



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 Lent (B)**

**Saturday 16th March 12.30pm – Cooke Family
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**Sunday 17th March 10.15am – Jimmy
McCaffrey (Anniv)**

**School Mass Wednesday 20th March 9.10am –
All are welcome**

**Wednesday 20th March 6.00pm - Reception
into Church Kathleen McDermott**

**Thursday 21st March 10.30am – Funeral Mass
Kathleen McDermott**

Palm Sunday

**Saturday 23rd March 12.30pm – Harnett & Bell
Family**

Sunday 24th March 10.15am – Paul Craig (R.I.P)

Offertory Collection

9th/10th March £244.24

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:

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.

Easter Collections

All collections at the Easter Masses are for the Clergy who serve the Parish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Tea and Talk meet this Tuesday, 19th March 12.00-2.00 – why not come along.

Message from Father Tim

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A very happy St Patrick's Day to all those with associations with Ireland and Nigeria, for whom St Patrick is a national patron saint. On this day, we thank God for the faith nurtured within the lives of so many people now living in our city (and those who went before us) in their birthplace of Ireland or Nigeria. We have been and continue to be richly blessed by your presence and your witness to your faith.

I would really like to encourage you to participate in our Holy Week ceremonies at Sacred Heart: the Mass of Holy Thursday evening is so beautiful and filled with meaning. If you have never been, why not make it a priority this year? And on Good Friday, we commemorate Jesus' death on the Cross at 3pm. Before that, there is the Walk of Witness around Christian churches of Aston: Mount Zion, New Christchurch Baptist, The Salvation Army, Aston Parish Church and finishing at Birchfield Gospel Hall. All welcome. Finishes approx. 11.30am.

Fr Tim

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

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

Mass Times

Palm Sunday weekend

Saturday 23rd March - 12.30pm

Sunday 24th March – 10.15am

Holy Thursday 28th March

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.00pm

Good Friday 29th March

Walk of Witness beginning 9.30am at Mount Zion Community Church, 70 Thomas Street, Aston, B6 4TN.

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion – 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.

Easter Sunday 31st March

Mass as normal 10.15am (and please note that the clocks spring forward 1 hour on Easter Sunday!)

FORTHCOMING MATCHES AT VILLA PARK

Saturday 30/03/24 - Wolverhampton Wanderers (Home) 5.30pm

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

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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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