

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, DECEMBER 6, 2020

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BURSLEM AND TUNSTALL

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### WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH

We resumed public worship again from Dec 2 after the 2<sup>nd</sup> national lockdown but not yet out of the woods. Below are some safety measures to keep ourselves and others safe:

1. Wearing of face covering is mandatory (except for those under 11 years or have pre-existing health conditions and disabilities). Sanitize your hands as you enter and leave the church. Avoid touching any surfaces. Always maintain the recommended 2-meter distance. Follow the instructions of the wardens on sitting arrangement, and Track and Trace.
2. Readers are required to use a single-use gloves or sanitize their hands before coming up to the lectern. There will be no singing, no bidding prayers, and no physical sign of peace. Offertory and second collections are made in the baskets provided 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).
3. Holy Communion can only be received in hands. 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 before returning back to your seat through the side aisle.
4. At the end of the Holy Mass all depart through the side aisles following the markings on the floor and as directed by the wardens.

MASS TIMES	Sacred Heart	Saint Joseph's		Mass Intention
Saturday 5 <i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	4.30pm 5.00pm		Confessions Holy Mass	People of the Parish
SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT  <i>Bible Sunday</i>	9.00am 9.30am	11.00am 11.30am	Confessions Holy Mass  Confessions Holy Mass	Ken Boulton RIP  Evelyn and Norman Wood RIP
Monday 7				
Tuesday 8  SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  <i>Patroness of the Archdiocese of Birmingham</i>	9.30am		Holy Mass	Fred Coates RIP
Wednesday 9 <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30 am  5.30pm	6.00pm  7.00pm	Holy Mass  Vigil Reception at the church of Winifred Moseley RIP  Exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament /Confession  Holy Mass	Carmela Taglianino RIP   Intentions of Ralph, Regan & Butler family members
Thursday 10 <i>Advent Feria</i>	1.30pm		Funeral Mass	Winifred Moseley RIP
Friday 11 <i>Advent Feria</i>	9.30am  10.00am – 11.00am		Holy Mass  Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament / Confessions	The Youth of our Parish
Saturday 12 <i>Saturday for Sunday</i>	4.30pm 5.00pm		Confessions Holy Mass	Michael and Mary Farrell RIP
THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.00am 9.30am	11.00am 11.30am	Confessions Holy Mass  Confessions Holy Mass	People of the Parish  Loretta Barnet RIP



SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS**  
of Carmela Taglianino and Winifred Moseley. 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**

Please email or Facebook Carol to choose a day in December to pray for vocations during the month on behalf of the parish.

### **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER: For a life of prayer**

We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

### **2020 FIRST HOLY COMMUNION POSTPONED**

We had hoped that with the lifting of the covid-19 second lockdown we would be able to celebrate the delayed First Holy Communion. But with the end of the lockdown comes the classification of our area under Tier 3 high risk of infection. In as much as many families and children are anxious to celebrate the First Holy Communion, we do not want to expose anybody to the virus. We shall therefore postpone again the celebration of this sacrament until, through the advise of the Government and our Diocese we are able to celebrate it without risk to anybody. I appeal to those who may be offended by this decision to please bear with us. Safety first!

Please continue to use this period to deepen your understanding of the Holy Eucharist and learn some important Catholic prayers. Parents can help their children prepare adequately for the reception of the Sacraments. You are in my prayers.

### **UPCOMING FUNERAL**

There will be a Requiem Mass for late Mrs Winifred Moseley on December 10 at Sacred Heart Church at 1.30pm. Her vigil reception into the church is on December 9 at 5.30pm. May she rest in peace.

### **PARISH DIARY 2020**

#### **DECEMBER**

December 13	Reception of the 2020 Confirmation Candidates at all Sunday Masses
December 22	Penitential Service / Confessions, Sacred Heart, 5.30pm
December 24	Christmas Eve
December 25	The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day
December 26	Feast of St Stephen, St Joseph's 10.30am
December 27	The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### **ADVENT RETREAT RESOURCE**

Here is a recommended YouTube daily Advent retreat based on the Jesus Prayer which you may find very useful during this advent:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0dvkOLuApE&list=PL0rcF\\_8qbF00Uz6u7mFi-WYvRIR5x52vm](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0dvkOLuApE&list=PL0rcF_8qbF00Uz6u7mFi-WYvRIR5x52vm)

### **STANDING ORDERS**

As the Parish continues to struggle during these times we renew our appeal for Parishioners to set up standing orders for offertory contributions. Forms are available from the back of Church or our Facebook page. If you have mobile/online banking it can be set up immediately just contact Carol through the parish office contacts for more information. Thanks for your continued understanding.

### **THE NEWLY CONFIRMED**

All the newly confirmed parishioners are invited to attend Sunday Mass on December 13 in the Church where you were confirmed. You will receive your confirmation certificates and memento of your confirmation from our parish. We expect you also to be active in the liturgy of the day as an alter server, reader or usher/steward. I look forward to joyfully receiving you on that day. May God continue to strengthen you in your Catholic faith.

### **SECOND COLLECTION**

There will be a second collection for Poor Mission Fund this Sunday Dec 6. This fund is used by the Diocese to support parishes in difficult areas of our Diocese. Donations can also be made electronically to the fund via the diocesan website with the added advantage of Gift Aid:

<https://www.mygivingonline/appdonation/DonateNow/197597ae-b53e-430f-be0a-a78281e94aa8>

### **2020 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

Many people may be wondering how we can have a great Christmas celebration at this period of coronavirus pandemic. But I think this is the most appropriate time to celebrate the coming of Jesus in a more meaningful way. He came to the earth when the world was all in darkness and brought light and hope. In the same he is coming to us this Christmas to bring us life and peace. We shall, therefore, make this year's Christmas as joyful as possible as we invite him to be involved in our troubled world. Here is our 2020 Christmas Schedule:

#### **Christmas Confessions / Reconciliation Service:**

December 22, 5.30pm - 7pm at Sacred Heart

(There will also be opportunities for confessions during all Eucharistic Expositions preceding Christmas in our two churches).

#### **Christmas Vigil Mass:**

Sacred Heart	6.00pm
St Joseph's	8.00pm

#### **Christmas Day**

Sacred Heart	10.00am
St Joseph's	10.30am

#### **Feast of St Stephen 26 December**

St Joseph's	10.30am
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