



Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

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Thirty-first Sunday of the Year (C) 29th / 30th October 2022

CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF SACRED HEART & ST MARGARET MARY CHURCH

Weekend Masses (29th / 30th October)

Saturday 12.30pm

Sunday 10.15am (NB New time)

Mass Intention:

In thanksgiving (Gambian Christian Association)

Dave Chalmers

Tuesday 1st November – Solemnity of All Saints (Holyday of Obligation – Mass here at 7pm)

School Mass IN CHURCH this Wednesday (2nd November) – Mass of All Saints.

Next Weekend (5th / 6th November)

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Saturday 12.30pm

Sunday 10.15am (NB New time)

Mass Intention:

Philip Marron (Anniv)

Iris Mee RIP

Readings: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; Psalm 16; 2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5; Luke 20:27-38

Solemnity of All Saints (Tuesday 1st November at 7pm) – Mass will be celebrated here in Church at 7pm. It is a Holyday of Obligation where everybody is asked to make a special effort to attend Mass on a weekday. This is one of the most beautiful Feasts of the Church’s Year, as well as being the beginning of the month of November, a month of remembrance. Please put this date in your diary and, if need be, ask a friend or family member to bring you to Mass on this special day.

School Mass of All Saints – Wednesday 2nd November at 9.30am in Church.

PLEASE NOTE – in church if the weather is dry. If it is raining or snowing, the Mass will be transferred to Sacred Heart Primary School. This is always the understanding when the children plan to come to church. Parishioners are always welcome.

Prayers for members of our parish community who are sick or housebound:

Maura Greene, Mary Levell, John McManus, Bernadette Harnett, Noreen Fowler, Clem Murray (*please let Fr Tim know if there is anybody who needs prayers and who has given their permission for their name to be listed here*).

Prayers for those who have died: Mary Kate Moore, Donovan Dawes (West Indian Chaplaincy), Jacqueline Finnegan.

Second Collection next Sunday is for the Johnson Association which supports priests of the Archdiocese of Birmingham in retirement and in times of sickness. Please give generously.

Centenary Mass (100 years of Sacred Heart Church)

There were both photos and a video of the Mass made and it is hoped that we shall be able to see all of these in the coming weeks.

Our wonderful celebration on Saturday 15th October was very much the beginning of a year of celebration of our 100 years.

It is also a time to be a **Centenary People** who see this 100 year milestone not just as a time to look back, although we cherish our history. It is a time to look forward to our mission.

As we do so, we can consider how much people gave towards the building of our beautiful church – something that we have inherited.

We celebrate the diversity of cultures in our parish today and we seek to build on all of the strengths of our parish to make Christ known in Aston for many years to come!

Some ways of considering ourselves a **Centenary People**:

Praying for the Needs of our Parish and School each day; Fundraising ideas for our parish – imaginative ways to support the parish including workplaces that might support charities;

Regular offers to clean your Church; Ideas for a day pilgrimage in the coming year;

New readers; Ways of bringing new people into our parish and our church community.

This is a time for the Church to be full of ACTIVE parishioners who each take responsibility for the life and future mission of our parish.

Let us pray for the courage to find new ways of celebrating God's love for his people – not only his church-going people, but praying for Aston and for our whole city.

Let's make Sacred Heart Church a focus of life and energy for the many people who pass it each day and those who need hope.

Last Friday of the Month – at our church – TRANSFORM NIGHT VIGIL 7pm to 9pm.

All welcome. Holy Mass, Word of God, Healing Prayers. **(FRIDAY 25th November)**.

Outside of weekend Mass, this is one event that is designed to bring parishioners together in the prayerful atmosphere of our beautiful church.

While there are people who do not wish to come out at night, this is at a time when young adults and maybe families could come. Please consider it.

Deanery Visitation of Parishes by Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David Evans

A Deanery is a group of parishes that work together in a particular area. For many years, our parish has formed part of the Birmingham Cathedral Deanery made up of city centre parishes. The priests and deacons of the deanery meet monthly. We discuss issues of common interest, we pray together and we have a meal.

Every 5 years or so, it is the duty of a Diocesan Bishop to visit each parish or to oversee the visit by a bishop who assists him.

Beginning this autumn, the parishes of our Deanery will be visited.

A visitation weekend in a parish serves two purposes: it is a moment in time to share with the visiting Bishop something of the life of our parish as we see it; it is also an opportunity for parishioners to share with each other what is already happening that not everybody knows, but also to share something of a vision for the future: what we would like our parish to be. Your thoughts and ideas on this are always welcome.