

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR (C) 13<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022

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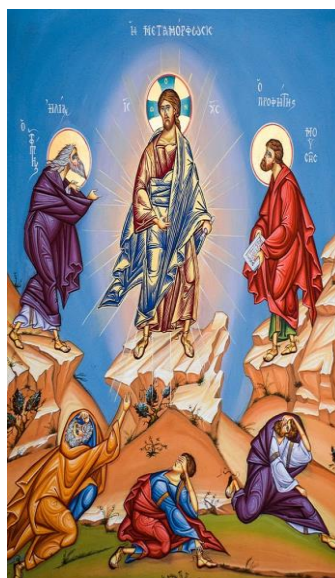
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### COVID-19 UPDATE

1. Hand sanitiser should be available for all to use at places of entry and exit to our churches.
2. The necessity for social distancing is removed so churches should operate up to their normal capacity figures.
3. Those who wish to wear a face covering may do so during the celebration of Mass.
4. The use of hymn books and other worship aids are permitted as part of the liturgy. Servers and their various ministries (acolyte, book-bearer, incense) are to be encouraged to return.
5. The vessels containing the altar breads for consecration at Mass should remain covered until the moment of distribution of Holy Communion to the faithful.
6. Holy Communion is to be distributed to the faithful under one kind only (i.e., the Sacred Host). At concelebrations involving a number of priests, communion for them should be by intinction of the Sacred Host in the Precious Blood.
7. Those who distribute Holy Communion should wear a face covering and sanitise their hands before doing so.
8. Singing can occur and there is a general encouragement to wear face coverings while singing. However, it is recognised that not everyone will feel able to do this.
9. Contact tracing ended on 24th February and so there is no need for track and trace QR codes or other means (e.g., Mass booking systems) in our churches from now on.

Thanks for worshipping with us!

MASS SCHEDULE	SACRED HEART	SAINT JOSEPH	EVENT	MASS INTENTION
<b>Saturday 12</b> <i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	5.00pm		Holy Mass	John and David Hall RIP
<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i> <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>	9.30am	11.30am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Jovito August Tom Ward RIP Ma Susa Changsen RIP
<b>Monday 14</b> <i>Lent Feria</i> <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>				
<b>Tuesday 15</b> <i>Lent Feria</i> <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 16</b> <i>Lent Feria</i> <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>	9.30am	6pm 7pm	Holy Mass Adoration Holy Mass	Private intention People of the Parish
<b>Thursday 17</b> <i>Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</i> <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Peter Lafferty C.S.Sp. RIP
<b>Friday 18</b> <i>Lent Fast Day</i> <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>	9.30am	10.00- 11.00 am	Holy Mass Adoration	Holy Souls
<b>Saturday 19</b> <i>Solemnity of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i> <i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	5.00pm		Holy Mass	John and David Hall RIP
<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Day of prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i> <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>	9.30am	11.30am	Holy Mass Holy Mass	Margaret Mulroy RIP Loretta Barnette



Socrates was in prison and was about to be executed the next day. Just then, he heard a fellow prisoner singing a nice lyric by a famous poet. On hearing this, Socrates begged the man to teach him the lyric. The man asked him, "why do you want to learn the song; are you not going to die tomorrow?" Socrates retorted, "so that I can die peacefully with the understanding that I have learnt one more thing in life". Every moment we spend on this earth is an opportunity for us to learn something new and grow. The Transfiguration of the lord gives us an opportunity to learn something about Jesus Christ and his mission. He came not to abolish the Law and the Prophets but to fulfil them (Mt.5:17), this explains why Moses and Elijah appeared at the Mountain, Moses representing the Law, and Elijah representing the Prophets. Over and above all, he is the beloved Son of God, and we ought to listen to him (Lk.9:35).

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of our departed family members and parishioners, especially Fr Peter Lafferty C.S.Sp., Mrs. Victoria Pember and those whose death anniversaries occur at this time.

### **BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE**

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

### **RCIA**

Are you an adult interested in being baptised or received into the Catholic Church? 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 MATTHEW'S DROP IN**

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

### **PRAYER A DAY FOR VOCATIONS**

The list for March 2022 is at 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 MARCH 2022**

#### ***For a Christian response to bioethical challenges***

We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION AND FUNDRAISING**

#### **SACRED HEART** 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Gift Aid £126, Non-Gift Aid £357.03, Total £483.03

Cathedral Maintenance Gift Aid £28.50, Non-Gift Aid £75.36, Total £103.86

Donations £7.50

#### **ST JOSEPH** 6<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Gift Aid £163.50, Non-Gift Aid £121.50, Total £285

Cathedral Maintenance Gift Aid £30, Non-Gift Aid £44,

Total £74

### **SECOND COLLETION**

The Second Collection this Sunday is for CAFOD

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

The envelopes for booking masses are available at the porch, please do well to book masses for your loved ones (you can book weekday masses as well).

