



# SUNDAY BULLETIN



Fourth Sunday of Advent and Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C

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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 21 <sup>st</sup> December Advent Feria		5.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Teresa Jackson
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December <b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b>	10.30am		Holy Mass	Theresa Pham Thi Nghe, Joseph Nguyen Tri Lan, Joseph Nguyen Tri Riem
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December Advent Feria				
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> December Christmas Eve	7.00pm		Vigil Mass for Christmas	People of the Parish
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord	10.30am			Pat O'Reilly
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> December Feast of St Stephen, the first Martyr	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass	Cath Watton RIP
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> December Feast of St John, Apostle Evangelist	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass Adoration	Mr Brian Turner
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> December Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs		5.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Evelyn + Norman Wood
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> December <b>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</b>	10.30am		Holy Mass	Holy Souls Paul + David RIP
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> December Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas				
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> December Seventh Day within the Octave of Christmas	9.30am (In Chapel)			Richard Lusher RIP
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January <b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b>		5.00pm 6.00pm	Adoration Holy Mass	John Brittain RIP
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops, Doctors	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass	People of the Parishes
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January The Most Holy Name of Jesus	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass Adoration	Brian Turner RIP
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> January Christmas Feria		5.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Vincent McNicholas birthday RIP
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January <b>The Epiphany of the Lord</b>	10.30am		Holy Mass	Philip Blood RIP

## Church Calendar

**22<sup>nd</sup> Dec** St Wilfrid's First Holy Communion candidates commitment Mass at SH

**24<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas Eve Vigil Mass 7pm SH

**25<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas Day Mass 10.30am SH

**9<sup>th</sup> Jan** St Wilfrid's at 9.30am Mass SH

**18<sup>th</sup> Jan** Family Mass at SJ

**19<sup>th</sup> Jan** Pax Christi Second Collection

**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb** Pro Life Second Collection

\* 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.

## Pope's Prayer Intention for January 2025

### For the right to an education.

Let us pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

## 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.

## Thank you

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

## Parish Foodbank

The parish foodbank's last day before Christmas is the 17<sup>th</sup> December. The foodbank will reopen on the 7<sup>th</sup> 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 20<sup>th</sup> and reopen on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

## Fr George's annual leave

Fr George will be taking his annual leave from the 7<sup>th</sup> January until the 7<sup>th</sup> February. Please give a warm reception to Fr Carol George as we welcome him back as he covers Fr George's time away.

Merry  
Christmas and a  
Happy New Year  
to all our  
Parishioners  
and visitors!

## Information from the Diocese

### Bishop Bernard Christmas message.

Advent is a time of preparation and joyful expectation. In 2024 the First Sunday in Advent was Sunday 1 December.

As we prepare for the birth of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, these weeks provide a wonderful opportunity to slow down and reflect.

We look forward to the coming of Christ: celebrating His birth, His renewed coming into our lives this Christmas, especially through the Eucharist, and His second coming at the end of time.

Advent marks the start of the Church's liturgical year. In 2024, we enter Cycle C.

Advent comes from the Latin *adventus*, meaning 'arrival' or 'coming'. It's a key time in which we prepare ourselves to celebrate the Lord coming into the world as the incarnate God of love.

### Liturgical Celebrations presided over by Pope Francis

Tuesday 24 December, 7pm (Rome time) - Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord - Opening of the Holy Door and Holy Mass

Wednesday 25 December, 12pm (Rome time) - Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord - 'Urbi et Orbi' blessing

Tuesday 31 December, 5pm (Rome time) - Solemnity of Mary, Most Holy Mother of God - First Vespers and Te Deum in Thanksgiving for the past Year

Wednesday 1 January, 10am (Rome time) - Solemnity of Mary, Most Holy Mother of God - Holy Mass

Monday 6 January, 10am (Rome time) - Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord - Holy Mass.

All available to stream online via Vatican news

## 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
21/12/24	Teresa Jackson	SJ
22/12/24	Theresa Pham Thi Nghe, Joseph Nguyen Tri Lan, Joseph Nguyen Tri Riem	SH
24/12/24	People of the Parish	SH
25/12/24	Pat O'Reilly RIP	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 <sup>th</sup> 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
18/1/25	Allan Sims RIP	SJ
19/1/25	Ian Stewart	SH
21/1/25	Theresa Pham Thi Nghe, Joseph Nguyen Tri Lan, Joseph Nguyen Tri Riem	SH
23/1/25	People of the Parishes	SH
24/1/25	Mrs Patricia O'Reilly	SH
25/1/25	Gill Sims RIP	SJ
26/1/25	Repose of the Soul of Pat O'Reilly	SH
28/1/25	Special Intention	SH
30/1/25	People of the Parishes	SH
6/2/25	Pat O'Reilly	SH
11/2/25	Jean Harding	SH
23/2/25	Theresa Pham Thi Nghe, Joseph Nguyen Tri Lan, Joseph Nguyen Tri Rien	SH