

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, JANUARY 10, 2021

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BURSLEM AND TUNSTALL

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### WELCOME TO CHURCH

We are delighted to have you worship with us. Here are some safety tips to stay safe:

1. Wear face covering/mask
  2. Follow the instructions of the wardens on Track and Trace and sitting arrangement
  3. Sanitize your hands as you enter and leave the church.
  4. Avoid touching any surfaces.
  5. Always maintain the 2-meter distance.
  6. Use gloves or sanitize your hands before coming up to the lectern to read.
  7. There will be no congregational singing.
  8. A gentle bow and/or a smile is sufficient for a sign of peace.
  9. Make your offertory donations in the wooden boxes at the entrance as you enter or leave the church. Consider using the gift aid envelopes (ask any of the wardens) or opening a Standing Order (through the parish office).
  10. Remain seated until directed by a warden to proceed to receive Holy Communion while maintaining social distance following the markings on the floor. Hold out your hands fully stretched out to receive communion standing and in silence. Adjust your face covering to put communion in your mouth, cover your face properly again before returning to your seat through the side aisle.
  11. Depart at the end of the Holy Mass in an orderly way following the warden's instructions, and avoid mixing with people outside your household or bubble.
- Thanks for worshipping with us today!

MASS TIMES	Sacred Heart	Saint Joseph's		Mass Intention
Saturday 9 <i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	5.00pm		Holy Mass	For an end to Covid-19 Pandemic
BAPTISM OF THE LORD	9.30am	11.30am	Holy Mass	People of the Parish
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Monday 11 <i>Feria</i>				
Tuesday 12 <i>Feria</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Special Intention
Wednesday 13 <i>Feria</i>	9.30 am	6.00pm	Holy Mass	Intentions of Gisela Rowe
			Holy Mass	The elderly of our Parish
Thursday 14 <i>Feria</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Special Intention
Friday 15 <i>Feria</i>	9.30am	10am - 11.00 am	Holy Mass	The Sick of our Parish
			Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
Saturday 16 <i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	5.00pm		Holy Mass	People of the Parish
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  <i>Peace Day</i>	9.30am	11.30am	Holy Mass	Margaret and Michael Mulroy RIP
			Holy Mass	Margaret and Patrick Horan RIP

### THE THIRD NATIONAL COVID-19 PANDEMIC LOCKDOWN

The UK Government announced further restrictions to combat the on-going Covid-19 pandemic. Those living in England have been instructed to stay at home, expect for specific reasons. One of these exceptions is attending or visiting a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or events related to a death, or to attend a wedding ceremony. However, places of worship and individuals must follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must avoid mingling with anyone outside of their household or support bubble when attending a place of worship. Weddings, funerals and religious, belief-based, or commemorative events linked to someone's death are all subject to limits on the numbers that can attend, and weddings and civil ceremonies may only take place in exceptional circumstances. These exceptions notwithstanding, we wish to remind you that the lifting of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is still in place. Your safety is our utmost concern. BE SAFE!

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS

of Christine Webb, Mary Andrews, Graham 'Brian' Butler, and the souls of all our departed parishioners and family members. May they rest in perfect peace.

## BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE

For all enquiries for Catholic Marriage and Baptism, kindly contact us at the parish office.

## CONFESSIONS

### Sacred Heart

Friday 10.00am – 11.00 am (During Adoration)

Saturday 4.30pm - 4.50pm

Sunday 9.00am – 9.20am

### St Joseph's

Wednesday 6.00pm – 7.00pm (During Adoration)

Sunday 11.00am – 11.20am

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND ROSARY

### Sacred Heart

Friday 10.00am – 11.00am

### St Joseph's

Wednesday 6.00pm – 7.00pm

## FR STAN'S DROP IN

If you need to speak with Fr Stan, you can come to the Sacred Heart Presbytery on Tuesday evenings 6-7pm. No appointment needed.

