

SUNDAY BULLETIN

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, JANUARY 31, 2021

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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 30 <i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	5.00pm		Holy Mass	Winifred Bryne RIP
FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am		Holy Mass	Fred and Agnes Coates RIP
<i>Racial Justice Sunday</i>		11.30am	Holy Mass	Mary Chell
Monday 1 February <i>Feria</i>				
Tuesday 2 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord	9.30am		Holy Mass	Special Intention
Wednesday 3 <i>Memorial of St Werburg, Abess</i>	9.30 am	6.00pm	Holy Mass Eucharistic Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	People of the Parish
		7.00pm	Holy Mass	Rosary Prayer Group
Thursday 4 <i>Feria</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Rosary Prayer Group
Friday 5 <i>Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</i>	9.30am 10.00am to 11.00am		Holy Mass Eucharistic Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	In thanksgiving to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and St Jude
Saturday 6 <i>Memorial of Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</i>	5.00pm		Holy Mass	Fr Pat Farrelly RIP
<i>Saturday for Sunday</i>				
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am		Holy Mass	People of the Parish
		11.30am	Holy Mass	John Patrick and Dorothy Gray RIP



RACIAL JUSTICE
SUNDAY 2021
Welcome, Protest, Presence and Integration'
- Pope Francis

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS

of Ian Steward, James Brennan, Marion Bould, Fr. Patrick Joyce and all those whose anniversary fall at this time. 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 February 2021 is in the porch. Please sign to volunteer to pray for vocations on one day during the month on behalf of the parish.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR FEBRUARY

Violence against Women:

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION AND FUNDRAISING

Sacred Heart

24th January

Gift Aid £101, Non-Gift Aid £126, Total £227

St Joseph's

24th January

Gift Aid £60, Non-Gift Aid £95.57, Total £155.57

FOOD BANK / CLOTHING BANK

In reaching out to the needy in the community a parish becomes a sign of hope, a light and symbol of our compassionate Saviour. Our parish is planning to open a Food/Clothing Bank at St Joseph's House, through which we reach out to those in need in our locality. We will be depending on your generosity to make this a reality. Let us know at the parish office if you would like to volunteer in facilitating this project.

DISCLAIMER

Please disregard any text message purporting to come from Fr Stan or any other priest soliciting for funds, in whatever guise. Regard such text message or mail as a scam and kindly alert us at the parish office. Thanks

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 2021

This year's Racial Justice Sunday is more important than ever. The effects of the Coronavirus pandemic, the killing of George Floyd, and the powerful message on fraternity and equality by Pope Francis in *Fratelli Tutti* speak of the need to actively oppose racism and pursue racial justice with renewed vigour.

The theme is '**A Time to Act**'. Racial issues and inequalities were identified nationally and internationally in 2020 generating awareness, emotion and outrage. In light of this Racial Justice Sunday 2021 is particularly significant. Action is needed to further the cause of racial justice but what can we do? In his message for this Sunday the Lead Bishop of Racial Justice, Bishop Paul McAleenan, on Dismantling the Structures of Injustice, says, "These shameful reminders of racism demand meaningful action to confront and dismantle sinful structures of injustice. Our brother Bishops in the USA remind us that: "All of us are in need of personal, ongoing conversion. Our churches and our civic and social institutions are in need of ongoing reform. If racism is confronted by addressing its causes and the injustice it produces, then healing can occur. "Racism is a sin and a violation of human dignity in which we are all complicit. As Catholics we need to acknowledge and confront our own failings, as individuals and as a Church."

Prayer for Racial Justice

Lord Jesus Christ, in your ministry you were approached by people of many different nations and cultures. You listened to their cry for help, treated them with love and compassion, and brought them healing and wholeness.

In our own time may we provide to all those who are suffering the help that they need and the care that they require. May we respond to the invitation of the Holy Spirit to dream of a world made new where the poor are not forgotten but are given the opportunity to live and flourish with good health and equal prospects.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We had hoped that by now, all the outstanding 2020 First Holy Communion would have been celebrated, but the national coronavirus lockdown is still with us as the pandemic remains resolute. It is obvious that the usual big and glamorous celebration of First Holy Communion has to give way to a more individual and 'private' approach as a 'new normal'. Providentially, we are still able to celebrate our usual Sunday and Weekday Masses with the utmost safety measures. Out of the 31 candidates for 2020 FHC only one person was admitted to the sacrament a few weeks ago at the request of his parents, and it worked out so well.

Since the children have adequately prepared for this sacrament over the years, there is not much hindering them from receiving it at this time if we truly understand this as a spiritual, rather than social event. We are, therefore, creating an opening in February to celebrate the outstanding FHC. Parents who may be interested in a private celebration of the sacrament can contact the parish office as soon as possible for a date. The rest of the children will join the 2021 set when we are able to work out a timeline. If we admit two or three children to the sacrament in all of the 3 Masses of each of the 4 weekends in February, we will be able to take care of all the children.

UPCOMING FUNERALS

1. There will be a funeral Mass for Ian Stewart on Wednesday 10th February 2021 at Sacred Heart, 10.45am.
2. There will be a funeral Mass for James Brennan and Marion Bould on Tuesday 16th February 2021 at Sacred Heart, 10.30am.

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

There will be a blessing of candles at the Mass of the Presentation of the Lord on Tuesday 2 February. Bring along candles you wish to be blessed for use at your family prayers for the rest of the year. These candles signify Christ who is the light of the world.