



Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

Parish of St. Joseph's Nechells

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EASTER 5

2nd May 2021

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday Sunday vigil	11.00 am	6.00 pm	<i>Peggy Pollard</i> <i>Tim & Ann Hurley</i>
Sunday EASTER 5	10.00 am		<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday Ss. Philip & James			<i>Robert Garrod</i>
Tuesday English Martyrs Day of Prayer for Victims of Abuse			<i>Victims of Abuse</i>
Wednesday			<i>Fr. Michael Crumpton</i>
Thursday	Noon		<i>Francis Patton</i>
Friday		Noon	<i>Fr. Ollie Kemp</i>
Saturday Sunday Vigil	11.00 am	6.00 pm	<i>Mick O'Connor</i> <i>People of Parish</i>
EASTER 6 Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians	10.00 am		<i>Mary Greaney</i>

Dear Parishioners,

We are rapidly moving through the Easter season. Ascension Day is next week, Thursday 13th May. It is normally a Holy Day of Obligation, but the obligation of Sundays & Holy Days are still dispensed. However I hope that most of you will still be able to attend Mass on that day. If all goes well with the lifting of Covid restrictions I don't suppose it will be long before the dispensation is lifted and we shall all have to get back to Sunday Mass. Wont that we something wonderful! The Mass on the Lord's Day is something so precious to us as Catholics as we meet together on the Lord's Day to celebrate what is the source and summit of our Christian life.

Tuesday this week is a Day of Prayer for Victims & Survivors of Abuse. Please pray for them all. You can find more details and resources at [Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales \(cbcew.org.uk\)](http://Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales (cbcew.org.uk)).

The recent visit of Pope Francis to Iraq has highlighted for us the suffering of Christians there especially since the American invasion to overthrow Saddam Hussein, but also the suffering of Christians in other Middle Eastern countries like Syria. These are countries where the Church goes back to the Apostles. The fortunes of Christians there since the rise of Islam has varied over the centuries, but has never been as bad as it is now. We are being asked by our Bishops to support them in their time of need by having a second collection for the Fellowship and Aid to Christians of the East (FACE). This will take place next weekend. Please be generous.

This weekend we offer our joyful Easter greetings to our Eritrean brothers and sisters who are celebrating Easter this Sunday.

Happy Easter everybody!

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 £187.17

St. Joseph's First collection £44.50

Clergy Training Fund £148.00

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BILL KEATING'S FUNERAL will be on Friday 14th May at Sacred Heart at 10.30 am. Funerals are still limited to 30 people so you can only attend it with the family's consent. May he rest in peace.

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?!!)

ASCENSION DAY is Thursday 13th May. We shall have a Vigil Mass at 7.30 pm on Wednesday and a Mass at 10 am on Thursday at Sacred Heart. At St. Joseph's the Mass will be at 12 noon.

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.

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.twainoneflesh.org.uk

Fifth Sunday of Easter

(Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8)

Listening and discerning together

Jesus says: "Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty." Listening to Our Lord is essential for our fruitfulness. This can depend on how well we make the time to listen to each other, to discern together. Often God speaks to us through our spouse; some say 'the closer we are to each other, the closer we are to God'.

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/>

<https://magiscenter.com/>

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