



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

17th 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
Saturday 16 th November Feria in Ordinary Time		5.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Stanley Davies Recovery
Sunday 17 th November Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time World Day of the Poor	10.30am		Holy Mass	Private Intention
Monday 18 th November Feria in Ordinary Time				
Tuesday 19 th November Feria in Ordinary Time	10am		Funeral Mass	Vincent McNicholas RIP
Wednesday 20 th November Feria in Ordinary Time		5.00pm 6.00pm	Adoration Holy Mass	Tony Carr RIP
Thursday 21 st November Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am (In Chapel) 12.30pm		Holy Mass Wedding	People of the Parish Rini and Matthew
Friday 22 nd November Memorial of St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass Adoration	Private Intention
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

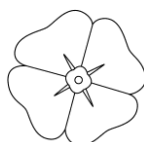
Church Calendar

- 16th Nov Film and Christmas Buffet St Joseph's*
- 19th Nov Funeral Sacred Heart 10am
- 24th Nov Family Mass Sacred Heart
- 24th Nov Catholic Youth Services Second Collection
- 26th Nov 10.30am Blessing at Tunstall Cemetery
- 28th Nov 10.30am Blessing at Burslem Cemetery
- 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

* 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 and those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May their souls rest in peace. Amen.

Pope's Prayer Intention for November 2024

For a anyone who has lost a child

We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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**.

November Dead List

Envelopes are available at the back of church so that you can add names to our November Dead List. Please enclose a piece of paper with the names of deceased family and friends, with a donation if you wish. **Please only include names of deceased people.** Every year names of living past priests have been included and I am not to add those names to the list.

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.

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.

Thank you from St Joseph's Burslem

Thank you to Paul for reading the list of the fallen and Liz for playing the Last Post for the Remembrance Day Mass.

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. There will be a planning meeting after mass on the 10th November – Everyone is welcome.

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
16/11/24	Stanley Davies Recovery (Sue Schofield's Grandson)	SJ
17/11/24	Private Intention	SH
19/11/24	Vincent McNicholas Funeral Mass	SH
20/11/24	Tony Carr RIP	SJ
21/11/24	People of the Parish	SH
22/11/24	Private Intention	SH
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	George Jacob	SH
13/12/24	Av Chacko	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
19/12/24	Christo Sebastian	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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