



**Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston
Parish of St. Joseph's Nechells**

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27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

3rd October 2021

| Day | Aston | Nechells | Intention |
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| Saturday Vigil Mass | 11.00 am | 6.00 pm | <i>Gerard Lysaght People of Parish</i> |
| 27th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 10.00 am | | <i>Teresa Ball</i> |
| Monday | | | |
| Tuesday | | | |
| Wednesday | | 9.20 am | <i>Kenneth Ashworth</i> Mass in St. Joseph School |
| Thursday | 9.10 am | | <i>Sr. Margaret Mary</i> Mass in Sacred Heart School |
| Friday Day of abstinence | | Noon | <i>Sr. Eileen</i> |

28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th October 2021

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| Saturday Vigil Mass | 12.30 pm | 6.00 pm | <i>Derek Davis Derek Smith</i> |
| 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time | 10.00 am | | <i>Sheila Lawley</i> |

Dear Parishioners,

The Bible Time-Line course started last Wednesday. I hope you were able to log into it OK. The first session was more about the course and what the Bible Time line chart is. This Wednesday we start to look at the Bible itself, so if you missed the first session that will not matter too much. This Wednesday we look at “The Early World” and you are asked to read Genesis 1-11 beforehand. Please join in. It is running in the Undercroft at Sacred Heart starting promptly at 7 pm. If you are doing it at home, you need to arrange a buddy to do it with. Although better if you are together, it is possible to contact one another by phone for the discussions which form part of the course.

The Threat of the introduction of assisted suicide. We are facing an unprecedented attack on the sanctity of Human life. Our Archbishop has asked that this we brought to your attention. The electronic version of this newsletter has a piece about it below. Please read it carefully. It is a bit too long to include the printed edition.

Last Friday was the **CAFOD Family Fast Day** and there will be a second collection for the CAFOD Climate Appeal this weekend.

May God bless you all and help you grow in the faith and protect you from the influences of the evil one.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

Collections Sunday 19th September

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| Sacred Heart | £186.88 | St. Joseph's | £31.00 |
| Fr. Hudson's Society | £166.02 | | £29.40 |

This Weekend there will be a second collection for the **CAFOD Harvest Fast**

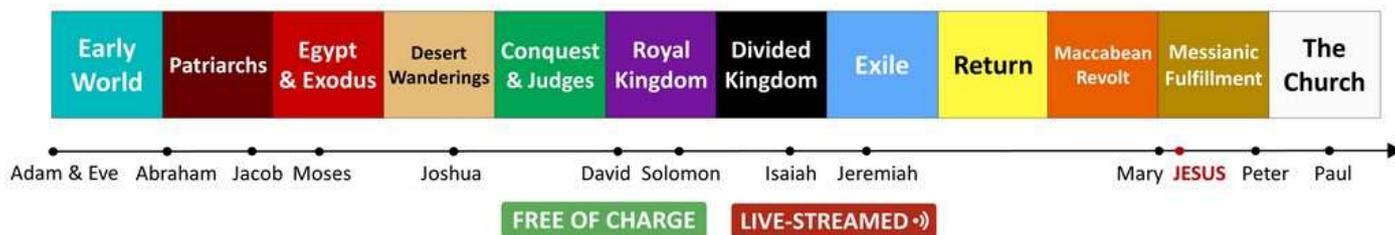
This weekend there will be a second collection for **PACT** (Prisoners Advice & Care Trust)

THE AA MEETINGS have restarted in the Community Room at St. Joseph's on Wednesdays at 12 noon. For details contact Mike on 07901 833048

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP You are welcome to come to the Friday Prayer Group in the Community Room at St. Joseph's following the 12 noon Mass. For further details contact Mike on 07901 833048

WANTING TO BECOME A CATHOLIC? Please come to the course below.

The Bible Timeline Course



Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, worldwide-famous course delivered online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wed 29th September 2021. Eight Wednesday sessions, @7pm. Info & Registration: www.comeandsee.org

THE 40 DAYS FOR LIFE STARTED last Wednesday and runs from 8am – 8 pm each day until 31st October. Please pray for it every day.

Next Sunday is Prisoners' Sunday It is the national day of prayer and action for prisoners and their dependents. It is a day to direct our thoughts and prayers to prisoners, their families and children. Prisoners' Sunday is the time to reflect on how we as individuals, as a Church and as a community are serving those affected by imprisonment. Prisoners' families, prisoners and people with previous convictions often find themselves on the margins of society due to the social stigma associated with imprisonment. They are often forgotten or come lower down on the list of causes to 'hold a hand out to'. But the gospel of Matthew 25: 36 reminds us of our duties towards them: "I was naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me".

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL Please let Fr. Stephen know if you have children who are not at a Catholic school, and need preparing for First Communion or Confirmation.

COVID RESTRICTIONS IN CHURCH Although restrictions have been lifted, the coronavirus is still a great threat. The Bishops of England & Wales recommend that we continue to wear masks in church though we can join in the singing under the masks. Also people who want to keep a metre distance from others should still be able to do so.

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

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 Sunday Mass (except match days).

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.

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16) *Two in one flesh* God

said: "It is not good that the man should be alone." Do I value my husband, my wife? Do I really know you, my beloved and lifelong companion? When was the last time we were intimate or celebrated our sexuality; the essence of our being two in one flesh? How much of a priority are you in my life?

Threat of the Introduction of Assisted Suicide In the next weeks, we face an unprecedented attack on the sanctity of life with Baroness Meacher's 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021' which received its 1st Reading in the House of Lords, and is due its 2nd Reading with full debate on Friday 15th October. The term 'Assisted Dying' is euphemistic, the truth is that this bill seeks to introduce Assisted Suicide. If legalised, this Bill would allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live to be assisted in committing suicide. Catholic teaching opposes assisted suicide since life is a gift to be cared for until its natural death. Solidarity with the most vulnerable, especially the dying, is a most profound act of Christian charity. We stand near to the dying and pray for them as Our Lady prayed at the foot of the cross. Those in favour of the bill are making good use of language to confuse the issue and call it a compassionate and caring approach in order to redefine the question and obscure the actual reality and consequences of such legislation. As Pope Francis has said, 'Physician-assisted suicide is part of a "throwaway culture" that offers a "false compassion" and treats a human person as a problem... True compassion does not marginalize anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude – much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing.' He criticised 'those who hide behind an alleged compassion to justify and approve the death of a patient.' Importantly, at this stage we need to argue the dangers of the introduction of Assisted Suicide, which include the safety of people who are vulnerable due to external pressures, and the later liberalisation of the law which is evidenced by other countries which have introduced Assisted Suicide. Many voices from the world of disability rights and other allies are also very fearful and fighting this bill. There are a number of important actions in the next weeks. First, to ask you to call people to pray that the Bill will be defeated. Second, to ask that people write to the Peers from their personal experience and share stories which will argue the reasons for opposing the Bill as well as narrate the importance of precious time during the final stages of life. Healthcare and legal professionals should write giving reasons why they oppose the Bill. This needs to be done before the Second Reading on 15th October. Third, to ask parishioners to engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media.

THE SAINTS Last week and this week we have an amazing run of great saints days, including St. Vincent de Paul, The Archangels, St. Jerome, St Therese, St Francis of Assisi, St. Faustina, St. John Henry Newman. We need to get to know and love the saints.

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/government/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship)

USEFUL WEBSITES

[Home - Sycamore](#) A new English (as opposed to American) site to help parents be more confident in the faith so us to be more able to teach their children. It can 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> Bishop Barron's website

<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>