



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

Fourth Sunday in Lent (B)

Saturday 9th March 12.30pm – Kitty McManus

Sunday 10th March 10.15am – Paul Craig (R.I.P)

School Mass Wednesday 13th March 9.10am – All are welcome

Fifth Sunday in Lent (B)

Saturday 16th March 12.30pm – Cooke Family Int

Sunday 17th March 10.15am – Jimmy McCaffrey (Anniv)

Offertory Collection

2nd/3rd March £375.87

Second collection

Cathedral Maint. £174.71

Prayers for those who have died:

Fr Chris Greaney, Fr Sandy Brown, Esther McSweeney, Noreen Fowler, Hugh Gunn, Ronnie Williams, Ann Walsh, Michael Gallagher, Paul Craig, Brendan Fleming, Rob Badland, Kathleen McDermott, John Frain

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, Edward Jones, Robert Shine

Funeral Details for:

Kathleen McDermott

Reception into Church: Wednesday 20th March 6pm

Funeral Mass: Thursday 21st March 10.30am

Robert Badland

Funeral Mass: Tuesday 26th March 11.30am

Piety Stall – we have new stock for St. Patrick’s Day, Confirmation, First Holy

Communion, a wide range of cards, Rosary Beads and many more items.

Maundy Thursday - If you would like to volunteer to take part in the foot-washing at the Mass of the Lord’s Supper on Holy Thursday Evening 28th March, 7pm, then please sign up on the list at the back of the church.

Stations of the Cross - There will be Stations of the Cross every Sunday during Lent following the 10.15am Sunday Mass.

St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Sunday 17th March. Mass at St. Anne’s Church 10.00am. Parade will start at 12.00 noon at the top of Bradford Street. All are welcome to join in.

Message from Father Tim

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

We have reached the midpoint of the holy Season of Lent. How is Lent going for you this year? Reaching this midpoint is reflected in the colour Rose vestments today.

In the midst of our Lenten observances, it is a day of rejoicing.

And looking forward to Holy Week, I want to encourage everybody to keep Holy Week 'Holy'. From Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday (28th March) at 7pm and Good Friday at 3pm. Sadly, no Easter Vigil here at Sacred Heart (see below). But we shall celebrate Easter Sunday with great joy.

Our parishes and parishes around us are facing times of change and we seek God's help to guide us and strengthen us. If you have never been to these beautiful ceremonies of Holy Week, please come this year. Holy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper and all that follows, with the Washing of the Feet and the Eucharist. Good Friday is a day like no other. The death of Jesus should make us stop all that makes us busy on that day. And then Easter Joy. Let's grow in our faith this Lent.

Fr Tim

Annual Diocesan Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral – Saturday 4th May at 12 noon. If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, and give your name in, you can be included in this celebration. For more information, please follow this link: <https://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass>

Centenary Mass – From the Parish's 100th anniversary celebration we have produced a commemorative book. Minimum donation of £5 from the piety stall.

Parking – coming to Mass by car? - don't forget the Sacred Heart Club Car Park is open during Saturday and Sunday Mass On Villa match days, beware of getting blocked in if you stay too long after Mass!

FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT VILLA PARK

Saturday 30/03/24 - Wolverhampton Wanderers (Home)

5.30pm

Saturday 06/04/24 – Brentford (Home) 3.00pm

No Easter Vigil at Sacred Heart Church this year – the Villa v Wolves game on 30th March at 5.30pm makes it impossible. Please come to the Cathedral at 8pm instead.

Happy Mother's Day – We honour our mothers today and always and we say thank you to them for their love and vocation of motherhood. We offer our thanks and praise to God for the gift of our mothers. We pray for all our moms both living and dead.

Please take this newsletter home with you

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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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