sacraments, please note we require evidence of practice.

Attendance cards are now available at the back of church.

RCIA

Are you an adult interested in being baptised or received into the Catholic Church? Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

Please Pray for the Repose of the Souls of our departed family members and parishioners, especially: Sarah McGreevy, Andrew Hall, Alicia Bennett, Vincent McNicholas, Brian Turner, John Dale and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

Pope's Prayer Intention for December 2024

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope..

Potto Lotto

All money raised through the Potto Lotto is going towards Sacred Heart Presbytery running costs. Remember to nominate Sacred Heart, Tunstall so we receive 50p of every £ donated.

St Joseph's Car Park

The car park at the back of St Joseph's, accessed via Pack Horse Lane (ST6 4BA), will be open for the Saturday Mass from 4pm to 6.30pm.

Children at Mass

We are running an attendance competition at both churches for all the under 16-year-olds. All children please remember to write your names each week in the book at the back of church. Winners will be announced at the **Christmas Vigil Mass**.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who helped with tidying up the church garden at Sacred Heart.

Sacred Heart Tombola

We will be having a tombola after mass on the 24th November. £1 a ticket, every ticket wins a prize.

Sacred Heart Jewellery Sale

Over the next few Sunday's the jewellery stall will be back at Sacred Heart.

Thank you

Thank you to Nurtured Tunstall and Nurtured Chell for your amazing donations of toys and clothes to our foodbank.

Sacred Heart Christmas Party

We will be having a Christmas Party on the 7th December 2pm till 4pm. It will be a shared table. Tea, coffee and squash will be available. Please bring your pocket money as there will also be a tuck shop table, name the bear, raffle, Christmas movie, Christmas songs, arts and crafts, pass the parcel, bottle/jar stall (not alcohol) and a visit from Santa. We are after donations of filled bottles/jars.

St Joseph's Red Mission Boxes

If you are a Parishioner at St Joseph's and you have a Red Mission Box please can you bring them in for Janet to record who has which box.

Christmas Raffle St Joseph's

£1 a ticket, 1st prize £100, to be drawn on the 21st December.

Christmas Raffle Sacred Heart

We will be having a Christmas raffle. We are after prizes for the Christmas raffle as well as the raffle at the Christmas party. All donations gratefully received.

Parish Cluster Pastoral Committee Meeting

At the back of church there are copies of the handout given out at the Deanery Forum. The handout shows how the Deanery will be split into missions. Our cluster is in mission 1.

One of the overriding issues we face as parishes, clusters and a deanery is the continually falling numbers attending mass and then the even fewer who get involved and help. St Joseph's have a very hard-working team of volunteers, who are doing exceedingly well preparing for the centenary celebrations, but we need more.

One of the ways we are looking at increasing numbers is the introduction of a minimum attendance before sacraments (except funerals) can be booked. Before anyone can get their child Baptised, get married, have First Holy Communion or Confirmation, they have to have a minimum of 12 weeks attendance. The primary schools are supporting our decision. Both churches should have a pile of attendance cards, if either church is running low, please let the office know. These cards are to be filled out each week they attend. They do not need to turn up every week, but we want them to have attended 12 times before booking anything. During these 12 visits we need to encourage participation, be welcoming and hopefully when they complete the sacrament they will continue to attend.

Using St Joseph's as inspiration, Sacred Heart is looking at events that can bring the parish together. After a lot of discussion, Sacred Heart will be organising a Christmas party on Saturday 7th December. We want as many people involved with the organising and preparation as possible not just our normal volunteers. If you are reading this and you have not been approached to help **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. There will be plenty of jobs before, during and after the party. We will also be asking for donations.

Information from the Diocese

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Every year, hundreds of pilgrims from across the Archdiocese of Birmingham join together for the Lourdes Pilgrimage. 2025 is the Year of Jubilee and Archbishop Bernard invites you to come with us on this very special occasion in the life of the Archdiocese: "It's a great experience to be together with upwards of 700 fellow pilgrims." The pilgrimage dates have been announced: Saturday 24 – Friday 30 May 2025, and you can now express your interest in a place or get more information by visiting www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes.

