



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

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## CHRIST THE KING 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> November National Youth Sunday Holy Year of Mercy ends

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 am	6.00 pm	People of Parish Mary Conlon
Sunday	10.00 am	3.00 pm	Peter Cleaver BLESSING OF GRAVES AT St. JOSEPH'S CEMETERY
Monday		9.00 am	Presentation Associates
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday (school)		9.30 am	Jim O'Grady Mass in St. Joseph's school
Thursday	9.30 am		Geoffrey Payne Mass in Sacred Heart School
Friday Day of abstinence	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament NO intention at present Eucharistic Service

## ADVENT SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> /27<sup>th</sup> Novemeber

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	People of Parish Douglas & Graham Mitchell
SUNDAY	10.00 am		John Joyce

**Please Pray for the sick;** Anne Stapleton, Bridie Murphy, Frances Goulding, Sheila O'Reilly, Elsie Levell, Marion Levell, Peter McKernan, Mary Joyce, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, May Walker, Nirosha Pathiraja, William Parish, Annie Kennedy, Joyce Johnson, Teresa Francis, Bill Lawton, Michael O'Connor, Marie Parish, Maura Lawrence.



## SACRED HEART COLLECTIONS

The collection last weekend came to £287.93

This weekend we have a second collection for the **Catholic Youth Service**.

Next week-end we have our November **Fiver a month** collection.

**VOLUNTEERS .....We need plenty of volunteers to help with the running of the Church: Here are some we need together with the co-ordinator. Please contact the co-ordinator if you think you might be able to help.**

TASK	Co-ordinator	Telephone
Church cleaning	Teresa O'Gorman	07585 907706
Counting collection	Mary Crotty	
Children's Liturgy	Sheila McKernan	0121 344 3028
Visiting sick & housebound	Sheila McKernan	0121 344 3028
Readers	Mary & Kate McManus	0121 523 9613
Welcoming ministry	Shirleyni	07583 177413
Altar Servers	Peter McKernan & Sr. Clare	0121 344 3028
Baptism Preparation	Fr. Stephen	0121 327 0235

**Raise the Roof Raffle – 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> November**  
No: 20 - Marie Mitchell

## Annual Blessing of Graves

St. Joseph's 20<sup>th</sup> November 3.00pm  
Handsworth 13<sup>th</sup> November 3.00 pm

Witton 27<sup>th</sup> November 3 00pm

## Parish News

**GIFT follow-up** There will be a meeting on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 6.30 pm at St. Vincent's for all those who attended the GIFT course + any others. There will be Prayer & Praise, some input, discussion, the sorting out of groups to continue meeting and the planning of the Great Adventure.

**ADVENT WALK WITH ME** These are available this weekend and start next Sunday. They will help you to keep a good Advent. Take several copies and give them to friends or colleagues and ask them to walk with you this Advent. There are also calendars.

**SACRED HEART CHRISTMAS PARTY** is on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7 pm in the Club. Carol singing, Bingo, Raffle and buffet. Tickets Adults £5, children £2 which includes the buffet.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH ROOF UPDATE** We have appointed architects who are in the process of drawing up the schedule of works so that it can go to tender. We would hope to have the tenders in by Christmas or soon after. Then we shall know exactly what it is going to cost. We hope that work will start in the spring. We still have a lot of money to raise (approx. £150,000) and so need to keep raising money. We shall be going ahead with the work. The question is: How big will our overdraft be?

**DAILY EXPOSITION.** In these days of political and economic uncertainty, it is important that all Catholics are praying for our country and that it may be protected from the schemes of the evil one. Come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament. Any time between 10.00 am – 5.00 pm usually in the Presbytery, or between 8.00 pm – midnight usually in the Presbytery. Sometimes it may be in the undercroft. Ring the appropriate bell or if no reply try the other one.

**MARCH FOR LIFE FUND RAISING CONCERT** with internationally famous singer and guitarist Martin Aelred, who has performed for HRH Prince Charles, The United Nations and for the Pope. Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Doors open 7 pm at St. Anne's Centre, Alcester Street, Digbeth, B12 0PH. Booking required, places limited. Tickets £10. To book tickets email [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk) or phone Isabel on 07773501721.