## PRAYER A DAY FOR VOCATIONS

The list for January 2021 is in the porch. Please sign to volunteer to pray for vocations on one day during the month on behalf of the parish.

## HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

### Human Fraternity:

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION AND FUNDRAISING

### Sacred Heart

27th December

Gift Aid £81, Non-Gift Aid £178, Total £259

3rd January

Gift Aid £171, Non-Gift Aid £104, Total £275

Various past 2nd Collection Gift Aid £2, Non-Gift Aid £1, Total £3

### St Joseph's

27th December

Gift Aid £60, Non-Gift Aid £135.22, Total £195.22

3rd January

Gift Aid £73, Non-Gift Aid £98.20, Total £171.20

*Thanks for your continued financial assistance to our Parish.*

## APPRECIATION

Thanks to you dear parishioners for your Christmas wishes and offerings for the Parish Clergy. May God bless you all abundantly.

## UPCOMING FUNERALS

1. Mrs. Mary Andrews, funeral service on January 18 at Sacred Heart, 10.00am.

2. Mrs. Christine Webb, funeral service on January 20 at St. Joseph' Burslem, 12.45pm.

3. Mr. Graham 'Brian' Butler, funeral service on January 25 at Sacred Heart, 10.30am.

**PLEASE PRAY** for an end to the coronavirus pandemic. Pray also for the sick of our parish and those who care for them.

## ALTAR SERVERS

You are all invited to a livestreamed Guild of St Stephen Annual Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop William Kenney CP on Saturday 6th March 2021 @ [www.stchadscathedral.co.uk](http://www.stchadscathedral.co.uk) It is months away but you are requested to send a photo, holding your Guild medal to: [office@vocations.org.uk](mailto:office@vocations.org.uk) You must also give your consent to allow the Diocesan Vocations Office to use your image for a montage photo.

## WORDS OF THE HOLY FATHER

Each day offers us a new opportunity, a new possibility. We should not expect everything from those who govern us, for that would be childish. We have the space we need for co-responsibility in creating and putting into place new processes and changes. Let us take an active part in renewing and supporting our troubled societies. Today we have a great opportunity to express our innate sense of fraternity, to be Good Samaritans who bear the pain of other people's troubles rather than fomenting greater hatred and resentment. Like the chance traveller in the parable, we need only have a pure and simple desire to be a people, a community, constant and tireless in the effort to include, integrate and lift up the fallen. We may often find ourselves succumbing to the mentality of the violent, the blindly ambitious, those who spread mistrust and lies. Others may continue to view politics or the economy as an arena for their own power plays. For our part, let us foster what is good and place ourselves at its service. We can start from below and, case by case, act at the most concrete and local levels, and then expand to the farthest reaches of our countries and our world, with the same care and concern that the Samaritan showed for each of the wounded man's injuries. Let us seek out others and embrace the world as it is, without fear of pain or a sense of inadequacy, because there we will discover all the goodness that God has planted in human hearts. Difficulties that seem overwhelming are opportunities for growth, not excuses for a glum resignation that can lead only to acquiescence. Yet let us not do this alone, as individuals. The Samaritan discovered an innkeeper who would care for the man; we too are called to unite as a family that is stronger than the sum of small individual members. For "the whole is greater than the part, but it is also greater than the sum of its parts". Let us renounce the pettiness and resentment of useless in-fighting and constant confrontation. Let us stop feeling sorry for ourselves and acknowledge our crimes, our apathy, our lies. Reparation and reconciliation will give us new life and set us all free from fear. The Samaritan who stopped along the way departed without expecting any recognition or gratitude. His effort to assist another person gave him great satisfaction in life and before his God, and thus became a duty. All of us have a responsibility for the wounded, those of our own people and all the peoples of the earth. Let us care for the needs of every man and woman, young and old, with the same fraternal spirit of care and closeness that marked the Good Samaritan (Fratelli Tutti 77-79).