



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord (C)

2nd February 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 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
Monday 3 rd February Feria in Ordinary Time				
Tuesday 4 th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass	People of the Parishes
Wednesday 5 th February Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr		5.00pm 6.00pm	Adoration Holy Mass	Irene Mulliner RIP
Thursday 6 th February Memorial of St Paul Miki, and Companions, Martyrs	9.30am		Holy Mass	Pat O'Reilly RIP
Friday 7 th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass Adoration	Arthuro B.Unson
Saturday 8 th February Feria in Ordinary Time		5.00pm	Vigil Mass for Sunday	Teresa Jackson
Sunday 9 th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	10.30am		Holy Mass	John Patrick & Dorothy Gray RIP

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

2nd Feb Pro Life Second Collection

6th Feb St Wilfrid's at 9.30am Mass

9th Feb St Wilfrid's at 10.30am Mass

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 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.

Lucky Dip Stall at Sacred Heart

There will be a prize stall at Sacred Heart after mass on the 9th February.

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>



From the Diocese

The feast day of St Josephine Bakhita

The patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, takes place on February 8. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. Pope Francis describes human trafficking as “blood money” and a “crime against humanity”. We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to santamartagroup.org/resources.

St. Bakhita Day Friends of the Holy Land Concert of Hope

On Thursday 27 February at 7pm, St Chad's Cathedral will be hosting a FHL fundraising concert featuring classical folk and choral music by a range of musicians and singers, as well as dance displays. There will also be a brief talk by Fr Mamdouh Abusada (a Melkite priest from Bethlehem who will be visiting the UK) about life and conditions in Bethlehem and the Holy Land. The artists are supporting this charity to gain much needed funds for the region of the Holy Land. Acts include OneLife Music, Elena Wilcox classical violinist and friends, Rosemary Robinson soprano and friends, DMJ folk, MacSiúrtáin Irish music, McCarthy/Felton Irish dance and other acts to be confirmed. Tickets cost £25 and are available to buy via the Archdiocese of Birmingham website (under Latest/Events)

The 'Jubilee of the Missionary World'

Will be celebrated on 4 and 5 October 2025. The official programme of events is as follows: Saturday 4 October 2025 10am: Meeting with the Holy Father and catechists in St Peter's Square 12 noon: Pilgrimage of Missionaries to the Holy Door of St Peter's Basilica 6pm: Missionary cultural moment: Concert of the "Republic Bank Exodus Steel Orchestra" of Trinidad and Tobago Sunday 5 October 2025 10:30am: Holy Mass at the Basilica of St Paul Outside the Walls 4-7pm: International Mission Meeting at the Pontifical Urban University.

Understanding our Everyday Beliefs

The Loreto Spirituality Centre in Llandudno will be running this new course during Lent from Wednesday 12 to Saturday 15 March 2025. It aims to encourage parishioners to explore their faith more deeply. The course is called 'Understanding our Everyday Beliefs' and consists of three topics: Scripture, the Sacraments, and the Church.

The course begins on Wednesday evening and runs across three days, a Thursday, Friday and Saturday, but it is designed so that if participants are not able to come to the full course, they can attend only one or two days, and benefit from a full module each day. It can also be attended on a residential or a non-residential basis. This course is aimed at everyone. It would suit as a refresher for Catechists, training for those who could be Catechists, for those following the RCIA programme, or just for anyone who would like to have some time to reflect on their faith.

The lecturers are a Jesuit priest and two IBVM sisters. Morning Prayer will begin the day, and Mass will be available every day.

Please note also that while the Centre do have to cover their costs, they would not like anyone to be excluded for financial reasons. If this is an issue, please let them know. Please contact the Centre directly if you have any queries and they will be pleased to help. For further information please visit: www.loretocentre.org.uk; telephone: 01492 878031; email: loretocentre@yahoo.co.uk

Retrouvaille Marriage Help Programme

Any couple experiencing problems within their marriage are welcome to contact Retrouvaille who regularly run marriage help programmes: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

80th Anniversary of VE Day, 8 May 2025

This year sees the 80th anniversary of the end of World War Two in Europe and a series of events will be taking place on the anniversary of VE Day itself, 8 May 2025. These will include the ringing of church bells at 6.30pm and you may be contacted directly by the celebration organisers with a request that the bells in your church (if it has them) be rung at this time. More details regarding the VE Day celebrations can be found here: www.VEday80.org.uk

Booked Mass Intentions

Date	Intention	Location
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	Arthur B Unson	SH
9/2/25	John Patrick & Dorothy Gray RIP	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
22/6/25	Richard Lusher RIP	SH

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