



**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**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)**

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> February 12.30pm – Betty O'Connor (Anniv)**

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 10.15am – Phil Martin  
11.45am Baptism – Marcos Lohoso**

**Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 7.15pm –  
Mass in Sacred Heart Church to begin Lent**

**No School Mass this week – half-term**

First Sunday in Lent (B)

Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 12.30pm – Pauline Walsh (Birthday)

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 10.15am – Alun Richards

**Offertory Collection**

**27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January £333.61**

**St. Patrick's Missionary Appeal (Loose Plate) £191.87**

Second collection this weekend for the Life charity – the sanctity of life.

**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, Rob Badland

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

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

**Walk With Me Booklets and Calendars are available today. Please take them.**

**Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights' in 4\* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email [knockpilgrimages@gmail.com](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).**

Men's Lenten Rosary in the city – Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February 12.00 Birmingham City Centre, Victoria Square – for more details please see notice board.

Message from Father Tim .....

*Dear Parishioners and Friends,*

*This weekend would see 11<sup>th</sup> February as the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is substituted by Sunday Mass this year. It is an opportunity each year to remember in a special way our brothers and sisters who live with sickness; that we might pray for healing and restoration to health or for the grace to live with a progressive or terminal illness.*

*This coming week sees the beginning of the holy season of Lent. Lent is a wonderful opportunity to walk more closely with the Lord, to give more time to prayer and to think more about God and others than about ourselves.*

*Think about what you might give up and what you might do extra this Lent.*

*Best wishes and prayers,*

*Fr Jim*

**Ash Wednesday – If you prefer a daytime Mass, there is a 12.15 Mass at St Chad’s Cathedral. All welcome**

**School Admission Appeal Panel Members** - The Diocesan Education Service is looking to recruit admission appeal panel members to increase the existing pool of panel members to meet demand for this Diocesan brokered service.

Appeal panel members are volunteers and can be anyone from any background, with or without any experience of education. In summary, when a child is refused admission to a school then the parents have an absolute right to appeal that decision and their appeal is heard by a panel of independent people. That panel has the ultimate right to decide whether the child should be admitted to the school or not and their decision is binding. The role takes a certain level of commitment but panel members are free to decide how often they wish to work and to accept or refuse booking requests depending on their availability.

**Crib Offerings** ‘Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank all parishioners who raised £100.88 through their crib offerings, for Christians in the Holy Land. Conditions continue to be extremely challenging. Please continue to remember FHL and those we support in your prayers.’

**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](mailto:sg.sacredheart.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

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**Health & Safety Representative:**

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