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Parish of St. Joseph's, Nechells

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7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd/24th February 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Maureen Teague Joe Wall with Baptism of Kataryna Kelly
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Michael O'Reilly
Monday			No Mass
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday (school)		9.30 am	People of Parish Mass in St. Joseph's school
Thursday (school)	9.10 am		Dennis Serie Mass in Sacred Heart school
Friday St. David Day of abstinence Women's World Day of Prayer	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Maureen Teague Eucharistic Service

8th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Day for unemployed

2nd/3rd March 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	People of SJ & SH parishes Janet Brennan
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Bill Lawton

Please Pray for the sick; Mary Levell, Peter McKernan, William Parish, Julie Gallagher, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, John Mullen, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael O'Connor, Andy Walsh, Joe Thewlis.

The collection last weekend came to £290.02

The second collection for Racial Justice came to £207.61.

This weekend we have our February **Fiver a month** collection. Perhaps this month it should be **Tenner a month** since we overlooked the January collection!

FIRST FRIDAYS FOR FAITH The next meeting will be on Friday 1st March at 7.30 pm. We shall see some videos about Kibele in Rwanda where Our Lady appeared to some visionaries in the 1980s and the profound affect this has had on bringing forgiveness and reconciliation following the genocide. It is very powerful.

Baby Loss Matters Our parish is participating in this to create a memorial space in our church to commemorate the lives of those lost before, during or shortly after birth for any reason. The memorial space which is at Our Lady's altar includes prayer cards, as well as support services if you feel you need them. The memorial is for anyone who wishes to make use of them and continues until the end of February.

CAN YOU HELP We need some people to help with counting the collections after the Sunday Mass. Please see Fr. Stephen or Mary Crotty if you can help. We also need people who could run the **Children's Liturgy**. Please see Fr. Stephen or Sheila McKernan if you think you could help.

PARISH CENSUS Following the new Data Protection Act we need to renew our parish data. If you had a form last week, I hope you have remembered to bring it back. If you didn't get one, please make sure you take one. This is important. Thanks.

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. You can check that it is happening by phoning Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

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 is a group for young adults (18+) and involves the study of the Bible.

Flame is the largest National Catholic Youth event of 2019 It is on **Saturday 2nd March**. Please see Sr. Catherine if you would like to go. Tickets are £39 pp includes ticket entrance, transport with a pick up local to your parish, insurance and a Diocesan T-Shirt.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE starts again on Ash Wednesday 6th March. The **Kick-off** event will be next Sunday 3rd March. Bishop John Keenan will be speaking on 'Abortion – The Need for Public Witness' and Pastor Darnell Starks will be sharing his moving personal testimony. Join us at the 40 Days for Life Kick-off event on Sunday 3rd March at 2.00 pm, Upper Cloister, Birmingham Oratory, 141 Hagley Road, B16 8UE.

The Catholic Times author **Chris McDonnell** is giving a talk on **THOMAS MERTON**, Trappist monk, writer, theologian, mystic, poet, social activist and scholar of comparative religion. This Sunday 24th February 2019 at St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Rd, Harborne B17 0DN. Start at 1.30pm tea, 2.00 talk, Q&A, discussion. Everyone welcome. No charge.

2019 MISSION APPEAL will be next weekend 2nd/3rd March for the Society of St. Columban which is an organisation working in fifteen countries with a special commitment to Asia and Latin America. The primary aim of the Columbans is inculturation of the Gospel in Cross Cultural environments. They engage in Reconciliation, Dialogue and building relationships between peoples of different faiths, cultures and ideologies. Columban missionary work of evangelisation includes outreach to poor and marginalized peoples, building bridges between faiths and cultures and supporting emerging local churches. At the heart of their work is the call to help people become fully human, to help establish a world of peace with justice and care for the integrity of creation in solidarity with the poor. The appeal will be conducted by Fr. Gerry Markey SSC who has worked on Missions around the globe in the Philippines, on the Mexican border in Ciudad Juarez and latterly in Chile.

Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent night shelter, is looking for volunteers to help, especially overnight and mentors. If you are interested in finding out more why not come along to their Open evening on Wednesday 20th March 2019 6pm - 8pm at St Anne's Training Room, 96 Bradford Street, Birmingham, B12 0PY. please contact Sharon McCall: 07387 418319 for further information.

As you will be aware, **Brexit** is causing uncertainty and concern to many EU citizens living in the UK. Both clergy and laity alike share this uncertainty and concern. Apart from those who are uncertain about their future, others are inevitably in a state of ignorance and unaware that Brexit will affect their immigration status. In March 2019, the Government is due to launch a Settlement Scheme. All EU citizens living in the UK will be required to make an application if they wish to remain here after Brexit. However, Irish citizens will not be required to apply as their rights are separately protected. Many parishioners, priests and religious leaders in our Dioceses will be affected.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES IN MAY If there is anyone who is sick who would like to go on the pilgrimage, there may be some funding to help towards it. Please ask Fr. Stephen.

CLICK TO PRAY is the Pope's new app. Go and download it, it may help you to pray. Also get **Catholic Mega App** It is a gateway to lots of Catholic resources on the internet. Have you signed up to **Churchpop.com** yet? Short easily accessible articles about Catholic things, some more of a fun nature, some very serious.

LENT RETREAT Walking together with Jesus You commit to 15-30 minutes prayer time a day using on-line resources, and a weekly group meeting. The local meeting will take place at St. Joseph's Presbytery on Mondays at 7.30 pm. The first meeting to get started will be on Monday 4th March. Contact Ann Kelly at a.m_kelly@btinternet.com or 07890 066 309 or go to www.pathwaystogod.org

First reading

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

The Lord is compassion and love.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and
compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.

He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

The Lord is compassion and love.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

The Lord is compassion and love.

Second reading**1 Corinthians 15:45-49**

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation cf.Ac16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our heart, O Lord,

to accept the words of your Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel**Luke 6:27-38**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'