



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

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## 27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> October Day of Prayer for Prisoners & their Dependants

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Derek Davis People of Parish
Sunday	10.00 am		Michael Delaney
Monday (school) Blessed John Henry Newman		9.30 am	Thanksgiving Mass in St. Joseph's school
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday		9.30 am	Sr. Eileen
Thursday	10.00 am		Thanksgiving for prayers answered
Friday Day of abstinence	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Eve McDonough Eucharistic Service

## 28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> October

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Ann Mullen Tony O'Donoghue
SUNDAY	10.00 am	6.00 pm	People of Parish Ecumenical Taizé Prayer Service

**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 £297.78  
The September **Fiver a month** collection came to £249.06

This weekend we have the **CAFOD HARVEST FAST DAY COLLECTION**

**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.

### MASS OF THANKSGIVING FOR COMPLETION OF ROOF REPAIRS

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

Please mark this off in your diary.  
More details later.

**SACRED HEART CHURCH WEBSITE** Please mark this website and view it regularly.

**BEING A CATHOLIC** A course has started 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** continues this Thursday at 1.00 pm in St. Joseph's School.

### **First reading Isaiah 5:1-7**

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard.  
My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside.  
He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it.  
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.  
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.  
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah,  
I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me.  
What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done?  
I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?  
Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard:  
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on.  
I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.  
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.  
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel,  
and the men of Judah that chosen plant.  
He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

### **Responsorial Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20**

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

### **Second reading Philippians 4:6-9**

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**  
**I call you friends, says the Lord,**  
**because I have made known to you**  
**everything I have learnt from my Father.**  
**Alleluia!**

## Gospel Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see. 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

## Reflection

Today's Gospel remind us of all God has created and nurtured in our world, and of the harvest God anticipates. Are we faithfully tending what God has planted in us, in our families and community? We can get discouraged by situations beyond our control – yet we are assured of God's presence with us, and that God can bring forth "good fruit" in the most surprising ways. May our prayer today help us to recognise God's work in and among us, and to feel God's presence and peace in the midst of whatever life brings.

"The Spirit gives us that wisdom which surpasses knowledge, and enables us to work generously with authentic freedom and humble creativity. To do a good job of nurturing and tending the vineyard, our hearts and minds must be kept in Jesus Christ by 'the peace of God which passes all understanding.' In this way our thoughts and plans will correspond to God's dream: to form a holy people who are his own and produce the fruits of the kingdom of God."

## Parish News

**TAIZÉ PRAYER MEETING** There will be an ecumenical Taizé Prayer meeting for people all over Birmingham on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**PATRONAL FESTIVAL** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October is our Patronal Festival, the Solemnity of St. Margaret Mary. There will a Mass in Sacred Heart School at 9.30 am and a Mass in Church at 7.30 pm. Fr. Mark will be celebrating the evening Mass. It is the 12<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his ordination!

**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](http://www.sehionuk.org)

**SOME ONLINE RESOURCES: CHURCHPOP** Have a look at the website [churchpop.com](http://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. **Wordonfire.org** Bishop Robert Barron. **Catholic Answers** [www.catholic.com](http://www.catholic.com). **Strangenotions.com**

**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

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

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE** will be starting again on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September until Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.astonnechells.foodbank.org.uk)

**AUTUMN QUIZ** The Friends of Maryvale invite you to a Quiz on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October with Fish & Chips supper (bring your own drinks) at 7.00 pm. Tickets £6 from Orla 0121 360 8118.

**Join the Diocesan Youth Service for Bonfire Night**, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November @ Oscott College from 7-9pm. With music, professional firework display, bonfire & BBQ - a night not to be missed, open to youth groups, young adults & families. £10 per person - group & family discounts available. Contact: [kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) or [www.kyt.org.uk](http://www.kyt.org.uk) for more 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](http://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 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:events@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)