



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Third Sunday of Advent Year C

15th December 2024

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Our parish website
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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 14 th December Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church		5.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Michael & Damon Grant
Sunday 15 th December Third Sunday of Advent	10.30am		Holy Mass	John Patrick & Dorothy Gray RIP
Monday 16 th December Advent Feria				
Tuesday 17 th December Advent Feria	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass	People of the Parish
Wednesday 18 th December Advent Feria		5.00pm 6.00pm	Adoration Holy Mass	Teresa Jackson Birthday
Thursday 19 th December Advent Feria	1.00pm		Funeral Mass	Pat O'Reilly
Friday 20 th December Advent Feria	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass	Holy Souls Paul & David RIP
Saturday 21 st December Advent Feria		5.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Teresa Jackson
Sunday 22 nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent	10.30am		Holy Mass	Theresa Pham Thi Nghe, Joseph Nguyen Tri Lan, Joseph Nguyen Tri Riem

Church Calendar

19th Dec Christmas Songs and mince pies at St Wilfrid's school 10am*

19th Dec Funeral Mass at SH

20th Dec Mass & Penitentiary Service at Goldenhill, St Joseph's 6pm*

20th Dec St Wilfrid's Carol Concert at SH 11am

21st Dec SJ Christmas raffle*

21st Dec SJ 4pm Baptism

21st Dec SJ 4.30pm Carol's around the Crib

21st Dec SJ after Mass Brew and mince pie

22nd Dec Sacred Heart Christmas raffle*

24th Dec Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 7pm SH

25th Dec Christmas Day Mass 10.30am SH

* Additional information in the bulletin

SH = Sacred Heart SJ = St Joseph's

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, Pat O'Rielly 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 Nurtured Tunstall and Nurtured Chell for your amazing donations of toys and clothes to our foodbank.

Thank you

Thank you to Aldi Kids Grove for their generous voucher as a raffle prize at Sacred Heart

Thank you

Thank you to all the parishioners for their continued support of the piety store at Sacred Heart over the years and for all the organising and hard work that goes into it by Don, Julie and additional helpers.

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.

Mince Pies and Christmas songs

All parishioners are invited along to St Wilfrid's school for mince pies and Christmas songs at 10am Thursday 19th December.

Parish Foodbank

The parish foodbank's last day before Christmas is the 17th December. The foodbank will reopen on the 7th January. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the individuals, schools, groups, businesses that have supported the foodbank throughout 2024. On this lead up to Christmas, both St Margaret Ward and St Peter's have provided help so that we can give an extra treat to those who will have so little at this time of year. **Thank you to everyone who has donated food, money and other items.** The parish would also like to say a big thank you to the volunteers who help out at the foodbank, giving up their precious time, going all over the place picking up supplies and doing such valuable work.

Office opening hours over Christmas

The office will close on December 20th and reopen on Thursday 2nd January.

Toy Sale

St Joseph's new and second-hand toys for sale in the Piety store.

20th December Mass & Penitentiary Service at **Goldenhill, St Joseph's** starting at 6pm. This is for all the parishes in the local area. Please do attend if you are able.

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.

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.

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/>

The Jubilee Year 'Pilgrims of Hope'

The Jubilee of Hope will begin in December 2024 with Pope Francis opening the 'Holy Door' in St. Peter's Basilica, offering the world's 1.3 billion Catholics the possibility of obtaining a plenary indulgence and a year of special graces. The Jubilee of Hope will end on the feast of the Epiphany in 2026.

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the faith you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
Into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the
Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within both
humanity and the whole cosmos
In the sure expectation
Of a new heaven and a new earth,
When, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
Your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
Reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
A yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
The joy and peace of our Redeemer
Throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
Be glory and praise for ever.
Amen

From 'The Jubilee Companion Booklet', available from the back of church minimum donation £1.50

Booked Mass Intentions

Date	Intention	Location
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
1/1/25	John Brittain RIP	SJ
2/1/25	People of the Parishes	SH
3/1/25	Repose of the soul of Brian Turner	SH
4/1/24	Vincent McNicholas Birthday RIP	SH
5/1/25	Philip Blood RIP	SH
7/1/25	Antonio Da Silva Faria	SH
8/1/25	RIP Mass Jose Joseph	SJ
9/1/25	People of the Parishes	SH
10/1/25	Pat O'Reilly	SH
11/1/25	John Field 60 th Birthday	SJ
12/1/25	John, Andrew + David Hall & Graham Rushton	SH
14/1/25	Vincent McNicholas	SH
15/1/25	Margaret & Patrick Horan RIP	SJ
16/1/25	People of the Parishes	SH
17/1/25	Carol's Intentions	SH
19/1/25	Ian Stewart	SH
21/1/25	Theresa Pham Thi Nghe, Joseph Nguyen Tri Lan, Joseph Nguyen Tri Riem	SH
11/2/25	Jean Harding	SH
23/2/25	Theresa Pham Thi Nghe, Joseph Nguyen Tri Lan, Joseph Nguyen Tri Rien	SH

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