



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

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28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10th October 2021

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday Feast of St. John Henry Newman Vigil Mass	12.30 pm		<i>Derek Davis</i>
		6.00 pm	<i>Derek Smith</i>
28th Sunday of Ordinary Time	10.00 am		<i>Sheila Lawley</i>
Monday			<i>People of parish</i>
Tuesday			
Wednesday		9.30 am	<i>Derek Smith</i> Mass in St. Joseph School
Thursday	9.10 am 10.45 am		<i>Brooks family</i> Mass in Sacred Heart School Funeral Mass for William Morrison
Friday Day of abstinence		Noon	<i>Frank Muppit</i>

29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

17th October 2021

Saturday Solemnity of St. Margaret Mary Vigil Mass	12.30 pm		<i>Bill Brady</i>
		6.00 pm	<i>Davina Navona</i>
29th Sunday of Ordinary Time	10.00 am		<i>People of parish</i>

Dear Parishioners,

This Saturday is the feast of our own Birmingham saint, St John Henry Newman. The 12.30 pm Mass will be of the saint. The next Saturday is our Patronal festival which is a Solemnity in Sacred Heart Church, St. Margaret Mary who received the Sacred Heart devotions in visions from our Lord. Again the 12.30 pm Mass will be of the Solemnity. It is an important day for us so try to come to the Mass on Saturday as well as the Sunday Mass.

The Bible Time-Line course has started. This week we look at the Patriarchs (Genesis 12-50). I hope you are taking part in it, Wednesdays at 7.00 pm.

The Threat of the introduction of assisted suicide. We are facing an unprecedented attack on the sanctity of Human life. Please pray the Novena prayer. See below. More resources at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

May God bless you all and help you grow in the faith and protect you from all destructive influences.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

Collections Sunday 19th September

Sacred Heart	£151.30	St. Joseph's	£27.50
CAFOD	£172.03		£73.87

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

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

Assisted dying Bill 2021 Novena to St John Paul II There will be a national novena seeking the intercession of St John Paul II, on whose feast the second reading falls. **It will run from 13th-22nd October.** Here is the **Novena Prayer**

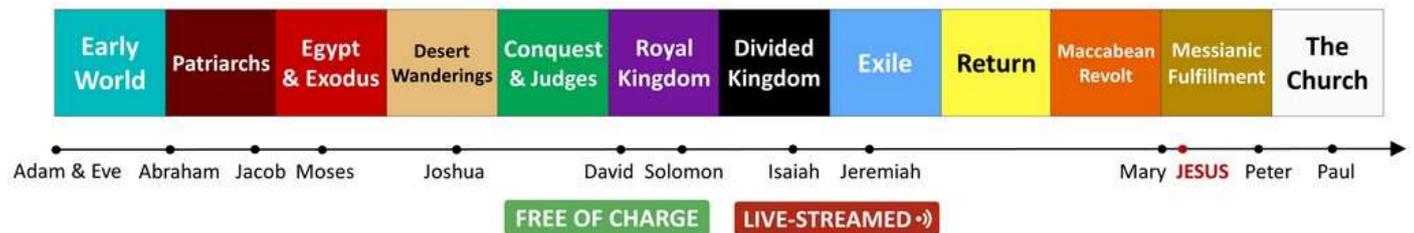
“Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II’s apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the ‘Assisted Dying’ Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.”

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be....

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

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.

This 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”.

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 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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
(Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30) *The call to change: no his or hers*

Today, the Gospel calls us to share ALL that we have. We promised to do this on our wedding day when we said that we would change the things that come between us and develop the things that bring us together. It is this journey of change that makes our marriage the sign of Jesus’ love for us all.

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.

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.

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 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> 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>