

# SUNDAY BULLETIN

TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> 2020

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IN BURSLEM AND TUNSTALL

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### AS YOU COME BACK TO CHURCH.

Welcome back to public Mass after months of lockdown. Please note that few things are now done differently.

1. Wearing of face covering is mandatory (except for those under 11 years or have pre-existing health conditions and disabilities). For details on wearing face covering visit:

[www.gov.uk/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear](http://www.gov.uk/publications/face-coverings-when-to-wear) 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.

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

### NHS TRACK AND TRACE

While we are still keeping to the advice that all those who attend Mass or other liturgical services leave their contact phone numbers, there is a new NHS Covid-19 Test and Trace App which was launched on September 24<sup>th</sup> and it assists in track and trace. This App operates via Bluetooth in smartphones. People will download the App in their phones and it alerts them when they come in contact with an infected person. The QR Code is now available when you enter the Church.

MASS TIMES	Sacred Heart	Saint Joseph's		Mass Intention
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup>  <i>Parish Day of Prayer (Theme: Care for Creation, and an end to Covid-19 Pandemic)</i>	11.00am  4.00pm  5.00pm		Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration with Rosary /Litany  Prayer Service and Benediction.  Holy Mass / Baptism	People of the Parish
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.00am 9.30am	11.00am  11.30am	Rosary / Confessions Holy Mass  Rosary / Confessions  Holy Mass	Marion Owen (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday)  People of the Parish
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>				
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>	9.00am 9.30am		Rosary Holy Mass	Special Intention
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>  <i>Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	9.00am 9.30am	6.00pm  7.00pm	Rosary Holy Mass  Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament & Confessions  Holy Mass	Special Intention  Special Intention
Thursday October 8 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>	9.00am 9.30am		Holy Rosary Holy Mass	Martin Pio Ward RIP (20 <sup>th</sup> death Anniversary)
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup>  <i>Feast of St John Henry Newman, Priest</i>	9.30am  10.00am – 11.00am		Holy Mass  Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Rosary / confessions	Anne Platt RIP (Birthday Anniversary)
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> <i>Feria</i>	4.30pm  5.00pm		Holy Rosary / Confession  Holy Mass	People of the Parish
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  <i>Prison's Week</i>	9.00am  9.30am	11.00am  11.30am	Holy Rosary / Confessions  Holy Mass  Holy Rosary / Confessions  Holy Mass	John Welton RIP  Evelyn and Norman Wood RIP

OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS** of the deceased members of our Parish and families, and all the Souls in Purgatory. May they rest in perfect 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 on Tuesday evenings 6-7pm. No appointment needed.

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

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

#### **HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR OCTOBER**

The Laity's Mission in the Church  
We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church.

#### **OFFERTORY AND FUNDRAISING September 27<sup>th</sup>**

Sacred Heart

Gift Aid £128.50, Non-Gift Aid £142.40, Total £270.90

Father Hudson Gift Aid £62.80, Non-Gift Aid £74.90 Total £137.70

St Joseph's

Gift Aid £75, Non-Gift Aid £89, Total £164

Father Hudson Gift Aid £36, Non-Gift Aid £22.01 Total £58.01. Catholic Evangelisation Gift Aid £2

Please ask Carol in the Office if you would like to set up a Standing Order

#### **SECOND COLLECTION**

This Sunday's Second Collection is for Peter's Pence.

#### **CONFESSIONS**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession is at the center of our redemption by Jesus Christ. We now have more opportunities to celebrate this beautiful Sacrament in our Parish. Apart from the half hour before weekend Masses, confessions also take place Wednesday 6pm -7pm (St Joe's) and Friday 10am-11am (Sacred Heart) during Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration.

#### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Our Parish celebrates Marion Owen on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday anniversary. We wish you many more years filled with joy and good health. Happy Birthday to you!

#### **CONGRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Starcie Luciano as she receives the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart Church October 3<sup>rd</sup>. You are in our prayers.

#### **CATECHISM COORDINATOR**

We are in need of someone who will help us coordinate catechetical activities in our Parish. If you would like to volunteer for this service please let Fr Stan know.

