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Parish of St. Joseph's Nechells

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16th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

18th July 2021

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday Sunday Vigil	11.00 am 1.00 pm	6.00 pm	<i>John & Patricia Buckley wedding anniv</i> <i>Baptism of Cian Wallace</i> <i>Appleby family</i>
16th SUNDAY of Ordinary Time	10.00 am		<i>Fr. Mark's int.</i>
Monday			<i>Helen Golding</i>
Tuesday			
Wednesday Mass in St. Joseph's school		9.15 am	<i>Leavers (in St. Joseph's school)</i>
Thursday Feast of St. Mary Magdalene	10.00 am		<i>Keith Bent</i>
Friday Feast of St. Bridget of Sweden, Patroness of Europe		Noon	<i>Derek Smith</i>
Saturday	12 noon		Fr. STEPHEN'S SILVER JUBILEE MASS
17th SUNDAY of Ordinary Time	10.00 am		<i>Deceased members of the Matthew's & Daniel's families</i>

Fr. Stephen is now completely out of Mass intentions

Dear Parishioners,

We have said our final good-byes to Fr. Mark and he has now returned to Belgium. I know he will be greatly missed by many of you. He has found his way into many hearts and he was always working away quietly in the background and being there when needed. We shall also miss bumping into him in Tesco when we are doing our shopping there. He will be in our prayers as he starts new work in Antwerp.

It is 25 years ago that I was ordained a Catholic Priest almost exactly 2 years after having been received into the Church. In the circumstances of the time Pope St. John Paul II asked the Church to be particularly welcoming to people like me effectively ejected from the Church of England, and to create a new fast route for us to ordination as a Catholic Priest. I was a Vicar in Birmingham and as it turned out Archbishop Maurice could not have been more welcoming. I am eternally grateful to him. I think for all of us in my position the experience was one of “coming home”. There were many surprises. The Catholic Church is very different to notions that Anglicans have of it and very much more wonderful!

This coming Saturday, (just a few days after 19th July) I shall be celebrating my Silver Jubilee with a Mass at Sacred Heart Church at 12 noon followed by a party in the Club/Garden. Let us pray that the weather is fine and that it will be a lovely celebration for us all which will give us new heart and new enthusiasm for the Gospel as we come out of lockdown. Many thanks to all of you who are working hard to make it a great occasion.

This year is also the Silver Jubilee of the religious profession of both Sr. Rita and Sr. Victoria so we also congratulate them, giving God thanks for their faithful witness and praying for them.

May God bless you all and keep you safe from the virus.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

Collections 11th July Sunday

Sacred Heart First collection £250.40

St. Joseph's First collection £61.00

Apostleship of the Sea £197.78

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Fr. STEPHEN'S SILVER JUBILEE will be celebrated with a Mass at 12 noon on Saturday 24th July at Sacred Heart Church followed by a party at the Club. There will be no other Masses that day at either Church. Please spread the news around.

Will those bringing food, please bring it to the club from 11 am that morning, please.

NEXT SUNDAY is the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**

CLASS MASSES. Unfortunately other people are not allowed to attend the class Masses in either school.

MARCH FOR LIFE this year will take place on Saturday 4th September in London. Keep the date free. Get involved with the preparations A coach will be going picking up at the Oratory.

www.marchforlife.co.uk

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL A number of people have asked me about this and it has always been something very difficult for us to handle However new things are beginning to happen and I would like to get together parents of children in this situation. Please will any of you in this situation whatever the age of your children get in touch with me even if you have spoken to me before. Email would be good giving me your name and address, email and telephone numbers.

DIOCESAN NEWS Go to [News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](http://News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham (birminghamdiocese.org.uk))

YOUTH Many things are beginning to happen now that we are coming out of lockdown, some still on-line but also events at Alton Castle and other places. Visit the website [KENELM YOUTH TRUST - Home](#)

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).

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.

Please Pray for the sick; Mary Levell, William Parish, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, 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

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

(Jeremiah 23:1-6 Ephesians 2:13-18 Mark 6:30-34)

Walking alongside or away?

Jesus, the Good Shepherd, experienced rejection: many "*walked with him no longer*". This offers us some consolation, when despite doing our best to pass on our faith in Jesus and His Church to our children, we, their 'shepherds', experience them drifting away from the faith. God loves our children unconditionally, and we need to continually 'hold them' in our love.

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](http://COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk))

USEFUL WEBSITES

[Home - Sycamore](#) A new English (as opposed to American) site to help parents be more confident in the faith so as to be more able to teach their children. It can be accessed in several different languages which some of you might find helpful.

<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/>

[Lust is Boring on Apple Podcasts](#)

<https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/online-retreats/register>