



SUNDAY BULLETIN



Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

26th January 2025

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Kathryn Barnett and Ellen Churchill. They can be contacted at: sg.sacredheart.tunstall@rcaob.org.uk and sg.stjoseph.burslem@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

MASS SCHEDULE	SACRED HEART	SAINTE JOSEPH	EVENT	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 25 th January Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle		5.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Gill Sims RIP
Sunday 26 th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Sunday of the Word of God</i>	10.30am		Holy Mass	Pat O'Reilly
Monday 27 th January Feria in Ordinary Time				
Tuesday 28 th January Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass	Special Intention
Wednesday 29 th January Feria in Ordinary Time		5.00pm 6.00pm	Adoration Holy Mass	Joan Clark
Thursday 30 th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am (In Chapel)	9.30am	Holy Mass (SH) Funeral Mass (SJ)	People of the Parishes Vera Bourne
Friday 31 st January Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass Adoration	Arthuro B.Unson
Saturday 1 st February Feria in Ordinary Time		5.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Mary Connor
Sunday 2 nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	10.30am		Holy Mass	Anthony & Philip Blood

Our parish website
www.parihclustersacredheartstjoseph.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

Church Calendar

30th Jan Funeral Vera Bourne at St Joseph's 9.30am

2nd Feb Pro Life Second Collection

16th Feb Racial Justice Second collection

2nd Mar Cathedral Maintenance 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: Vincent McNicholas, Brian Turner, John Dale, Pat O'Rielly, Vera Bourne 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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for February 2025 For vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Let us pray that the ecclesial community may welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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

Funeral of Vera Bourne

Vera's funeral will be held at St Joseph's church in Burslem at 9.30am on the 30th January. Vera has left behind no next of Kin or family. Vera had been living in New Milton Nursing Home for awhile. From the things she has said, she was an active part of St Joseph's congregation 70 years ago. Please could all parishioners with elderly family that may remember back to that time please enquire to any memories of Vera. Thank you.

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.

The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité

Warmly invites you to a special Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 8 February, at 4:30pm, in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.

This celebration is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, honour Our Lady, and seek her intercession for the sick and their carers.

Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Booking now open for this year's Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

You are most welcome to join us this Jubilee Year as we journey to Lourdes in May from Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025 with the theme: "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope".

If you would like to travel to Lourdes but in need of assistance we can help. Assisted pilgrims have the support of doctors, nurses, carers and hospitaliers throughout their time on pilgrimage. You will participate fully in the pilgrimage and experience the love of God through the care, love and friendship of volunteers.

Please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office to discuss assistance requirements: 0121 230 6288 / admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

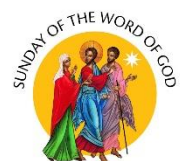
As well as applications from assisted pilgrims we're also keen to hear from doctors, nurses and carers eager to volunteer their time and experience Lourdes. If Our Lady is calling you please answer and give to others. Find out more here:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

This weekend: Sunday of the Word of God

To be celebrated on **Sunday 26 January**

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is the 'Sunday of the Word of God' - a day, instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of Saint Jerome in 2019, devoted to the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture.



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
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
31/1/25	Arthuro B Unson	SH
1/2/25	Mary Conner	SJ
2/2/25	Anthony + Philip Blood	SH
4/2/25	People of the Parishes	SH
5/2/25	Irene Mulliner RIP	SJ
6/2/25	Pat O'Reilly	SH
7/2/25	Arthuro B Unson	SH
11/2/25	Jean Harding	SH
13/2/25	People of the Parishes	SH
16/2/25	Seamus Duffy RIP Anniversary	SH
20/2/25	People of the Parishes	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