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ADVENT SUNDAY

30th November/1st December 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	<i>Peter Hanford & Ann Mann (Wedding)</i> <i>Bob Lily & Hugh Laurie</i>
SUNDAY	10.00 am		<i>People of Parish</i>
Monday		9.30 am	<i>Robert Roddy</i>
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday (school)		9.30 am	<i>TBA. Mass in St. Joseph’s school</i>
Thursday (school)	9.10 am		<i>TBA Mass in Sacred Heart school</i>
Friday <i>Day of abstinence</i>	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Jim Maguire</i> Eucharistic Service

ADVENT 2 Bible Sunday

7th/8th December 2019

Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	<i>People of Parish</i> <i>Pat Wall</i>
Sunday	10.00 am		<i>Hekuran Halili</i>

TBA To be announced

Please Pray for the sick; Mary Levell, Peter McKernan, William Parish, Julie Gallagher, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael O’Connor, Andy Walsh, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure.

The Collection last weekend came to £275.35

The second collection for the Diocesan Youth Services came to £111.05

This weekend we shall have our November **Fiver a month** collection.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the Poor Parishes.

THE WEDDING OF ANNE MANN & PETER HANFORD takes place at Sacred Heart at the 12.30 pm Saturday Mass this weekend. The Mass will be the Mass for Advent Sunday.

FIRST FRIDAY OF FAITH is 6th December. We shall watch “The Nativity Story” to help prepare for Christmas. 6.30 pm for teas & coffee 7 pm prompt start. In the Undercroft.

ADVENT COURSE ON GLOBAL HEALING
This course will run on Wednesday evenings during Advent, 4th, 11th, 18th December at St. Vincent’s, Francis Street, Nechells. It is for the three parishes, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph’s and St. Vincent’s, but of course others can come, so bring your friends. They will start at 6.30 pm for 7 pm with light refreshments.

Monday week, 9th December, is the **Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady**, Patroness of our diocese and the **10th anniversary of Archbishop Bernard’s installation as our Archbishop**. You are invited to a special Mass at St. Chad’s Cathedral at 12 noon with refreshments afterwards.

You are invited to a **CAROL SERVICE** at Aston Anglican Parish Church on Thursday 5th December at 1.30 pm.

CONFESSIONS during Advent in preparation for Christmas. In addition to the normal Saturday time, both Fr. Stephen & Fr. Mark will be available for confessions following the Masses on Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd December.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC If you wish to become a Catholic, or know someone who wishes to become a Catholic, or perhaps are a Catholic but have little perception of what that means, please contact Fr. Stephen by phone, email or in person.

ENGLISH PRAYER TIME You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in the Undercroft on Monday nights 8 -10 pm. when everything will be in English. You can check that it is happening by phoning Sr. Meena on 0795 7342742.

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 0795 7342742.

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

CAFOD school volunteers needed! Could you visit your local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD? We are looking for volunteers to give a short presentation or talk about the work of CAFOD and inspire children and young people to make a difference. For further information please contact Sylvester Mutsigwa at CAFOD Birmingham on 01922 722944 or email birmingham@cafod.org.uk

England, The Dowry of Mary

There is a tradition that the title 'Dowry of Mary' goes back to St Edward the Confessor (1042 – 1066). There is no doubt, about the deep devotion to Our Lady that existed in medieval England, and the fame of Walsingham and other medieval English Shrines of Our Lady are a strong testimony to this devotion.

The first documentary evidence for the title was found in a painting which used to hang in the Hospice of St Thomas, which was the English Hospice for pilgrims in Rome, now the Venerable English College. It showed King Richard II (r. 1377-1399) and his consort Anne of Bohemia at Westminster Abbey on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1381. They are praying at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pewe, offering England to Our Lady as Her Dowry. He holds a parchment with a Latin inscription: 'Dos tua pia haec est, quare leges, Maria' – This is your dowry, O pious Virgin.

We are being asked to rededicate England as Our Lady's Dowry, by each one of us many and act of dedication in 2020 around the Solemnity of the Annunciation 25th March.

2020 THE YEAR OF THE WORD The God who speaks.

we are all being encouraged to read the Bible. However to do so needs some preparation. A very good, short and easy to read book, to help prepare you is "Bible Basics for Catholics" by John Bergsma. You can get it through Amazon.



THE GOD WHO SPEAKS

The Year of the Word – The God Who Speaks

This Advent sees the beginning of an important year in the Catholic Church in England and Wales: a Year of the Word. As the Church's focus turns to Year A, St Matthew's Gospel, we are asked to consider the many ways in which God speaks to us: through the Bible, through Prayer, through other people.

To launch the Year of the Word in our Archdiocese, Archbishop Bernard Longley will celebrate the 4.30pm Mass in St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 30th November – the Vigil of the First Sunday of Advent. Everybody is welcome.

PART-TIME DOMESTIC required by St. Paul's Convent, Selly Park. See notice in Church.

Receptionist required at St. Joseph's Home in Harborne, 33.5 hours per week including alternative weekends. Please e'mail your C.V. to Kay Munns (HR) at kay.munns@lsplondon.co.uk