Job Vacancy

The Archdiocese of Birmingham invite applications for the new CEO of the first enlarged Catholic Multi-Academy Trust in the Archdiocese. This is an incredibly exciting opportunity to commence Easter 2025, or earlier. We are looking for an outstanding, dynamic, innovative and visionary Catholic servant leader to lead this new Trust of 63 schools by example and with wisdom. The successful candidate will bring hope and optimism to the role, providing strategic direction and educational leadership to support our schools in facing the future. For further details, please visit the Diocesan Education Service website: [CEO Vacancy](#). The closing date is 25th November, 2024

CAFOD Middle East Humanitarian Appeal

The Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC) are launching an emergency appeal in response to the worsening crisis that we see in the Holy Land. CAFOD are pleased that the scale of the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East has been recognised and it plays an important role in how the Catholic community responds to this. Thanks to the support of the Catholic Community here in England and Wales, CAFOD have been supporting partners providing essential and life-saving responses to the huge need in Gaza to many thousands of people over the last year and have been able to allocate £60,000 out of core funds to Lebanon partners to support their immediate response. "Our Church partners have been clear that with more funds, they can do more to meet the desperate needs and provide essential items to their communities." As a parish we will not be having a specific collection for the disaster appeal but if you would like to donate please visit the CAFOD website.

World Day of the Poor

17 November 2024 'The prayer of the poor rises up to God' (cf. Sir 21:5) The Pope's message for the 8th World Day of the Poor invites us to 'be friends of the poor, following in the footsteps of Jesus'. Parishes are encouraged to use this opportunity to reflect on the needs in our local communities, and how we are reaching out with spiritual and material support. Please visit:

www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/poveri/documents/20240613-messaggioviii-giornatamondiale-poveri-2024.html

Petition Against Assisted Suicide

The CBCEW website has been updated with a raft of resources for parishioners to be informed regarding the assisted suicide legislation that is currently working its way through Parliament. Please encourage our parishioners to write to their MPs either directly or via the link found on the CBCEW Website – <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposingassisted-suicide/>

Encyclical Letter from the Holy Father

Dilexit Nos The fourth Encyclical Letter of Pope Francis's pontificate Dilexit Nos – "He has loved us" on the human and divine love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, has just been published. The Holy Father describes his letter as bringing together precious reflections of previous magisterial texts and a long history that goes back to the Sacred Scriptures to re-propose to the whole Church, devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Pope Francis has written this Encyclical Letter amid the 350th anniversary celebrations of the apparitions to Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque. An introduction by Bishop Mark Davies on the Bishops' Conference website can be accessed by this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishop-davies-dilexit-nos/>

Booked Mass Intentions

| Date | Intention | Location |
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| 23/11/24 | Chris Hoy | SJ |
| 24/11/24 | John, Andrew + David Hall & Graham Rushton | SH |
| 26/11/24 | Holy Souls | SH |
| 27/11/24 | Private Intention | SJ |
| 28/11/24 | People of the Parish | SH |
| 29/11/24 | Theresa Pham Thi Nghe, Joseph Nguyen Tri Lan, Joseph Nguyen Tri Riem | SH |
| 30/11/24 | Evelyn & Norman Wood | SJ |
| 1/12/24 | Vincent McNicholas RIP | SH |
| 3/12/24 | People of the Parish | SH |
| 5/12/24 | Antonio Da Silva Faria RIP | SH |
| 6/12/24 | Neha Sebastian | SH |
| 7/12/24 | Ogechukwu Innocent Chukwuka | SJ |
| 8/12/24 | Jean & James Harding RIP | SH |
| 10/12/24 | People of the Parish | SH |
| 12/12/24 | Av Chacko | SH |
| 13/12/24 | Michael Upton | SH |
| 14/12/24 | Michael + Damon Grant | SJ |
| 15/12/24 | John Patrick + Dorothy Gray RIP | SH |
| 17/12/24 | People of the Parish | SH |
| 18/12/24 | Teresa Jackson Birthday | SJ |
| 19/12/24 | John, Andrew + David Hall & Graham Rushton | SH |
| 20/12/24 | Holy Souls Paul + David RIP | SH |
| 22/12/24 | Theresa Pham Thi Nghe, Joseph Nguyen Tri Lan, Joseph Nguyen Tri Riem | SH |
| 24/12/24 | People of the Parish | SH |
| 26/12/24 | Cath Watton RIP | SH |
| 27/12/24 | Mr Brian Turner | SH |
| 28/12/24 | Evelyn & Norman Wood | SJ |
| 29/12/24 | Holy Souls Paul + David RIP | SH |
| 31/12/24 | Richard Lusher RIP | SH |
| 5/1/24 | Philip Blood RIP | SH |
| 7/1/24 | Antonio Da Silva Faria | SH |
| 11/1/25 | John Field 60 th Birthday | SJ |
| 17/1/25 | Carol's Intentions | SH |
| 21/1/24 | Theresa Pham Thi Nghe, Joseph Nguyen Tri Lan, Joseph Nguyen Tri Riem | SH |
| 23/2/24 | Theresa Pham Thi Nghe, Joseph Nguyen Tri Lan, Joseph Nguyen Tri Rien | SH |

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