

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE, 22<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER

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**NOVEMBER IS THE MONTH OF HOLY SOULS**  
- *May perpetual light shine upon them!* -



*The souls of the virtuous are in the hands of God, no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise they did appear to die, their going looked like a disaster, their leaving us, like annihilation; but they are in peace. If they experienced punishment as men see it, their hope was rich with immortality; slight was their affliction, great will their blessings be (Wisdom 3: 1-6).*

MASS TIMES	Sacred Heart	Saint Joseph's		Mass Intention
Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> <i>Feria</i>			Private Holy Mass	November list
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  <i>Youth Day</i>	9.30am – 11.30pm	11.30am - 12.30pm	Individual Prayer  Private Holy Mass	The Youth of our Parish
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> <i>Feria</i>			Private Holy Mass	November list
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>  <i>Memorial of St Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs</i>	1.00pm		Funeral Mass	Pauline Ann Mangan RIP
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>		6.00pm - 7.00pm	Individual Prayer  Private Holy Mass	November list
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>			Private Holy Mass	November list
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>	9.30am – 10.30am		Individual Prayer  Private Holy Mass	Anne Platt RIP (Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>			Private Holy Mass	November list
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	9.30am - 11.30am	11.30am - 12.30am	Individual Prayer  Private Holy Mass	Anne Platt RIP

## SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE.

Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; Psalm 22;  
I Corinthians 15: 20-26;  
Matthew 25: 31-46.

*Today, the 34<sup>th</sup> Sunday / Last Sunday in the Ordinary time of the Church's year, we celebrate Our Lord Jesus Christ as the King of the Universe. During his trial before Pilate Jesus asserted 'Yes, I am a King, for this I was born and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice' (John 18:37). Jesus himself is the truth; and the truth is that God is love and desires that all live in love, peace and joy, and at last be reunited with him, our creator.*

*Jesus shares his Kingship with the Godhead, which manifests in mysterious ways in our lives here on earth, up to eternity when God will be all in all. We pray in the Lord's Prayer, 'Thy Kingdom come ... Thy Will be done.' May Jesus reign in our hearts and may his kingdom be established in our society.  
Happy Feast of Christ the King!*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOUL** of Pauline Ann Mangan and the souls of the faithful departed in our November list. May they rest in peace.

### **BAPTISM AND MARRIAGE**

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

### **FR STAN'S DROP IN**

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

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

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

### **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER. Artificial Intelligence**

We pray that the progress of robotics and artificial intelligence may always serve humankind.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS**

Hoping that the second nationwide coronavirus lockdown will end on December 2 we will maintain the scheduled dates for our 2020 First Holy Communion celebrations: December 5, 12, 19 and 20 (see the Parish Diary). Please note that the meeting with the candidates will be held on December 5 at 11.00am at Sacred Heart. This will be followed by the confessions of those who will celebrate their First Holy Communion on the same day. The rest of the candidates will do their confessions on December 12<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart 10.30am beginning with those who will have their First Holy Communion the same day. 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.

### **CATECHISM LESSONS**

All those who wish to receive the Sacraments of Penance, Holy Communion, and Confirmation next year but are not attending any of our Catholic schools should register for catechism classes through the parish office.

### **RCIA**

Adults who wish to be baptized or baptized non-Catholics who wish to be received into the Catholic Church at Easter Vigil 2021 through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) should please contact the parish office.

### **60 YEARS AFFILIATION TO THE GUILD OF ST STEPHEN**

Congratulations to St Stephens Guild (Alter Servers Association) St Joseph's Burslem Branch as she marks her Diamond Jubilee this year. Fr Michael Dolman (Diocesan Guild Director) with Archbishop Bernard Longley presents a beautiful certificate of 60th affiliation to the Guild to St Joseph's Church. We celebrate a long tradition of service to church by many young men and women, and I encourage other young people of our parish to carry on this tradition.

### **PARISH DIARY 2020**

#### **NOVEMBER**

November 29 First Sunday of Advent

#### **DECEMBER**

December 5 Meeting with candidates for FHC and Confessions of the 5<sup>th</sup> Dec  
FHC candidates at Sacred Heart Church  
December 5 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sacred Heart 5pm  
December 12 Confessions of the 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> FHC candidates at Sacred Heart  
December 12 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sacred Heart 5pm  
December 13 Reception of the 2020 Confirmation Candidates at all Sunday Masses  
December 19 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sacred Heart 5pm  
December 20 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, St Joseph's 11.30am  
December 24 Christmas Eve  
December 25 The Nativity of the Lord - Christmas Day  
December 27 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

### **NATIONAL YOUTH SUNDAY**

Sunday 22nd November, the Feast of Christ the King, the Church in England and Wales celebrates National Youth Sunday. On this day, we celebrate the young people in our parish and community and all the gifts and talents they share with us. The theme for this year's NYS is 'Together'. Normally on NYS, young people would be involved in the Liturgy. Whilst the Parish Community can't be together physically as we were, we are united together in prayer. This weekend especially, we pray for the young people of our Parish. Follow @NationalYouthSunday and for more information, please go to [www.nationalyouthsunday.com](http://www.nationalyouthsunday.com)

Pope Francis said this recently:

"After many months we meet each other again face to face, rather than screen to screen. Face to face. This is good! The current pandemic has highlighted our interdependence: we are all linked to each other, for better or for worse. Therefore, to come out of this crisis better than before, we have to do so together; together, not alone. Together. Alone no, because it cannot be done. Either it is done together, or it is not done. We must do it together, all of us, in solidarity. I would like to underline this word today: solidarity."

### **QUICK QUESTIONS**

(for Children Liturgy on Christ the King Sunday-Youth Sunday)

*Who is Jesus?*

*Is he in heaven?*

*Is he with us?*

*He is in all of us and we can see him in each other, so when was the last time we saw Jesus?*

*Do you see Jesus in your parents or guardians?*

*Do you see Jesus in your friends?*

*Do you see Jesus in your priest?*

*Do you think people see Jesus in you?*

*We may not realise it, but Jesus is with all of us and if we really look hard at a person, we can see Jesus in them. We will see Jesus in their smile, their kindness, their love, their joy. Then in return they will see Jesus in our smile, our kindness, our love and our joy. So, if we want to help people to see Jesus in us it means we have to smile, be kind, love and be joyful. So today try and see if you can see Jesus in others and if others can see Jesus in you, be sure to smile to give others the best chance.  
(adapted from National Youth Sunday Resource)*

### **UPCOMING FUNERAL**

There will be Funeral Mass for Mrs Pauline Ann Mangan on November 24 at Sacred Heart Church, 1.00pm. May she rest in peace!