



**Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston
St. Joseph's Nechells**

Parish Priest: Fr. Stephen Pimlott

Telephone (0121) 327 0235

sacredheartaston@hotmail.com

website www.sacredheartaston.com

Safeguarding Representatives:

Sacred Heart - Teresa O'Gorman 07585907706 & Sheila McKernan 0121 344 3028
Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham - Registered Charity No. 234216

EASTER 6

25th/26th May 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	<i>Paddy Goulding People of Parish</i>
SUNDAY	10.00 am		<i>Sheila Ford</i>
Monday		9.30 am	<i>Daphne Brooks</i>
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday		9.30 am	<i>Nora & David</i>
Thursday ASCENSION DAY Holy Day of Obligation	10.00 am 6.30 pm 7.00 pm	12 Noon	<i>Joe Thewlis Priests, Nuns, & all religious Reception of Mary Seery into Church Mervyn & Nilu 28th Wedding Anniv</i>
Friday Day of abstinence	11.30 am 10.15 pm	11.45 am	Funeral Mass for Mary Seery <i>Eucharistic Service First Saturday</i>

EASTER 7

World Communications Day

1st/2nd June 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	<i>Thanksgiving Communicating the Gospel</i>
SUNDAY	10.00 am		<i>People of the Parish</i>

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.

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 ceases on 30th June).

To help with catering can you email Sacredheartaston@hotmail.com to let us know that you are coming.

The collection last week came to £243.66

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

Next weekend we have a second collection for **Catholic Communications**

This Sunday we have another **Name Tag Sunday**. Please give time to stay around after the Mass and talk with people.

ASCENSION DAY is on Thursday 30th May and is a **Holy Day of Obligation**. It is half-term so we shall have Mass at Sacred Heart at 10 am and 7 pm and at St. Joseph's at 12 noon.

PENTECOST VIGIL Pentecost has a special Vigil Mass preparing for the Sunday. We shall celebrate the Vigil Mass at 6.00 pm at St. Joseph's. I hope many of the people from Sacred Heart will come to this Mass for it is for both Churches like the Easter Vigil Mass.

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 16th May. All welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY FOR FAITH On Friday 7th June at 7.30 pm Fr. Mark will be talking about the recent pilgrimage he made to the Holy Land with others from Aston including others of other faiths.

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

SHERRY WEDELL in Birmingham Maryvale Institute on Monday 10th June at 7 pm. Go to Eventbrite.co.uk to buy tickets. She is author of *Forming intentional disciples & Fruitful Discipleship*.

MEETING JOHN HENRY NEWMAN Bl. John Henry will be canonised later this year. Come and meet him in a series of talks at Oscott College on 19th 20th 21st June 6.30 pm – 9 pm. To book, phone 0121 321 5026 or email Margaret.wilson@oscott.org Tickets £5 per evening including light buffet. There are leaflets at the back of the Church.

THE MARYVALE SACRED HEART NOVENA starts on Thursday 20th June with Mass, Sermon & Novena each evening. See notice.

50th Anniversary Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes at Hednesford on Sunday 7th July Noon Procession, 2.15 3.45 pm Confessions, 3pm Public Rosary and Marian hymns, 4 pm Mass & Sacrament of the sick. There will be a Youth Vigil the night before at 7 pm.

ENRICH YOUR MARRIAGE A Weekend of Discovery, A Lifetime of Love. 29th – 30th June at St. Mary's on the Hill in Wednesbury. For further information go to www.wvme.org.uk or phone Phil & Rita Jackson on 0121 244 7762.

THE ASTON/NECHELLS FOODBANK is in urgent need of more items especially tinned fish, tinned meat, tinned puddings, powdered potatoes, coffee, toilet rolls, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorants, shower gel and shampoos. (out of date food cannot be used).

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 15:1-2, 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accordingly, we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. or Alleluia!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. or Alleluia!

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. or Alleluia!

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. or Alleluia!

Second reading

Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation

Jn14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him.'

Alleluia!

Gospel

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him and make our home with him.

Those who do not love me do not keep my words.

And my word is not my own:

it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you;

but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything

and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you,

a peace the world cannot give,

this is my gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return.

If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.

I have told you this now before it happens,

so that when it does happen you may believe.'