



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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 3rd February 12.30pm – Jackie & Joel O'Donnell (Eire)

Sunday 4th February 10.15am – Ann Walsh (R.I.P)

School Mass Wednesday 7th February 9.10am – All are welcome

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Saturday 10th February 12.30pm – Betty O'Connor (Anniv)

Sunday 11th February 10.15am – Phil Martin
11.45am Baptism – Marcos Lohoso

Offertory Collection

27th/28th January £261.26

Racial Justice £ 97.62

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, Paul Craig, Brendan Fleming, Marie Chatten.

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

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

Mission Appeal - this weekend we welcome Fr. Stephen Kimani who will be talking to us about St. Patrick's Missionary Society.

Birmingham Irish Heritage Group meet this Monday 5th February at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Club
All welcome and tell your friends.

Tea & Talk – The group will meet again this Tuesday 6th February 12.00 – 2.00. Why not come and join us, bring a friend - you will be made very welcome.

Second collection next weekend for Pro Life Charities

Message from Father Tim

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The Year of Prayer – 2024 – invites us to renew our commitment to daily prayer and to consider new ways of praying.

One of the greatest dangers is comparing ourselves with others, when it comes to prayer. But we form part of a community of prayer in our parish, in our school and in our families.

We have begun the Year of St Mark's Gospel (Year B). A form of prayer is Spiritual Reading. As St Mark's Gospel is the shortest of the four Gospels, reading a chapter at a time of St Mark's Gospel could be a new form of prayer for you; you have all year to get through it, but could read one chapter a week. It also supports our prayerful listening to the Gospel as it is proclaimed week by week at weekend Mass.

Remember that prayer can change at different stages of your life, so don't be put off if you struggle with a form that you once found helpful. Just try to adapt. Try new times / places to prayer. Here are some websites that might help you to think about prayer:

www.sacredspace.com

<https://www.sycamore.fm/pathways/b-formation-pathways/year-of-prayer/>

www.legionofmary.ie/prayers

Best wishes and prayers,

Fr Tim

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024

Every Sunday of the Year of obligation

Ash Wednesday 14 February

Parish Meetings – after both weekend Masses on 24/25 February. All parishioners welcome

Palm Sunday 24 March

Mass of the Lord's Supper Thursday 28th March

Good Friday 29th March

Holy Saturday 30th March

Easter Sunday 31 March

Ascension Day Thu 9 May

Pentecost Sunday 19 May

Corpus Christi Sun 2 June

St Peter & St Paul Sun 30 June

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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