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed at the IHM Compassion Kitchen at Sacred Heart Parish Hanley. The kitchen provides a hot meal and drinks every Sunday for the homeless and needy. You can do well to volunteer to help, or you can support the kitchen financially. Details can be found on the Flyer at the porch.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR UKRAINE**

Remember to pray for Ukraine and for peace in the world.

## **PARISH DIARY 2021/2022**

### **March**

March 13 Syro-Malabar Community Liturgy at St Joseph's Burslem

March 15 School Mass at St Peter at 1.30pm

March 17 Bible Sharing Prayer Group Meeting at the Crypt 7.00pm

March 19 Solemnity of St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

March 24 Bible Sharing Prayer Group Meeting 7.00pm at the Crypt

March 25 Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

March 25 Six Hours Adoration and Confession at Holy Trinity N-U-L at 1pm

March 27 Family Mass in both Churches

March 31 Bible Sharing Prayer Group Meeting at the Crypt 7.00pm

### **April**

April 3 Syro-Malabar Community Liturgy at St Joseph's Burslem

April 10 Palm Sunday

April 13 Chrism Mass at St Chad's Cathedral

April 17 Easter Sunday

## **THE THREE PILLARS OF LENT**

The three pillars of Lent are Fasting, Almsgiving and Prayer (**Mt.6:1-18**). The Lenten season is a period of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. These three traditional religious practices are recommended for us to help us maintain a balance that ensures bodily health, spiritual health, and social health. These practices can help us to remain focused on that which is most important, the kingdom of God. Let us then intensify our efforts and make this period a fruitful one, 'Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks – come back to me with all your heart, fasting, weeping, mourning" (**Joel 2:12**).

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY**

St Joseph's Church Burslem at 3.00pm

Sacred Heart Tunstall at 6.00pm

## **BE VIGILANT**

There is need for all of us to be vigilant, to keep an eye on the Church whenever we pass-by. On Wednesday 09<sup>th</sup> 2022, in the evening, while we went for Adoration and evening mass at St Joseph's Burslem, someone was busy breaking the windows of the Church. The police were alerted but before they could arrive, he absconded.

## **COVID-19 VACCINATION/BOOSTER JAB**

The main mitigation against serious health issues arising from covid infection is to be fully vaccinated; this means two doses plus a booster for anyone aged 16 or over. The vaccine programme in England and Wales has had a major impact in reducing death and serious illness from infection with Covid-19. The Church in England and Wales supports the vaccination programme and encourages people to be vaccinated.

## **COVID 19 SAFTY ITEMS**

We thank those parishioners who have in the past supported us with donation of some gloves and face coverings. Such donations are highly appreciated as they help to reduce the huge expenses the parish has been making on hand gloves, sanitizers, and masks since the beginning of the pandemic. We still encourage people to support us with cleaning materials. Despite the new regulations, we still have to be conscious of the fact that the virus has not been eradicated completely and follow good practice.

## **BIBLE SHARING PRAYER GROUP MEETING**

My people perish for lack of knowledge (**Hosea 4:6**). Want to deepen your understanding of the scriptures? Join us at Sacred Heart Church at the Crypt, every Thursday at 7.00pm.

## **PLEASE JOIN US FOR TEA AND COFFEE**

There will be tea and coffee after Sunday Mass at the Crypt, please join us, "It is good and pleasant when brothers and sisters dwell together" (**Ps.133:1**).

## **SUPPORT FOR FOODBANK**

We appreciate all those who have been donating items to our Foodbank, especially St Peter's primary school Cobridge and St Wilfrid's primary school Tunstall.

## **PARISH FOODBANK**

There is a Foodbank at St Joseph's, Hall Street Burslem every Tuesday from 11.00am to 2.00pm. Thanks to you all for supporting our parish foodbank. You can bring your donations for the Foodbank to any parish Mass or hand it in to the presbytery at the Sacred Heart at any time. Remember, "Whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters you do it unto me" (**Mt.25:40**).