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**ADVENT II**

**5<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday Vigil Mass	<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>John Green</i> <i>People of Parish</i>
<b>Advent II</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Brooks family</i>
Monday	<b>12.30 pm</b>		<b>Funeral Mass for Patrick Hennessy</b>
Tuesday			
Wednesday <b>Immaculate Conception of our Lady</b>		<b>9.30 am</b>	<i>Doreen Annie Bird</i> Mass in St. Joseph’s school
Thursday			<i>Sr. Dolores Cooney</i>
Friday Day of abstinence		<b>Noon</b>	<i>Fr. Eamonn Corduff</i>

**ADVENT III**

**12<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Saturday Vigil Mass	<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>People of Parish</i> <i>Marie Cunniffe</i>
<b>Advent III</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Sr. Vivian</i>

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend I announced my retirement as Parish Priest of Sacred Heart and St. Joseph’s Churches. That time has come in my life. It is a sad time when it comes to leaving especially as I have enjoyed my time here so much as your Parish Priest. On the other hand I shall be glad to be relinquished of the administrative and bureaucratic part of the job and the responsibility for buildings! My last day as Parish Priest will be 6<sup>th</sup> January, the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord. It is a Holy Day of Obligation and so will make a good farewell occasion when we are all gathered together anyway.

I shall be moving to a retirement ministry in Stourbridge living in the Presbytery with the Parish Priest Fr. Philip Griffin, and assisting as appropriate.

I don’t yet know what will be happening with the pastoral care of these parishes, but Bishop David Evans, our area Bishop, has said that we shall hear very soon.

Wednesday this week is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of our Lady. There will be a special celebration of the Mass with the Jubilarians with the Archbishop in the Cathedral that day at 12.15 pm. I do hope you will be able to come to it and join me in this celebration.

God bless you, support you and strengthen you though all the stresses and strains of the continuing Covid Pandemic.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

**Collections last weekend**

Sacred Heart £186.47 St. Joseph’s £42.20

This weekend there will be a second collection for **The Poor Parishes**

**CONFESSIONS** Over the weekends of Advent, Fr. Stephen will be available to hear confessions immediately after the Masses.

Tuesday this week is the 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the new Sacred Heart Church.

**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, Patroness of the Archdiocese is on Wednesday this week. The Cathedral Chapter has invited Fr Stephen to concelebrate the Mass with the Archbishop in the Cathedral that day at 12.30 pm since it is his Silver Jubilee Year. Consequently you are all invited to attend this Mass on this important day in the Cathedral, rather than having Masses in either of our Churches here.**

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** Christmas Eve: 6.00 pm St. Joseph's, 8.00 pm Sacred Heart.  
Christmas Day 10 am Sacred Heart; Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Sacred Heart.

**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 Geoff on 07477024137

**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

**THE KENELM YOUTH TRUST** are recruiting for various paid jobs as well as volunteer ones. For details visit the recruitment page on their website: [work4KYT - KENELM YOUTH TRUST](#)

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

**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, Alice Walker, Rose McLoughlin, Danny Delaney.

**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.

Bishop Challoner TSA is working in partnership with CEFEL and The Catholic Education Service to deliver National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) for Teachers. They are also offering a new NPQ in Leading Behaviour and Culture. NPQs are currently fully funded for all state maintained schools. Apply here: <https://www.cefel.org.uk/npq/> Applications close on 17th January 2022 for programmes starting February 2022.

**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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

#### **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>