



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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Sunday of the Word of God

Saturday 20th January 12.30pm – Bridie O'Donnell (Eire)

Sunday 21st January 10.15am – Pauline Hatton

No School Mass Wednesday 24th January

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 27th January 12.30pm – Marion & Ken Levell & other Family Members

Sunday 28th January 10.15am – Catherine O'Shea

Offertory Collection

13th/14th January £255.07

**Second Collection
Pax Christi £125.31**

Prayers for those who have died:

Fr Paul Lomas, Fr Chris Greaney, Fr Sandy Brown, Fr John Lungley, Esther McSweeney, Noreen Fowler, Hugh Gunn, Ronnie Williams, Ann Walsh, Michael Gallagher,

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, Patricia O'Gorman. John Pender

Holocaust Memorial Day Trust – Monday 29th January

Banqueting Suite, Council House, Victoria Square,

B1 1BB – Doors Open 10.30am

Event 11.00am – 12.30pm

Second Collection next weekend for Racial Justice (www.carj.org.uk)

Michael James Gallagher Funeral Mass

Tuesday 30th January 11.00am

'Tea & Talk'- Over 50's get together friendship group next meet Tuesday 23rd January from

12noon until 2pm. Why not come and join us, bring a friend - you will be made very welcome.

MASS INTENTIONS - We appreciate your desire to have Masses said for your loved ones at Sacred Heart. Due to the number of requests we receive, sometimes we are unable to offer them as soon as some would like. If you would like to have a Mass Intention for your loved one sooner than we are able, we can pass on the intention to Father Mark van Beeumen in Belgium to be offered. If you have any queries or concerns please speak to Father Tim, Teresa or Marie.

Message from Father Tim

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

Today, the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time has been given the title 'Sunday of the Word of God' by Pope Francis. His idea is this: following Christmas and looking ahead to the rest of the calendar year, we are in Year B, the Year when we shall listen to St Mark's Gospel throughout Ordinary Time. And so at this point, we can dedicate ourselves to the Word of God: for readers to proclaim it well; for those of us who listen to the readings to try to read them once before Mass begins, to listen to them during Mass and possibly some explanation of them during the homily; and then importantly to take the readings sheet home and try to read them again with fresh eyes and new insight.

Best wishes and prayers,

Fr Tim

Wednesday 14th February is **Ash Wednesday** when we begin our Lenten journey together. (This falls during School Half Term this year). During these 40 days we are remembering the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert, the temptations he experienced there and his time of prayer and fasting. Lent is a time for each of us to become more deeply aware of our faith and a time to deepen that faith by practical actions. During this penitential season, as we journey with Christ so we embrace a period of penance, prayer and works of charity, as we make our way with Christ towards Holy Week and then journey onwards towards the great joy of the Resurrection and all that Easter brings. During Lent we try to choose ways once again to help us to walk more fully in the footsteps of Christ as we seek to recommit ourselves to living as He lived and as we seek to love God and our brothers and sisters more deeply. We do this through the three ancient remedies of Fasting, Almsgiving and Penance. Ancient remedies which can be life enhancing and that can help us to live more authentically our Christian vocation.

Funeral Arrangements for Hugh Gunn:

This Friday 26th January at 11.30am at Erdington Abbey.

*The Wake will be at Sacred Heart Club from 1.45pm
All parishioners welcome to the church and the club.*

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.

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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