



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

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### EASTER 4 World Day of Prayer for Vocations 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Overy family Sr. Eileen McKirdy
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Jimmy Butler
Monday			No Mass
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday	12 noon		Funeral Mass for Linda O'Donnell
Thursday (school)			No Mass
Friday Day of abstinence		11.45 am	No Mass Eucharistic Service

### EASTER 5 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	McKernan family in Ireland Margaret & Jim Murphy
SUNDAY	10.00 am		People of Parish

**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, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure.

The collection last weekend came to £302.31

This weekend there will be a second collection for the **Clergy Training Fund**

**LISA FAHY** retired as Head of Sacred Heart School just before Christmas. We are arranging a special Retirement Thank you Celebration for her on Saturday 6th July. There will be Mass at 12.30 pm in Church followed by a "do" in the Club afterwards. Please get the news out and around the Sacred Heart School family using all your social media contacts.

If you would like to contribute to a retirement gift, please send a cheque to Fr. Stephen written out to "Sacred heart, Aston", with Lisa Fahy written on the back or give through My Donate on the Church website with a message Lisa Fahy (N.B This finishes on 30<sup>th</sup> June).

To help with catering can you email [Sacredheartaston@hotmail.com](mailto:Sacredheartaston@hotmail.com) to let us know that you are coming.

We need people who could run the **Children's Liturgy**. Please see Fr. Stephen or Sheila McKernan if you think you could help.

**LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS** will be taking place at the Abbey Prayer Group in the Abbey Church Hall in Erdington. Seven Thursdays at 8 pm starting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May. All welcome.

**THE ANNUAL SOLEMN NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR** starts on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May until Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at St. Francis, Handsworth. Weekday Services at 9.15 am, 12 noon, 6.30 pm 8.00 pm. See notice on board.

**BRIGHTLIGHTS** for people aged 16-30 is 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> June at Alton Castle. It will be giving something of the experience of World Youth Day, but nearer home. Go to [wydathome.weebly.com](http://wydathome.weebly.com) for further information or to book or contact Sr. Catherine.

**SHERRY WEDELL in Birmingham** Maryvale Institute on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm. Go to [Eventbrite.co.uk](http://Eventbrite.co.uk) to buy tickets. She is author of *Forming intentional disciples & Fruitful Discipleship*.

**THE BIRMINGHAM SETTLEMENT** in Witton Road are running a men's programme:

Weekly activities:

Monday: Men's DIY discussion group 12.30pm – 1.30pm

Monday: Men's Tai Chi 2pm – 3pm

Tuesday: Men's Boxercise 11am – 12pm

Tuesday: Men's Meet up 1.30pm – 3pm

Wednesday: Men's Social running 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Thursday: Men's Chess and dominoes 2.30pm – 4.30pm

Friday: Men's walking club 10am – 11.30am

**ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE** A Weekend of Discovery, A Lifetime of Love. 29<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> June at St. Mary's on the Hill in Wednesbury. For further information go to [www.wwme.org.uk](http://www.wwme.org.uk) or phone Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 244 7762.

**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 Nimmy on 07482307222.

**DAILY EXPOSITION** There is normally exposition in the Presbytery every day 10 am – 5 pm and 8 pm – midnight. To check, phone Nimmy on 07482307222.

**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.

**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.

### First reading

### Acts 13:14,43-52

Paul and Barnabas carried on from Perga till they reached Antioch in Pisidia. Here they went to synagogue on the Sabbath and took their seats.

When the meeting broke up many Jews and devout converts joined Paul and Barnabas, and in their talks with them Paul and Barnabas urged them to remain faithful to the grace God had given them. The next Sabbath almost the whole town assembled to hear the word of God. When they saw the crowds, the Jews, prompted by jealousy, used blasphemies and contradicted everything Paul said. Then Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly. 'We had to proclaim the word of God to you first, but since you have rejected it, since you do not think yourselves worthy of eternal life, we must turn to the pagans. For this is what the Lord commanded us to do when he said: I have made you a light for the nations, so that my salvation may reach the ends of the earth.'

It made the pagans very happy to hear this and they thanked the Lord for his message; all who were destined for eternal life became believers. Thus the word of the Lord spread through the whole countryside. But the Jews worked upon some of the devout women of the upper classes and the leading men of the city and persuaded them to turn against Paul and Barnabas and expel them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in defiance and went off to Iconium; but the disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.

Jerusalem, bringing with them their sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and all of them were cured.

**Responsorial Psalm**  
**Psalm 99(100):1-3,5**

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*  
*or*  
*Alleluia!*

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy.

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*  
*or*  
*Alleluia!*

Know that he, the Lord, is God.

He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*  
*or*  
*Alleluia!*

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age.

*We are his people, the sheep of his flock.*  
*or*  
*Alleluia!*

**Second reading**

**Apocalypse 7:9,14-17**

I, John, saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. One of the elders said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and because they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb, they now stand in front of God's throne and serve him day and night in his sanctuary; and the One who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor scorching wind will ever plague them, because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.'

**Gospel Acclamation**  
**Jn10:14**

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my own sheep and my own know me.  
Alleluia!

## Gospel

John 10:27-30

Jesus said:

'The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice;  
I know them and they follow me.  
I give them eternal life;  
they will never be lost  
and no one will ever steal them from me.  
The Father who gave them to me is greater than anyone,  
and no one can steal from the Father.  
The Father and I are one.'