## What's going on in the Diocese

**A SAINT FOR THE MIDLANDS** Blessed John Henry Newman.

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at Maryvale Institute 2.00 pm exhibition talks 3.00 pm.

**CLOSING THE DOORS OF MERCY.** The Door of Mercy at St. Chad's will be closed by the Archbishop this Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November. I hope that the Year of Mercy has been a great blessing to you and that you have entered more deeply into the loving mercy and forgiveness of God and that the Sacrament of Reconciliation has become a more valued part of your Christian life.

## First reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel then came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel.'" So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel.

## Psalm 121:1-5

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.'

## **Second reading** Colossians 1:12-20

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

He is the image of the unseen God  
and the first-born of all creation,  
for in him were created  
all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and everything invisible,  
Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers –  
all things were created through him and for him.  
Before anything was created, he existed,  
and he holds all things in unity.  
Now the Church is his body,  
he is its head.

As he is the Beginning,  
he was first to be born from the dead,  
so that he should be first in every way;  
because God wanted all perfection  
to be found in him  
and all things to be reconciled through him and for him,  
everything in heaven and everything on earth,  
when he made peace  
by his death on the cross.

## **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord!**

**Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!**

**Alleluia!**



## **Gospel Luke 23:35-43**

The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied 'today you will be with me in paradise.'

## Reflection

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, and it is also the last Sunday in the Ordinary time. Jesus our King of kings, no doubt, came into this world and made an impact in the history of the world. He was not like other kings of this world. He established his kingdom by laying down his life. Though he had power to destroy his enemies, he prayed for them, asking the Father to forgive them. His is a Kingdom of peace, love and joy. He laid down his life for each one of us, for the whole world. The rulers made fun of him and the soldiers ridiculed him, for he could not save himself. Yet he did not utter a word against them. He bore everything patiently for saving us and the whole human race from sins. You have two options: to hurl insults at Christ the King, like the first criminal and be lost, or accept him as your Lord and Saviour and be with him in Paradise, in his Kingdom. The choice is yours.

## ADRENALINE - Leadership Programme with NCS for 16 & 17 year olds

This Autumn Soli are offering an intensive positive personal development programme which is part of the National Citizen Service initiative (NCS). Two exciting leadership residential programmes with outward bounds adventure and digging deeper into our social consciousness and followed by dynamic tailor made social action project with Soli & Fr Hudsons Care with a focus on the elderly and refugees.

This leadership programme for 16 and 17 year olds will be offered for FREE this Autumn because of the funding from NCS. We would welcome all young people especially with extra needs/ from challenging back grounds, and will also assist with transport. The NCS programme is a great boost for a student's **UCAS**, their CVs and the residential elements count towards the Gold Duke of Edinburgh. We are looking forward to running four sets of dates throughout Autumn, all of these dates are offered outside of school time. Please see Fr. Stephen, if you might be interested in this.

**BIRMINGHAM CHURCHES WINTER NIGHT SHELTER PROJECT 2017** The South Aston United Reform Church has agreed to host 12 homeless men on a Monday night on their Church premises, providing an evening meal, overnight accommodation, a cooked breakfast and a packed lunch on Tuesday. If you would like to help with this or to make a donation towards costs, please contact the Minister The Revd. Peter Little on 0121 551 0077.

**THE PERMANENT DIACONATE** The Archdiocese wishes to give greater publicity to the Permanent Diaconate in the life of the Church and has produced a leaflet summarising the main features of the Permanent Diaconate and giving information regarding the procedure for prospective candidates, who believe they may have a calling, to apply for formation in the Archdiocese. Copies are available at the back of Church and your prayers are requested for more vocations to this ministry.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES** The Hospitaller Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta, take a group of sick people to Lourdes Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May with accommodation in the Accueil Notre Dame. They invite application from sick and disabled and aged people. It is heavily subsidised, but pilgrims would normally be asked to contribute £290. If you are interested in applying, please see Fr. Stephen.

**NATIONAL 2017 CENTENNIAL CELEBRATORY 8 DAY FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 10<sup>TH</sup> 17<sup>TH</sup> July £725** with Fr. Gerard Kelly and Bishop Robert Byrne. For further information contact Mrs. Brigid McKenna on 0121 429 4145. Would a group from Sacred Heart & St. Joseph's like to join this? There may be some subsidy towards.

