



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

Holy Family (Year B)

Saturday 30th December 12.30pm – Marron & Hurley Families

Sunday 31st December 10.15am – Maura Greene (R.I.P)

New Year's Day (Monday) Mass at 10am at St Chad's Cathedral. All welcome

School Masses have finished now for this term.

Epiphany of the Lord (Year B)

Saturday 6th January 12.30pm – Mick Carlton

Sunday 7th January 10.15am – Peter McKernan

Prayers for those who have died:

Fr Sean Turley, Fr Paul Lomas, Jenifer Cummings, Esther McSweeney, Noreen Fowler, Hugh Gunn, Ronnie Williams

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

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

Funeral Details for Esther Mary Knight McSweeney

Reception into Church: Wednesday 10th January 2024, 5pm

Funeral Mass: Thursday 11th January 2024 12.15pm

Funeral Details for Ronnie Williams

Funeral Mass Thursday 18th January 2024 12 Noon.

Tea & Talk – The group will meet again Tuesday 9th January 12.00 – 2.00. Why not come and join us, bring a friend - you will be made very welcome.

Birmingham Irish Heritage Group meet Monday 8th January at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Club

All welcome and tell your friends.

We hope you had a happy and restful Christmas! Wishing you a Happy New Year and blessed year ahead. May God's light guide your way in 2024.

Message from Father Tim

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Thank you for your generous Christmas Offerings and for your kindness to me.

Thank you to all who contributed to our parish celebrations over Christmas. The Church's Christmas Season runs until the Baptism of the Lord on 8th January.

As we stand on the threshold of a new year, let us be a people of hope in God's promises.

Let us look for ways that build others up, encourage others, support others and bring light out of darkness. The world has enough challenges. So in whatever small ways we can, let us be positive and good and true in all that we say and do. Let's start the new year well.

Best wishes and prayers,

Fr Tim

Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriage

Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other?

Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties

in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery. There is no group therapy or group work. For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' or to register for the next programme commencing with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024 or a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024, call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443 or email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

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.

Safeguarding Representatives:

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Health & Safety Representative:

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2024 – A year of Prayer in preparation for 2025 – a Holy Year of Jubilee.

Our Diocesan Office for Mission has a webpage dedicated to this year as a Year of Prayer, focussing on our own experience of prayer and on the Our Father. Take some time to read more: <https://www.vocations.org.uk/year-of-prayer-2024>. Why not create a prayer plan for the coming year; praying for a different intention each day of the week.

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