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12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 24th /25th June

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Peggy Pollard Andrew & Magda & family
Sunday	10.00 am 7.00 pm		Brian Smith Reception of Annie Kennedy into Church
Monday	11.00 am		Funeral Mass for Annie Kennedy
Tuesday		9.30 am	Danny O'Loughlin
Wednesday			No Mass
Thursday SOLEMNITY OF St. PETER & St. PAUL Holy Day of Obligation	10.00 am 7.30 pm	2.00 pm	Anne Carwardine Dick Farnan Mass in St. Joseph's school Mary Mendy & Khadija Jallow
Friday	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Michael Leydon Eucharistic Service

13th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1st/2nd July

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	People of Parish Callaghan family & friends
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Kennedy family

Please Pray for the sick; Anne Stapleton, Bridie Murphy, Sheila O'Reilly, Marion Levell, Peter McKernan, Mary Joyce, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, May Walker, Nirosha Pathiraja, Teresa Francis, Michael O'Connor, Marie Parish, William Parish, Michael O'Reilly, Julie Gallagher, Irene Nelson.



This weekend we welcome Fr. Gerry Lennon to say the 12.30 pm Mass. Fr. Matthias Nsamba whom many of you will know and is over here for a short time from South Africa will say the Sunday Mass (instead of Fr. Eddie Clare).

The collection last weekend came to £361.52

The Day for Life second collection came to £162.56

This weekend we shall have our June **Fiver a month** collection.

Next weekend we shall have a collection for "Friends of Christ the Healer", which supports Fr. Matthias' work in South Africa.

THURSDAY THIS WEEK IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION when all Catholics are under a serious obligation to attend Mass. It is the Solemnity of St. Peter & St. Paul. It will be a great day for us and fill us with a new confidence in our faith and discipleship.



The work on the Church Roof will start on Monday 3rd. July. Hurray!! How many years is it since we first started talking about it?

First reading Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: I hear so many disparaging me, “Terror from every side!”
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’ All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall, ‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him and take our revenge!’
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35

In your great love, answer me, O Lord.

Second reading Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread
through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long
before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-
breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of
Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.
Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is
certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace,
coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**The Word was made flesh and lived among us:
to all who did accept him
he gave power to become children of God.
Alleluia!**

Gospel Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will
be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell
in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the housetops.
‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can
destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one
falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted.
So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.
So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the
presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will
disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

Reflection

Today's Gospel passage is taken from the end of Jesus' instruction to his disciples as he sends them forth to carry on his mission of preaching and healing. He asks them to live simple lives and to expect opposition and rejection. After having foretold future opposition and persecution, Jesus encourages his disciples to stand firm. Three times they are urged, "*Do not fear!*" "*Do not be afraid!*" Instead of shrinking from their task, they are to proclaim the Gospel boldly, because they will be protected just as Jeremiah was assured of God's protection. Hence, Jesus commands his disciples not to fear their persecutors. He presents before them the image of the sparrow to reinforce the disciples' trust and hope in God. The readings hint at the opposition we future Christians will encounter as we carry on the work of Jesus in the world, and they encourage us to persevere in doing the work of Jesus. They assure us that we will be successful, despite the opposition we encounter.

We need not be afraid because our life is in the hands of a loving God. Sometimes we are afraid that we will make a wrong decision. At other times, we are afraid of what others will think when we speak up for Jesus. We are afraid of what the future will bring our children. We are also afraid of growing old. Sometimes we are afraid of what bad health will bring us. At the root of these fears is the fear of loss. Every fear we have is grounded in the knowledge that we have something or someone to lose. I can lose my job, family, house, money, health and even life itself. Rejection and loss are the basis of our fears. But we forget one thing: whatever trouble or crisis affects us, we know that God understands it better than we ourselves. Our Heavenly Father knows exactly what is happening. What a release from fear it is to know that God is on our side; that our life is in the hands of a loving God! The next time fear grips our life we need to remember that being faithful to Christ wherever we meet him in this life is much more important than our fear of rejection and loss. Also, let us take a moment to recall some of the great promises of God. Let us remind ourselves that God cares – we are each a dear child of his and He cares for each of us. "*Don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.*" The last verse of Psalm 27 sums it up nicely, "*Trust in the Lord. Have Faith; do not despair. Trust in the Lord.*"



Parish News

THE FUNERAL OF ANNIE KENNEDY will take place this Monday 26th June at 11.00 am at Sacred Heart Church. May she rest in peace.

THE PILGRIMAGE TO HEDNESFORD is next Sunday 2nd July. A coach will pick up at Sacred Heart Church at 1.45 pm. Fare £7. Please put your name on the list at the back of the Church if you wish to book a place.

KINGDOM WARRIORS Young adults are invited to join our young adults group called the Kingdom Warriors. They meet each Tuesday at 6.30 pm at St. Vincent's Church in Nechells Parkway, B7 4JY for Lectio Divina. At present they are studying St. Matthew's Gospel.

GIFT AID If you are a taxpayer, please see Chris Brown and he will be able to arrange for us to claim money you have paid to the taxman back for the Church with no pain to yourself.

What's going on in the Diocese

PILGRIMAGE to the shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at the Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill, B44 9AG. Pilgrimage afternoon on Sunday 25th June at 3.00 pm. Open air Mass and Procession of the Blessed sacrament.

CELEBRATE This year there will be a CELEBRATE BIRMINGHAM, a Catholic Charismatic weekend Conference. It will be on the weekend 1st/2nd July at Oscott College. The speakers will be Charles Whitehead, Fr. Paul Keane and Maria Rodrigues. Go to www.celebrateconference.org for further details and booking details or take a leaflet from the back of church.

REBOOT On Monday 17 July 2017, from 6.30pm-9pm, St Catherine of Siena Church, Bristol Street Birmingham will be hosting Reboot, including music by the Mercy Tour. Reboot is provided by Chris Stefanick who is an internationally acclaimed speaker and author from the USA. Chris presents fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, marriage, parenting, health and more. It would be wonderful for people from across the Archdiocese to attend this life-changing event. Please contact Natalie Orefice (Advisor for Parish Evangelisation) for further details by email: parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk or telephone: 07718910585.

THE ANNUAL APF – MILL HILL MISSION MASS is on Sunday 23rd July at 11.00 am at St. Chad's Cathedral. Our Archbishop will be the principal celebrant.

THE BIRMINGHAM CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE is 7th -11th August. Keep those dates free. More information later. <http://www.bccrc.org.uk/>

Pilgrimage to Fatima Celebrate the centenary of Fatima this November with fellow pilgrims from the diocese. Departing 26th November spend 4 nights in a 4* hotel on a half board basis. Flights included from Birmingham. Early bird offer of £485 available until 15/08/2017. To find out more visit aglowpilgrimages.com/fatima or call 0800 689 4792.

FERTILITY CARE Life Fertility Care offer treatment for infertility and miscarriage. There are leaflets about it at the back of church. If you know anyone needing help, please take a leaflet or visit www.lifefertilitycare.co.uk

VACANCY FOR ENGLISH INTERVENTION OFFICER at St Edmund Campion Catholic School and Sixth Form Centre to work 36.5 hours per week, term time only. Salary will be paid at pro-rata on Grade 3. Advert and Job Description can be viewed on the school website - www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk or contact Mary Finnegan on 0121 464 7040. Closing date: Friday 7 July 2017 at 4.00 pm.

