



Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

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Welcome to the Sacred Heart & St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. If you are visiting us for the first time we wish to welcome you and your family and hope that you enjoy your visit.

Mass Times & Intentions

Christ the King (Year A) / World Youth Sunday

Saturday 25th November 12.30pm – Vivienne Boylan (R.I.P)

Sunday 26th November 10.15am – Olive McArdle

School Mass Wednesday 29th November 9.10am – All are welcome

1st Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Saturday 2nd December 12.30pm – Ann Griffiths (Birthday)

Sunday 3rd December 10.15am – Mary Seery (R.I.P)

Collection 18th/19th November
Offertory £193.51

Second collection next weekend for Catholic Youth Service.

Prayers for those who have died:

Fr Sean Turley, Fr Edwin Cownley, John O'Connor, Jenifer Cummings, Patrick Flood, Christina Timmins

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

John McManus, Andy Walsh, Bernadette Harnett, Noreen Fowler, Clem Murray, Julie Bartram, Mary Cartridge, Paul Craig, Rob Badland, Robert Mee, Linda Lawton, Margaret Armstrong, Ann Walsh, Patricia O'Gorman.

'Tea & Talk' - Over 50's get together friendship group next meet this Tuesday 28th November from 12noon until 2pm. Why not come and join us, bring a friend - you will be made very welcome.

Aston Villa forthcoming matches

Saturday - 30th December - Burnley **3.00pm**

Birmingham Irish Heritage Group meet next Monday 4th December at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Club – Christmas Extravaganza – Irish Style
All welcome and tell your friends.

Forthcoming Second Collections 9th/10th December – Poor Parishes Fund

ADVENT – begins next Sunday 3rd December and is the start of a new liturgical year.

Preparing for Advent- A Journey of Prayer for Advent 2023– Walk with Me Advent Prayer Books are available at the back of the Church, there is a beautiful, short meditation for each day of Advent.

Walk with Me Advent & Christmas Calendars also available for children, please take one.

Message from Father Tim

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I know that many parishioners were delighted to welcome Fr Mark back to our parish last weekend. We thank him for celebrating Mass last Sunday.

Today is the wonderful Feast of Christ the King, the final Sunday of the Church's Year, before we begin the Season of Advent, Year B.

This Feast of Christ the King is not so old as was only established after the First World War, as a reminder in a world that had known such turmoil through war, of the true power and authority in the world – which is Christ's.

Perhaps at this time in history, this Feast reminds us again of the sovereignty of Christ, when misuse of power in the world leads to war and conflict.

Let's enjoy this special Feast and thank God for the blessings of the past Church year.

*Best wishes and prayers,
Fr Tim*

Receiving Holy Communion

We welcome all visitors and those who do not regularly worship with us at Sacred Heart Church.

If you are not a Catholic, or are a Catholic who does not receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come forward for a prayer of blessing. If you would like to receive a prayer of blessing, please fold your arms across your chest in the form of a cross and the Priest or Minister will give you a prayer of blessing.

A gentle reminder that if receiving Holy Communion in the hand, it should be received in two hands – one on top of the other. And you should place the host in your mouth immediately, and not walk away with it, for any reason. Thank you.

Important Christmas Dates for your Diary

Confession Times

Saturday 9th December 11.30-12.00

Saturday 16th December 11.30-12.00

Sunday 17th December – After Mass

Christmas Mass Times

Saturday 23rd December 12.30pm Vigil Mass for 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday 24th December 10.15am 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday 24th December 6.00pm Christmas Eve Mass

Monday 25th December 10.15am Christmas Day

Who to contact

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Teresa O'Gorman. She can be contacted at: sg.sacredheart.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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