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PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (Candlemas)

1st/2nd February 2020

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	<i>Madge & Tom Moore People of Parish</i>
SUNDAY	10.00 am		<i>Canon Gerry Breen</i>
Monday		9.30 am	<i>Eileen Jones</i>
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday (school)		9.30 am	<i>Fr. John Dewis</i> Mass in St. Joseph’s school
Thursday (school)	9.10 am		<i>Dom Alistair Findlay</i> Mass in Sacred Heart school
Friday <i>Day of abstinence</i>	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.30 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Mgr. Phelan</i> Funeral Mass for Pauline McClurg

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Racial Justice Sunday

8th/9th February 2020

Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish Ann & Mik Devaney Special intention</i>
Sunday	10.00 am		<i>Maura Lawrence</i>

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 £247.59

Next weekend there will be a second collection for Racial Justice.

FIRST FRIDAY OF FAITH is this coming Friday 7th February. We shall meet at 6.30 pm for a 7 pm start in the Undercroft. In this Year of the Word – The God who speaks, Fr. Stephen will speak on The Bible, our most Holy Book. How did we get it? What is it for? How should it be read? Please get the word around and bring others along with you. Bring a Bible too if you can.

Fr. BRIAN DOOLAN’S FUNERAL is on Tuesday 4th February at St. Chad’s at 12 Noon.

Sr. MARY CARROL’S FUNERAL will take place on Monday 17th February at St. Vincent’s at noon. She will be received into Church the night before at 4.30 pm.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 23rd – 30th May. There are leaflets about the pilgrimage at the back of the Church with details, costs and how to book. Some financial assistance may be available for sick pilgrims. See Fr. Stephen for more info about this.

**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.

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.