



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

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### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	People of Parish Joseph Wall
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Canon Gerry Breen
Monday		9.30 am	Patrick & Catherine O'Neill
Tuesday			No Mass
Ash Wednesday Day of fast & abstinence	9.10 am 7.30 pm	2.00 pm	SOE retreat Mass in Sacred Heart school SOE retreat Mass in St. Joseph's school John
Thursday	10.00 am		TBA
Friday Day of abstinence	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament SOE retreat Eucharistic Service

### LENT 1

29<sup>th</sup> February/1<sup>st</sup> March 2020

Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Margaret Harbutt TBA
Sunday	10.00 am		People of parish

**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 £239.73

The second collection for LIFE came to £213.54

This Sunday we shall have our February **Fiver a month** collection.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for the Cathedral maintenance.

**ASH WEDNESDAY is this week on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February.** It is a **Day of Fast & Abstinence**. Mass will be at 9.10 am at Sacred Heart School. 2.00 pm at St. Joseph's school and at 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart Church. As always you are welcome to attend the Masses in the schools.

**LENT** is the penitential season leading up to the celebration of Easter (the Easter Triduum in Holy Week). It is the time to renew our wills to follow Jesus, and to grow in virtue and holiness especially through works of penance in which we unite ourselves with our Lord's passion. We need to make a **Lent rule** specifying how we are going keep this season in prayer, Bible reading, attendance at Mass, adoration etc. so that our lives are transformed and we are ready both physically and spiritually to celebrate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

**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** 23<sup>rd</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Pre 40 DAYS FOR LIFE kick off** Come and hear Dr. Dermot Kearney, consultant cardiologist and president of the Catholic Medical Association speak on: “Turning the Tables on Abortion – The Battle for Life”. Join this Sunday afternoon 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 2.00 pm in the Oratory Upper Cloister in 141 Hagley Road, B16 8UE. For more information contact Isabel: 07773501721.

**2 women 2 worlds 1 Lord** You are invited by Musalaha UK to hear Shireen, a Palestinian Christian and Hedva, a Messianic Believer at a special church service at Birchfield Gospel Hall, 176 Trinity Road, Aston on Tuesday this week 25<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30 pm – 8.45 pm.

**Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland**, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020. £599.00 per person. Single supp £100.00. Flight with 10kg bag, 4 nights’ Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com). Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** ([www.twainoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twainoneflesh.org.uk)) Ash Wednesday (Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6.2 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18) *Turn anew to each other*. Our loving, compassionate, merciful and forgiving Father is always saying ‘come back to me’, ‘repent and be reconciled to me and to each other’. In our marriage, issues or hurts can result in ‘losing’ each other. It’s time to ‘come back’ to each other, be compassionate and forgiving....and back to our loving Father in the Sacrament of Reconciliation!

### **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 ANGELUS AND THE DOWRY OF MARY**

England has been known as the ‘Dowry of Mary’ for up to 1,000 years, going back to the time of St Edward the Confessor (1042-1066), in whose reign the replica of the Holy House of Nazareth was built. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, 1381, King Richard II dedicated England to Mary as ‘her dowry.’ He went on pilgrimage to Walsingham two years later. And so, for 1,000 years, Walsingham has been the great shrine of prayer and pilgrimage for the people of this country in honour of Our Lady. On 29 March, 2020, England will be rededicated as the ‘Dowry of Mary.’ This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish and in as many homes as possible. Mgr John Armitage, the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, has asked people to prepare spiritually for the rededication by praying the Angelus every day after our parish Masses. The Angelus is a most suitable prayer to prepare us spiritually for the rededication, recalling, as it does, ‘some essential moments in the History of Salvation, reminding us of Mary’s ‘yes’ to the Angel Gabriel, which undid Eve’s ‘no’ in the Garden of Eden.’ We profess our faith in ‘The Word, who was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us,’ and in his Death and Resurrection, the eternal destiny to which each of us is called in Christ.

**33 Days to Morning Glory** A Do-it-Yourself Retreat in preparation for Marian Consecration. There are a few copies of this available at the back. Starts on 21<sup>st</sup> February. See noticeboard for time table and further resources.