



# Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

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## 13<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> July

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	People of Parish Callaghan family & friends
Sunday	10.00 am		Kennedy family
Monday (school)		9.30 am	Sr. Catherine Mass in St. Joseph's school
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday			No Mass
Thursday			No Mass
Friday	10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament No Mass Eucharistic Service

## 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Fr. Tom Rock Fr. Gerry McArdle
SUNDAY	10.00 am		People of Parish

**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.



The collection last weekend came to £257.36

The June **Fiver a month** collection came to £237.47

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

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the "Apostleship of the Sea"

The work on the Church Roof starts this Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The work won't affect the use of the Church in any significant way.



### **First reading 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16**

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

### **Responsorial Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

### **Second reading Romans 6:3-4,8-11**

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**Open our heart, O Lord,**  
**to accept the words of your Son.**  
**Alleluia!**



### **Gospel Matthew 10:37-42**

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

## Reflection

The common theme of today's readings is the work God gives us to do as the followers of Jesus: to love God and our brothers and sisters through hospitality, generosity, commitment and charity. The readings also remind us of the sacrifice demanded of Jesus' disciples and the suffering they will endure for their Faith when they bear witness to him.

Be hospitable and generous: Hospitality means acknowledging the presence of God in others and serving Him, especially in those whom we least expect to find Him. We as a community are to look for the opportunities to be hospitable--and, of course, there are plenty of ways of offering hospitality.

Maybe hospitality is offered through a kind word to a stranger - or even a smile. A kind smile or a "hello" to someone waiting with us in a grocery line may be the only kindness that person encounters all day. We become fully alive as Christians through the generous giving of ourselves. What is more important than sending money for charitable causes is giving of ourselves to people -- in the way we speak to them and about them, in the way we forgive their failings, in the way we encourage them, console them and help them, and even in the way we think about them. These types of generosity reflect warmth radiating from the very love of God.



## Parish News

**THE PILGRIMAGE TO HEDNESFORD** is this Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. A coach will pick up at Sacred Heart Church at 1.45 pm. Fare £7 for those who have booked 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

**Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent night shelter for homeless people**, is opening in September. Could you volunteer as a host or mentor? Please come along to an open evening on Thursday 13 July, 6-9 pm, at St Anne's Catholic Church, 96 Bradford Street, Birmingham B12 0PY. Contact Christy Acton on 01675 434064 to find out more.

**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](mailto:parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk) or telephone: 07718910585.

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

**THE BIRMINGHAM CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE** is 7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk) or contact Mary Finnegan on 0121 464 7040. Closing date: Friday 7 July 2017 at 4.00 pm.

**CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE OR RELIGIOUS STUDIES** Why not study the faith in greater depth so that you can communicate it more effectively? See notice on notice board in church and/or go to [www.brs-ccrs.org.uk](http://www.brs-ccrs.org.uk) or phone 0207 901 1900.

**Catholic Singles** is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit [www.catholicsingles.org.uk](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498

