



Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

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26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 30th September/1st October

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Sally Anne Buckhouse Sr. Pius
Sunday	10.00 am		Julie Lemathy
Monday		9.30 am	Derek & Kath Povey
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday (school)		9.30 am	Tim & Bridget Curtin in St. Joseph's school
Thursday (school)	9.30 am		People of Parish
Friday CAFOD Harvest Fast Day.	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Sr. Dona Maria Eucharistic Service

27th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 7th/8th October

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Derek Davis People of Parish
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Michael Delaney

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 £279.38

The second collection for Fr. Hudson's Society came to £282.11.

This weekend we have our September **Fiver a month** collection.

Next weekend we shall have the **CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY COLLECTION**

Raise the Roof Raffle 23rd/24th September No: 22 – Donal Brean

THE CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY is this Friday.

You are all asked to fast on Friday and pray for the work of CAFOD, and then make a donation to CAFOD next Sunday. Envelopes are provided. If you are a taxpayer, please fill in your details on the envelope and CAFOD will be able to claim tax back from the Inland Revenue.

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.

MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR COMPLETION OF ROOF REPAIRS

The Archbishop will be coming to Sacred Heart for a Special Mass on Sunday 14th January at 11.00 am.

Please mark this off in your diary.

More details later.

Sacred Heart School Community Lunch Club has begun again on Tuesdays. It is intended for members of the community, especially for those living alone, who would welcome the opportunity to meet with others for a tasty cooked lunch and a social activity. Lunch is served at 12.00 pm, and usually consists of a cooked main course and dessert. Members are asked to pay just £4.00 towards the costs of the food. Please call the school on 0121 356 4721 for more details or to book a place.

First reading Ezekiel 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm 24(25):4-9

Remember your mercy, Lord.

Second reading Philippians 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, So that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:

His state was divine, yet he did not cling
to his equality with God but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are;
and being as all men are, he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death, death on a cross.
But God raised him high and gave him the name
which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens,
on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

Reflection

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognise the Kingdom of God. The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will. Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders. Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

Parish News

BEING A CATHOLIC A course is starting on the Catholic faith both for those adults who would like to become Catholics and to help those who are already Catholics to get a more adult understanding of the faith. It continues each week on Monday at 3.45 pm in Sacred Heart School in Earlsbury Gardens. The sessions will finish at 5 pm. Please come and bring your friends.

GIFT – A New Life in the Spirit course started on Thursday 21st September and continues this Thursday at 1.00 pm in St. Joseph's School. This is again for adults and enables people wherever they may be to share their faith. It finishes at 3 pm in time to take children home from school. It runs for 6 sessions.

TAIZÉ PRAYER MEETING There will be an ecumenical Taizé Prayer meeting for people all over Birmingham on Sunday 15th October at 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's Church. Please come and support this as we are the host parishes.

THE FEAST OF BLESSED JOHN HENRY NEWMAN is on Monday 9th October. We shall be celebrating it with a Mass in St. Joseph's School at 9.30 am. You are all invited to attend on this most important feast in our Diocese and our city.

Sehion UK ministry originates from Sehion Retreat Centre in Attapadi, Kerala. Under the direction of Fr. Soji Olikkal, it commenced in the UK in 2009. There are various different ministries conducted by Sehion that you can participate in such as:

Second Saturday Convention - Every 2nd Saturday of the month from 8am - 4pm at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, B70 7JW (including a Rosary procession, Holy Mass, Confession, talks, spiritual sharing, testimonies, praise and worship and Eucharistic Adoration).

Bible Sharing Class - Every Tuesday here at 85 Prestbury Road from 8pm - 10pm. For further details, please visit the Sehion UK website at www.sehionuk.org

CHURCHPOP Have a look at the website churchpop.com. It contains all sorts of material of a Catholic nature set out in a fun way. Something for all the family to enjoy.

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.

What's going on in the Diocese

INDUCTION OF Fr. Jagadishmario Kurapati (Fr. Mario) You are invited to his induction as Parish Priest of St. Catherine's Bristol Street on Wednesday 4th October at 7.00 pm.

AN AFTERNOON WITH NEWMAN at Maryvale on Sunday 8th October 4 - 6 pm. A talk by Fr. Peter Conley. All welcome.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE will be starting again on Wednesday 27th September until Sunday 5th November. During that time we are asked to pray outside the Abortion Clinic in Arthur Road, Edgbaston between 8 am and 8 pm. You can just turn up and join with others praying the rosary, but it is helpful to the organisers if you can book in a slot on the website <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/birmingham/> If you can't get there how about spending an hour each week before the Blessed Sacrament at Sacred Heart.

ASTON & NECHELLS FOOD BANK Please help local people in crisis by buying items from the list below and giving them to Aston & Nechells Foodbank collection point. * Tinned fruit * Tinned vegetables * Coffee * Fruit juice (carton) or squash * Tinned meat * Tinned fish * Milk (long-life or powdered) * Pasta sauce (jar) * Tinned rice pudding * Tinned tomatoes * Instant mashed potato * Toilet rolls * Hand soap * Toothpaste/toothbrushes * Feminine hygiene products * Deodorants * Nappies * Chocolate/snacks In the last twelve months, we gave out 21,000 kilograms of emergency food, feeding 1753 adults and 1138 children. For more information about the work of our Foodbank, please talk to one of our volunteers or look at our website: www.astonnechells.foodbank.org.uk

Are you interested in finding out more about **becoming a Primary or Secondary School teacher** with the St Paul's Caritas Christi group of Catholic Schools? There will be a Train to Teach event at Joseph Chamberlain College on Wednesday 4th October 5.15pm - 8.00pm to find out further information.

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

Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent night shelter for homeless people, is opening in September. Could you volunteer as a host or mentor? Contact Christy Acton on 01675 434064 to find out more.

THE CHARITY BALL in aid of The Kenelm Trust is on Saturday 14th October at 7.30 pm at the Belfry Hotel and Spa in Sutton Coldfield. Tickets £45 call 01538 703224 or email events@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk