



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

1st Sunday of Advent (Year B)

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

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

School Mass Wednesday 6th December 9.10am – All are welcome

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Saturday 9th December 12.30pm – Keith Mallett (R.I.P)

Sunday 10th December 10.15am-Christy Willis

Collection 25th/26th November
Offertory £243.230

Second collection this 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.

This weekend, Advent begins. Advent is a period of simple living and extra prayer. It is a time to prepare for a new coming of Jesus our Saviour. Jesus is a loving and peaceful Saviour. He calls his followers to make the whole world loving and peaceful. The 1st Sunday of Advent symbolises Hope with the "Prophet's Candle" reminding us that Jesus is coming. We light the first purple candle.

Second Collection next weekend for Poor Parishes Fund

Good News the heating is working! On inspection both of the church boilers were broken and beyond repair. The engineer was able to source one replacement boiler – the cost of this will be in the region of £10,000. Further work will be carried out in the summer to replace the 2nd boiler – more information and costings will be given later.

Piety Stall: Full range of Christmas Stock on sale including selection of diaries for 2024 calendars, cards, gifts and candles. The stall has recently been re-arranged so come and browse! We are here to serve the parish and welcome suggestions. Why not take a good look after Mass today?

Message from Father Tim

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I am very pleased that this weekend, our Masses will have a special focus on young people. We are very blessed by the number of young people that we have involved in our parish, especially among our altar servers and musicians, as well as young people who attend Mass each week.

Please pray for all of our young people, for their life and their hope, for their sense of vocation. Let us pray that they will all make a difference in the world.

And wouldn't it be a wonderful to imagine another Priest or Religious Sister in the future from among our young people, as well as the worthy vocation of marriage.

Today we pray for the important work of the Kenelm Youth Trust: at Soli House and Alton Castle, in Parish Youth Ministry and School Chaplaincy.

Best wishes and prayers,

Fr Tim

Receiving Holy Communion

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.

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.

Irish Heritage Evening – this Monday (4th) at 7pm in Sacred Heart Club. Parishioners and their friends are always welcome.

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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