



SUNDAY BULLETIN



The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

5th January 2025

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Our parish website
www.parityclustersacredheartstjoseph.org.uk

MASS SCHEDULE	SACRED HEART	SAINT JOSEPH	EVENT	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 4 th January Christmas Feria		5.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Vincent McNicholas birthday RIP
Sunday 5 th January The Epiphany of the Lord	10.30am		Holy Mass	Philip Blood RIP
Monday 6 th January Monday after Epiphany Sunday				
Tuesday 7 th January Tuesday after Epiphany Sunday	9.30am (In Chapel)		Vigil Mass for Christmas	Antonio Da Silva Faria
Wednesday 8 th January Wednesday after Epiphany Sunday		5.00pm 6.00pm	Adoration Holy Mass	RIP Mass Jose Joseph
Thursday 9 th January Thursday after Epiphany Sunday	9.30am		Holy Mass	People of the Parishes
Friday 10 th January Friday after Epiphany Sunday	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass Adoration	Pat O'Reilly
Saturday 11 th January Saturday after Epiphany Sunday		5.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	John Field 60 th Birthday
Sunday 12 th January Baptism of the Lord	10.30am		Holy Mass	John, Andrew + David Hall & Graham Rushton

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

Church Calendar

- 9th Jan** St Wilfrid's at 9.30am Mass SH
- 18th Jan** Family Mass at SJ
- 19th Jan** Pax Christi Second Collection
- 2nd 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 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

Thank you

Thank you to Freshview foods Ltd for their generous donation of a fruit hamper in the Sacred Heart Christmas raffle.

Thank you

Thank you to St Mary's Norton for their generous donation of £329 to the foodbank at St Joseph's raised at their Christmas fair.

Thank you

Thank you to McGoughs for organising and arranging all the Christmas flowers at Sacred Heart.

St Joseph's Raffle

Thank you to all who supported the Christmas raffle, St Joseph's raised a brilliant £558

Sacred Heart Raffle

Thank you to all who supported the Christmas raffle, Sacred Heart raised £676

Sacred Heart Christmas Party

Thank you to everyone involved in the Sacred Heart Christmas Party it raised £146.20

Hyrox Endurance Event

Kathy Cooke's son Jacob is taking part in a HYROX ENDURANCE EVENT on 26th January. It's a 10 mile race with a 10 minute intense work out after every mile! He has kindly offered to donate his effort as a fundraiser for St Joseph's Centenary. Please see Kathy Sue or Janet at the back of Church who will put you down as a sponsor. Good luck Jacob.

Fr George's annual leave

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

Thank you from Fr George

Fr George would like to give a heartfelt thank you for the generous Christmas gifts and donations he received over Christmas.

North Staffs Area Pastoral Council

Talk on the Meaning of the Jubilee Year by David McLoughlin B.Th and STL on Thursday 23rd January 7pm at The School Hall, St Wulstan Wolstanton, ST5 0EF

The Jubilee Year ‘Pilgrims of Hope’



Jubilee Logo: Meaning

The logo chosen for the Holy Year depicts **four stylized and graceful figures**, in four colours that recall the shades of the rainbow: **red, orange, green, and blue**. The choice of colours is not random, just as the [colour of sacred vestments](#) throughout the liturgical year is

not. **Red** symbolizes love, passion, and self-sacrifice, Christ's sacrifice and His boundless love for humanity, but also the fire of the Holy Spirit and His strength that animates Christians. **Orange** expresses joy, vitality, and enthusiasm, the light that illuminates the path of faith. **Green** is universally recognized as the colour of hope, growth, and rebirth. **Blue**, finally, symbolizes faith, peace, and tranquillity, evoking the sky and spirituality, and inviting contemplation and prayer.

The four figures represent **humanity as a whole**, in its differences and similarities. They proceed **to embrace each other**, expressing the **solidarity and brotherhood** that should unite the peoples of the world. Leading them is the red figure, clinging to a **Cross** formed by a black curve that ends, at the bottom, with an **anchor**. The Cross is not rigid, not static, but bends towards humanity as if to **embrace** it. As for the anchor, Monsignor Fisichella himself explained its meaning: *"As is known, the anchor has often been used as a metaphor for hope. The anchor of hope is the name given in seafaring jargon to the reserve anchor, used by vessels to perform emergency manoeuvres to stabilize the ship during storms."* The sense of this symbol in the Jubilee logo is clear: it is precisely in the most difficult moments that we need to rely on an anchor that gives us security and guarantees salvation, and what better anchor than the **Cross, a symbol of Christ** and His infinite love for all of us? The presence of **small agitated waves** at the bottom of the logo confirms the existence of dangers and obstacles, of those personal events and events of the world that make each of our lives not always easy. Thus, the logo in its entirety takes on a clear meaning, and the Jubilee, with its twelve months of ceremonies and initiatives, becomes a [long pilgrimage](#) to be undertaken together, as brothers, towards salvation, guided by the Cross and the hope of salvation promised by God.

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 cosmo
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
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
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
22/1/25	Ellen Kenny	SJ
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
29/1/25	Joan Clark	SJ
30/1/25	People of the Parishes	SH
1/2/25	Mary Conner	SJ
2/2/25	Anthony + Philip Blood	SH
6/2/25	Pat O'Reilly	SH
11/2/25	Jean Harding	SH
22/2/25	Winnie Hall	SJ
23/2/25	Theresa Pham Thi Nghe, Joseph Nguyen Tri Lan, Joseph Nguyen Tri Rien	SH
27/2/25	People of the Parishes	SH
29/3/25	Evelyn + Norman Wood	SH

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