



Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

Parish of St. Joseph's Nechells

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EASTER 4

25th April 2021

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday Sunday vigil	11.00 am	6.00 pm	<i>John Green</i> <i>People of Parish</i>
Sunday Easter 4 World Day of Prayer for Vocations	10.00 am		<i>William Greene</i>
Monday			<i>Derek Smith</i>
Tuesday			<i>Tom Bewick</i>
Wednesday	10.00 am		<i>Fr. Pat Joyce</i>
Thursday St. Catherine of Sienna	12 Noon		<i>Rachel Jackson</i>
Friday			<i>Fr. Ollie Kemp</i>
Saturday Sunday Vigil	11.00 am	6.00 pm	<i>Peggy Pollard</i> <i>Tim & Ann Hurley</i>
EASTER 5	10.00 am		<i>People of the Parish</i>

Dear Parishioners,

The coronavirus epidemic has been going on for well over a year now. We often talk about some of the difficulties we experience, but perhaps it is time to look back and see in what ways we have progressed spiritually over this time. Some of the things that I hope you may have experienced may be these:

1. A renewed discipline of personal prayer.
2. The establishment of family prayers when the whole household prays together. This may have been aided by on-line resources.
3. The discovery of Catholic on-line resources to help come to a deeper understanding of the faith.
4. With the focus on making making your spiritual Communion with the priest at Mass developing a greater thirst for the Eucharist as union with the whole Church.
5. A deepened self-understanding.
6. A deeper understanding of what it is to be human and our final goal.
7. Greater love of God and neighbour.

It would be good to hear from any of you how you have got on. Perhaps you may have something encouraging you would like to share with others?

St. Paul says that “nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or attacked.” “These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him you loved us.”

This Sunday is Vocations Sunday. You should have got a prayer card for it last Sunday together with some details about the Clergy Training Fund. When we are young there are important decisions to take about the whole direction of our lives. As we get older that is no longer the same, but we do have consecrate ourselves each day in our prayers to the service of God and ask him to bring us into the places where he wants us to be, so that we can do his will.

God bless you all and keep you safe for eternal life and keep praying for one another.
Fr. Stephen Pimlott

Collections last Sunday

Sacred Heart First collection £217.66

St. Joseph's First collection £92.00

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

PARKING Sometimes it is a bit congested round Sacred Heart Church, but we shall make sure that the Club Car park is open for you to attend the weekend Masses (except match days. what are they?!!)

This week is the **Eritrean Holy Week** which is why there are no weekday Masses at St. Joseph's.

OUR ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY of St. Mark's Gospel continues on Mondays at 7 pm. Please contact George on 07870 153066 or at georgeswisoba@live.co.uk to register.

Thank you for your generous donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day during Lent. We featured Marian and her son Svondo in Zimbabwe in Lent 2018. The community vegetable garden that your donations helped provide is growing well and during the pandemic the family has survived on the vegetables. Your support has also helped to provide soap and handwashing stations in the garden and in family homes. This is just one of many long-term development projects that CAFOD has funded with the money from that Fast Day. Thank you for your steadfast support. CAFOD.

THE VENERABLE MOTHER MARY JOSEPH OF JESUS CP Elizabeth Prout (1820-1864) has recently been declared "venerable". A miracle is now required before she can be beatified. There are a few Prayer cards at the back of Church. Here is the prayer on them. "O, God, source of all life, your servant, Elizabeth Prout, responded to your call by bringing together a new family to welcome the poor and the abandoned, and to keep alive the memory of your love for all your children, shown to us in the Passion of your Son. Give us the courage to follow her example of living faith and untiring love. Through her intercession, grant us the favour for which we pray.

THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSE is making a special Easter offer. For 3 MONTHS: -£25.00
For 12 Months: -£99.00, digital copy: - 12 Months: £55.00, or digital copy/and hard copy for: - £115.00 . To order contact www.thecatholicuniverse.com or call on 0161 820 5722

YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL organised by the Kenelm Youth Trust. See [Young Adult Social - KENELM YOUTH TRUST](#)

Please Pray for the sick; Mary Levell, William Parish, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure, Phil Robinson, Mona Recci, Mary Cartridge, Bill Marron.

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.

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk

Fourth Sunday of Easter

(Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18) *We lay down our lives, we go beyond*
Couples can relate to the notion of 'shepherding' with regards to their children: "*I know my own and my own know me*". Even in crowds, our children will recognise our voices and we theirs. Also, just as Jesus spoke today of '*laying down His life*', when marrying, we made a solemn vow to lay down our lives for one another.

ON-LINE RETREATS FROM BELMONT ABBEY There are some interesting options here. God to <https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/online-retreats/register> for more information and to register.

CORONAVIRUS For the Church's guidelines see the Conference of Bishops website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk> or go to [COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship)

USEFUL WEBSITES

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv> For access to many streamlined Masses in UK & Ireland

<https://www.wordonfire.org>

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/shows/called-to-communion>

<https://www.catholic.com/>

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

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