



Parish Cluster of Sacred Heart, Tunstall and St Joseph's, Burslem



SUNDAY BULLETIN

Third Sunday of Easter (C)

4th May 2025

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MASS SCHEDULE	SACRED HEART	SAINT JOSEPH	EVENT	MASS INTENTION
Saturday 3 rd May Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles		5pm	Vigil Mass	Evelyn + Norman Wood
Sunday 4 th May Third Sunday of Easter	10.30am		Holy Mass	Damon Grant
Monday 5 th May Easter Feria				
Tuesday 6 th May Easter Feria	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass	Barbara + Vincent McNicholas
Wednesday 7 th May Easter Feria		5pm 6pm	Adoration Holy Mass	Holy Souls
Thursday 8 th May Easter Feria	9.30am		Holy Mass	People of the Parishes
Friday 9 th May Easter Feria	9.30am (In Chapel)		Holy Mass Adoration	Brian Turner + Sharon Wallace RIP
Saturday 10 th May Easter Feria		5pm	Vigil Mass	Anne Platt RIP
Sunday 11 th May Fourth Sunday of Easter	10.30am		Holy Mass	

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

8th May St Wilfrid's at 9.30am Mass

11th May Clergy Training Fund 2nd Collection

13th May Funeral Mass Margaret Degg 2pm SH

18th May Family Mass at SH

22nd May St Wilfrid's at 9.30am Mass

SH = Sacred Heart SJ = St Joseph's

Event	Date	Details
Prayer for the Repose of the Souls	Ongoing	Pray for Sharon Wallace, Stan Deakin, David Francis Mulvey, Sheila Clarke, Margaret Eileen Degg and those whose anniversaries occur around this time
Pope's Prayer Intention	May 2025	For working conditions. Let us pray that, through work, each person may find fulfilment, families may be sustained in dignity, and that society may be humanised.
Tabletop sale	Past event	Held at St Joseph's, raised £200 Thank you to all who supported.

Easter Monday, 21 April 2025

Pope Francis, who served as Supreme Pontiff from March 2013 to this morning (Monday 21 April), has died aged 88, the Vatican has confirmed.

At 9:45 AM, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, Camerlengo of the Apostolic Chamber, announced the death of Pope Francis from the Casa Santa Marta with these words:

"Dearest brothers and sisters, with deep sorrow I must announce the death of our Holy Father Francis. At 7:35 this morning, the Bishop of Rome, Francis, returned to the house of the Father. His entire life was dedicated to the service of the Lord and of His Church.

"He taught us to live the values of the Gospel with fidelity, courage, and universal love, especially in favor of the poorest and most marginalized. With immense gratitude for his example as a true disciple of the Lord Jesus, we commend the soul of Pope Francis to the infinite merciful love of the One and Triune God."

Conclave to elect new Pope begins on Wednesday 7 May

Eternal rest grant to him O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace Amen.

N STAFFS EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

As an initiative for the Jubilee Year, we will be having a Deanery Eucharistic Congress, called "Come to his Eucharistic Heart". A Eucharistic Congress is a moment in the life of the Church of a particular area when we stop and turn our attention to the presence of Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. It is not a conference but it includes a conference event. It will be taking place from Thursday 10th to Saturday 12th July, and will be based in Tunstall, at Sacred Heart Church and St Margaret Ward Academy, though it will really be taking place across the whole Deanery. The programme will begin with a Deanery Jubilee Year Mass celebrated by His Grace, the Archbishop on Thursday 10th July at Sacred Heart Church, Tunstall at 7pm. This will be followed by the opening of the Congress with a talk, a Holy Hour, and all-night Eucharistic Adoration. The Friday will be a programme for schools in which all the Catholic Schools of North Staffordshire are invited to participate. This will take place in each school with parts of the day shared through live streaming. On Friday evening, we invite all parishioners to come for the opening of the conference part of the Congress. There will be Mass, a talk, and Holy Hour and once again all-night Adoration. The Congress continues on Saturday with a full programme of talks, workshops and times of prayer, ending with Mass and a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament presided over by Bishop Timothy Menezes. Please keep these dates free, and come and participate in the Eucharistic Congress, and pray for it now, that it will be a really great celebration for our Jubilee Year and will inspire Catholics in our Deanery.

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

Phoneline and internet issues We have been having issues with the phoneline and internet in the Presbytery. BT are aware of the situation. Apologies for any inconvenience.

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.

Financial Support for our Parishes

If you do not have a standing order in place, it is by far the best way of being able to give to the parish, as it attracts the lowest bank charges. You can set this up by contacting your bank or using your bank's online functions or banking app.

Church	Account Name	Account Number	Sort Code
Sacred Heart	The Sacred Heart Parish	75270870	010138
St Joseph's	Parish of St Joseph Burslem	01022962	010138

Booked Mass Intentions

Date	Intention	Location
3/5/25	Evelyn & Norman Wood	SJ
4/5/25	Damon Grant	SH
6/5/25	Barbara + Vincent McNicholas	SH
7/5/25	Holy Souls	SJ
8/5/25	People of the Parishes	SH
9/5/25	Brian Turner + Sharon Wallace RIP	SH
10/5/25	Anne Platt RIP	SJ
14/5/25	John Brittain RIP	SJ
15/5/25	People of the Parishes	SH
17/5/25	Joan Sadler	SJ
20/5/25	John Thompson	SH
22/5/25	Theresa Pham Thi Nghe, Joseph Nguyen Tri Lan, Joseph Nguyen Tri Riem RIP	SH
23/5/25	People of the Parishes	SH
25/5/25	Sanjana Rosh birthday	SH
28/5/25	Mr Simon Nigo Wani + family	SJ
29/5/25	People of the Parishes	SH
3/6/25	Barbara + Vincent McNicholas	SH
5/6/25	Sherin Rosh birthday	SH
14/6/25	Grenville Field	SJ
15/6/25	Joseph Mathew RIP Mass	SH
22/6/25	Richard Lusher RIP	SH
24/6/25	Jean Harding	SH
25/6/25	Gertrude Field RIP	SJ
6/7/25	Mr J + Mrs E Thompson + John Thompson	SH
8/7/25	Barbara + Vincent McNicholas	SH
9/7/25	Ivy Hulson 100 th Birthday	SJ
3/8/25	Jean Harding	SH
5/8/25	Barbara + Vincent McNicholas	SH
27/8/25	Mariam Joseph RIP Mass	SH
2/9/25	Barbara + Vincent McNicholas	SH
10/10/25	Anne Platt RIP	SJ

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