#### **WEEKEND OF 24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER**

October 24<sup>th</sup> is the one-year anniversary of the induction of Fr Stan as the Parish Priest of Sacred Heart Tunstall and St Joseph's Burslem following his appointment by Archbishop Bernard Longley on September 6<sup>th</sup> 2019. In what may become an annual event Fr Stan will address the parishioners on the state of the Parish in all the Masses of the weekend of October 24<sup>th</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup>

#### **PARISH DIARY 2020**

##### **OCTOBER**

October 4 Peter's Pence Collection  
October 9 Episcopal ordination of Bishops-elect David Evans and Stephen Wright at St. Chads Cathedral, 12 noon.  
October 10 Confessions for Confirmation candidates, Sacred Heart, 11.00am to 1.00pm.  
October 17 Sacrament of Confirmation, Sacred Heart 5pm  
October 18 Sunday Mass with Bishop David McGough, Sacred Heart 9.30am.  
October 18 Sacrament of Confirmation, St Joseph's 11.30am

##### **NOVEMBER**

November 14 Meeting with First Holy Communion candidates  
November 28 Sacrament of Confession for First Holy Communion candidates

##### **DECEMBER**

December 5 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sacred Heart  
December 12 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sacred Heart  
December 19 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, Sacred Heart  
December 20 Sacrament of First Holy Communion, St Joseph's

#### **OCTOBER DEVOTIONS**

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. It was popularized by Pope Leo XIII (+1903) who admonished the faithful to pray the Rosary every day in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in order to obtain through her intercession, the grace that God would console and defend the Church in her sufferings. The devotions consist of the Rosary, the Litany of Our Lady of Loreto, the October prayer to St. Joseph, and prayers for the Holy Father's intentions. This devotion could be coupled with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction; and indulgences are granted to those who take part in it. The Rosary is a beautiful prayer. St Pope John Paul II says that the Rosary "has all the depth of the Gospel message in its entirety. With the Rosary, the Christian people sits at the school of Mary and is led to contemplate the beauty on the face of Christ and to experience the depths of his love. Through the Rosary the faithful receive abundant grace, as though from the very hands of the Mother of the Redeemer" (Rosarium Virginis Mariae, 2002).

In our parish we shall observe the daily recitation of the Rosary before our weekday and weekend Masses with Exposition / Benediction on Fridays (10am-11 am Sacred Heart after Mass), Wednesdays (6pm – 7pm St Joseph's before Mass). Individual and family recitation of Rosary in the month of October is highly encouraged.

#### **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Jesus Christ, died and raised from the dead, is still present in many ways to his Church: in his word, in his Church's prayer ("where two or three are gathered in my name"), in the poor, the sick and the imprisoned, in the sacraments, etc but most especially in the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. In this sacrament, the whole Christ is truly, really, substantially contained. Eucharistic Adoration is worship offered to our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist. According to CCC (quoting Paul VI), "Because Christ himself is present in the sacrament of the altar, he is to be honoured with the worship of adoration. 'To visit the Blessed Sacrament is ... a proof of gratitude, an expression of love, and a duty of adoration towards Christ our Lord'" (CCC, 1418). Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful prayer of worship to the Lord. According to St Alphonsus de Liguori, "Good friends find pleasure in one another's company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, a Friend who can do everything for us, a friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to him straight from the heart."

#### **UPDATE ON COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS**

The recent government guidance on public worship did not affect the rules we have been following on attending Masses and private prayers in churches. If you are attending Mass with others, then the group you are attending with should not exceed more than six people. This group of six can be made up of people from outside your household, but strict social distancing must be maintained between members of different households at all times. A family that is more than six people can also attend together. Further, henceforth for Wedding Services: a maximum of 15 people will be able to attend the service and reception; Funeral Services: up to a maximum of 30 people can attend a funeral service but the "Rule of Six" will apply to wakes and receptions afterwards. For Baptisms that take place outside Mass times only six people are allowed to attend. Catechetical activities such as sacramental preparation sessions are not considered as being affected by the Rule of Six, as these are formal Religious Education and Formation sessions. Choirs and music groups are also not considered to be restricted by this Rule.