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THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

26th /27th May 2018

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Rachel Jackson People of Parish
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Linda Clark
Monday		9.30 am	Christina Jones
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday		9.30 am	Thanksgiving (Danny)
Thursday	10.00 am		Holy souls
Friday Day of Abstinence	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Rita Clancy Eucharistic Service

CORPUS ET SANGUINIS CHRISTI

2nd/3rd June

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	John Kelly Alvara Lopez
SUNDAY	10.00 am		People of Parish

Please Pray for the sick; Sheila O'Reilly, Marion Levell, Peter McKernan, Mary Joyce, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Teresa Francis, Michael O'Connor, William Parish, Michael O'Reilly, Julie Gallagher, Pat Hayes, Jimmy Armstrong, Anne Robinson, Peter Marron, Mary Crotty.



The collection last weekend came to £335.77

Last weekend's second collection for the Camboni Missionaries came to £450.12

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

Raise the Roof Hamper Raffle – No. 14 T. Harnett

NEXT SUNDAY IS CORPUS CHRISTI The Mass will end with a Corpus Christi procession around the outside of the Church (weather permitting). There will be a Corpus Christi Procession at the Oratory in the Hagley Road at 12.45 pm (following Mass at 12 noon)

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART is on Friday 8th June. It will be the start of **The Year for Priests**. It is also our Day of Prayer for Vocations. There will be Mass at 10 am followed by Exposition in church until the evening Mass which will be at 7.30 pm.

RENEW OUR PARISH Now that we have renewed our Church Roof we need to renew our parish. Please start praying the Renewal Prayer everyday so that we can be open to what God wants us to do and become in this Sacred Heart parish.

THE RENEWAL TEAM will meet after Mass each Sunday downstairs. Come along if you would like to join it.

DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? We shall have a short meeting after Mass on Sunday 17th June for all those who wish to be baptised, received into the Catholic Church or Confirmed. Please spread the news around. Come along yourself and bring your friend who may be interested with you.

CHURCH BBQ We are planning a BBQ for Sunday 8th July following the Mass in the Presbytery Garden. Please keep that day free. More details later.

DOOR OF GRACE Inviting all young people to come and enjoy this one day event at St. Gerard's Church, Castle Vale, B35 6JT on Saturday 23rd June. www.sehionuk.org

CELEBRATE Birmingham Catholic Charismatic Family Weekend 30th June – 1st July at Oscott College. Adults £40, Young adults 18-21 yrs. £30, children 5-17yrs £15, under 5's free. Go to www.celebrateconference.org for more details.

ENGLAND AND ROME Anglo-papal relations c1350 – 1870 A one day conference at Cathedral House (Grimshaw Room) on Monday 25th June 10.45 am – 4 pm. Cost £20. Bookings jjs_lspa@btinternet.com or phone 01926 428255.

BRIGHTLIGHTS 2018 Holy Daring. This year Brightlights is 29th June – 1st July. It looks as we are going to have a large group going from our part of the world this year. Contact Sr. Catherine by Wednesday this week if you would like to go. Her number is 0121 241 4373 or email pvbm@blueyonder.co.uk. We are subsidising this, but ask you to make a contribution of at least £20. For further information go to www.brightlights.org.uk

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS LIVERPOOL 2018 7-9 September Adoremus will be a unique opportunity for the Church to gather and reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist and particularly to explore the place of Eucharistic Adoration. This is to help us all to love the Eucharistic Lord more profoundly and help all of us spend time in prayer before the blessed sacrament. It is still possible to book in for the Saturday (£40), but this must be done by 31st May, Go to the diocesan website for further info about this. A coach will be running from St. Francis, but bookings for this can be done later.

ENGLISH PRAYER TIME You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in Sacred Heart Presbytery on Monday nights 8 -10 pm. when everything will be in English.

DAILY EXPOSITION There is normally exposition in the Presbytery every day 10 am – 5 pm and 8 pm – midnight. To check phone Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

THE KINGDOM WARRIORS meet on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm at St. Vincent's Church, Nechells Parkway. This a group for young adults (18+) and involves the study of the Bible.

DONATIONS TO THE ROOF APPEAL ON LINE Get your friends to donate on line by going to our website www.sacredheartaston.com and going to the Giving page. We are using "Mydonate" and they don't take any commission so we get 100% of what you give and you can Gift Aid it too if you are a taxpayer.

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).

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.catholicssingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

CRIB FIGURES - Our lovely Christmas Crib figures are showing many signs of wear, with lost hands and other parts damaged and broken. To get them restored will cost £3,000. Would you consider sponsoring the repair of a figure at £300? – or however much you can.

We are pleased to report that all the work on the renewal of the Church Roof is finished and paid for. Congratulations! Now we are faced with two more things we need to do urgently which could be very expensive. A Conservator will be coming to look at the mosaics and at the panelling and will tell us how much it will cost to have a proper inspection done to get quotations for work that needs doing. Also we are getting a lighting design done and then will be able to get quotations for new lighting. I shall let you know when we know how much it is all going to cost.

First reading Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Responsorial Psalm 32(33):4-6,9,18-20,22

Happy the people the Lord has chosen as his own.

Second reading Romans 8:14-17

The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
the God who is, who was, and who is to come.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Reflection

Today, on the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. This feast invites us to consider what we believe about God, who has revealed himself to us in the Trinity, one God in three Persons. The Gospel for this Solemnity is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. In its conclusion, Matthew's Gospel quickly moves from the disciples' discovery of Jesus' empty tomb and Jesus' appearance to Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to the commission that Jesus gives to his disciples in today's Gospel.

The final commission, as this part of Matthew's Gospel is sometimes called, is given on the mountain top. Throughout Scripture, many of the most important events happen on a mountain top, and Matthew used this motif often. Peter, James, and John saw Jesus transfigured on the mountain top, and Jesus taught the crowds from the mountain top in the Sermon on the Mount. In today's Gospel, the eleven disciples go to the mountain top in Galilee, as Jesus had instructed them through Mary Magdalene and the other Mary. They see Jesus, and they worship and doubt at the same time. Jesus approaches them and commissions them to baptise and teach. It is a task for which Jesus had previously prepared his disciples; recall that Jesus had already sent the twelve apostles to preach the Kingdom of God and to heal. Yet earlier, the Twelve were sent only to the House of Israel; in this final commission, the eleven are told to go to all nations. The mission of Jesus is now to be taken to all people, and the task is to baptise and to teach. Jesus commissions his disciples to baptise in the name of the Trinity; this is one of the clearest attestations for Baptism in the name of the Holy Trinity found in Scripture. Other New Testament references to Baptism describe it as being celebrated in the name of Jesus. As we read this Gospel on the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, we are reminded that this central mystery of faith is meant to be lived. As baptised Christians, we share in the life of the blessed Trinity and seek to invite others to share in God's love.

