



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

3rd Sunday of Advent (Year B) Gaudete Sunday

Saturday 16th December 12.30pm - Sheila Ward (R.I.P)

Sunday 17th December 10.15am – Canon Gerry Breen (Anniv)

School Masses have finished now for this term.

4th Sunday of Advent (Year B)

Saturday 23rd December 12.30pm – Annie Rooney & Tess Kehoe

Sunday 24th December 10.15am – Special Int.

Christmas Vigil Mass 6.00pm - Families of the Parish

Christmas Day

Normal Sunday Mass 10.15am - People of the Parish

Christmas Collections

All collections at the Christmas Masses are for the Clergy who serve the Parish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Collection 9th/10th December

Offertory £350.24

Second collection for Poor Parishes £147.63

Prayers for those who have died:

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

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, we light the pink candle,

the traditional colour of the third Sunday of Advent a symbol of Joy with the "Shepherd's Candle" reminding us of the Joy the world experienced at the coming birth of Jesus.

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?

**School Carol Service in Church
Thursday 21st December at 1.45pm – all welcome.**

Please note that there will be no Mass here on Friday 29th December.

Message from Father Tim

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Time is passing and the Advent Season is shorter this year – 4 Sundays but only a day over 3 weeks. Today, the colour is Rose and the theme is Rejoicing that the Lord is near. So, how will you respond to the fact that the Coming of the Lord is near: Joyful anticipation or panic and stress? As children of God and followers of Christ, we are called to be in a constant state of readiness. In our own parish Primary School and in schools all over the world, the Nativity Story is told again this year as every year. We should never allow it to become dull or the same as ever. In the presentation of every passing year, the joy in the eyes of the children as they proclaim the story once more is a reason for hope and joy for even the most weary of hearts. May you know joy in the coming week.

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.

Important Christmas Dates for your Diary

Confession Times

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

Mass Intentions: Masses can be offered for

anyone and for any intention. If you would like to have a Mass said for anyone then please complete a Mass Intention Request Envelope. These are kept at the back of the Church. You can choose to book your dates far into the future, so to secure a special date or anniversary, please let Father know. Dates in January and February are now all booked. Stipends for Mass intentions are a donation at your discretion, but a minimum of £5 is suggested. **ALL MASS INTENTIONS ENVELOPES SHOULD BE PLACED IN THE BASKET AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH.**

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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