



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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday 18th August 10.15am – Tony Seery (Int)

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday 25th August 10.15am – Peter McKernan (Anniv)
and Baptism of Oscar Victor West.

11th August 2024

Offertory Collection **£178.44**

Prayers for those who have died:

Anthony Abalum, Robert Shine Jnr, Deacon Bill Baines, Cyril Lysaght, Shirley Atkinson, Geri McGlinchy, Jane Goodyear, Fr Brendan Carrick

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

Andy Walsh, Bernadette Harnett, Clem Murray, Julie Bartram, Mary Cartridge, Margaret Armstrong, John Pender, David Harnett, Edward Jones, Robert Shine Snr., Margaret Delaney, Desmond Bernard, Amanda Checkley, Raymond Maddix, David Maddix, Richard Watchorn, Mary Crotty, Michael Gallagher

Piety Stall – Our excellent piety stall has a wide range of gifts, keyrings, and cards. And

good news we now have a card payment system after a lot of demands by parishioners.

Tea and Talk will be meet this **Tuesday 20th August** 12.00noon – 2.00pm in the presbytery. If you would like to come along, just turn up.

Sycamore Vacancy - Mission Support Lead – see notice board for further details

Sycamore is growing fast and is currently being used in hundreds of communities in the UK and across the globe. This is an exciting new opportunity to be involved in the on-going development of Sycamore. We are looking for a committed and dynamic self-starter with a love for the mission of the Church and a passion for working with people. As Mission Support Lead, you will be working with the Mission Development Director to develop and implement Sycamore's strategic and tactical mission plan, especially through your support for local communities. There are significant opportunities for individual career development and growth. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions: admin@sycamore.fm.

Closing Date for applications is 1st September 2024 (early applications welcome).

Please note that on the Sundays of August in this Year B, as St Mark's Gospel is the shortest, we listen week by week to St John's Gospel, Chapter 6, on Jesus the Bread of Life.

Thought for the Week ahead...

Last week, the Church celebrated the wonderful Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven. It is not recorded in Scripture, but is defined as a teaching of the Catholic Church. Think about this: on this Feast we do not think of the sadness of the conclusion of Mary's earthly life, but focus on the joy of her return to the Father and Jesus in the glory of the angels and saints. How often do we look to heaven with joy when we lose somebody we love. Of course we grieve their loss and life is never the same. But do we ever get to the stage of celebrating their journey to the Father, and pray that they may experience the Joy of the Blessed in the Kingdom of Heaven. Let's make that our prayer this week. May Mary's Assumption be a reason for us to look to heaven and to celebrate the goodness and the gift they have been to us, and now safe in the arms of our loving Father.

New Parish Priest for Sacred Heart and St Chad's Cathedral. Archbishop Bernard has appointed Canon Brian McGinley as Parish Priest of both parishes. Canon Brian looks forward to his arrival with us at the end of August

Dance the Night Away – Soul and Motown night Friday 6th September 8pm till 12 midnight at The Crown Erdington, 1089 Tyburn Road, only £5. Money raised for Sacred Heart Church – please support this event.

Adoremus – National Weekend with a focus on Eucharistic Adoration – 14 / 15 September. Parishes across the country are asked to give some time to fostering devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Eucharist which we receive in the Mass.

Diocesan Pilgrimage

Harvington Hall, Near Kidderminster, DY10 4LR. Open Air Mass in honour of the English Martyrs – Sunday 1st September at 3pm. Principal Celebrant: Abbot Paul Gunter of Douai. A coach will pick up from St Chad's Cathedral at 12 noon. To book a place please call 0121 230 6211. Cost £15 payable before the day.

Diocesan Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Please take a copy of the prayer home with you and pray it from today and for the next 9 days.

Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers – St Chad's Cathedral – Saturday 5th October at 12 noon. Celebrant: Archbishop Bernard Longley. All altar servers welcome.

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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