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ADVENT 4

21st/22nd December 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Annie Rooney & Tess Kehoe Wall & Redmond families
SUNDAY	10.00 am		People of parish
Monday		9.30 am	Andrew, Magda & family
Christmas Eve	10.00 am		Bernard Longley
Christmas Vigil	7.30 pm	7.30 pm	Our families
CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00 am		Patrick McCarron
St. Stephen's Day	11.00 am		Servers
St. John's Day	9.30 am 10.00 am 10.15 pm	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Betty O'Connor Eucharistic Service Mass and all night vigil

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

28th/29th December 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday Holy Innocents	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Rachel Jackson (Betty O'Connor) Sue McClure
SUNDAY	10.00 am		People of Parish
Monday		9.30 am	Anna Biesik & family
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God	11.00 am		Byrnes family
Thursday		9.30 am	Ena Coffee
Friday Day of abstinence	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Derek Warnaby Eucharistic Service

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4th/5th January 2020

Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Marron & Hurley families People of Parish
Sunday	10.00 am		Mary & Joe Doyle

Please Pray for the sick; Mary Levell, Peter McKernan, William Parish, Julie Gallagher, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael O'Connor, Andy Walsh, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure.

The Collection last weekend came to £179.49

Next weekend (28th/29th) we have our December **Fiver a month** collection

CONFESSIONS during Advent in preparation for Christmas. In addition to the normal Saturday time, both Fr. Stephen & Fr. Mark will be available for confessions following the Mass on Sunday 22nd December.

Christmas Masses Christmas Eve 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart, 7.30 pm at St. Joseph's. Christmas Day 10.00 am at Sacred Heart.

St. CHAD'S CATHEDRAL CAROL SERVICE will be this Sunday 22nd December at 5 pm.

TESCO CAROLS this Sunday afternoon (22nd) at 1.30 pm. Come along and sing!

EPIPHANY PARTY
Sunday 5th January
There will be a party with food
and drink downstairs in the
Undercroft following the
Epiphany Mass for all the family
All welcome

CHRISTMAS ENVELOPES are available at the back of Church. As is traditional the Christmas collections are a personal gift to the Parish Priest.

MISSIO BOXES If you have a box, please make sure it is returned to church this weekend. The money has to be paid in before the end of the year.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC If you wish to become a Catholic, or know someone who wishes to become a Catholic, or perhaps are a Catholic but have little perception of what that means, please contact Fr. Stephen by phone, email or in person.

ENGLISH PRAYER TIME You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in the Undercroft on Monday nights 8 -10 pm. when everything will be in English. It will continue as usual over the Christmas period.

DAILY EXPOSITION There is normally exposition in the Presbytery every day 10 am – 5 pm and 8 pm – midnight. To check phone Sr. Meena on 0795 7342742. There will be no exposition from 24th December – 1st January inclusive and from 13th January – 17th January inclusive.

CAFOD school volunteers needed! Could you visit your local Catholic school to talk about the work of CAFOD? We are looking for volunteers to give a short presentation or talk about the work of CAFOD and inspire children and young people to make a difference. For further information please contact Sylvester Mutsigwa at CAFOD Birmingham on 01922 722944 or email birmingham@cafod.org.uk

Work on St. Joseph's Church will start on 6th January.

2020 THE YEAR OF THE WORD **The God who speaks.**

we are all being encouraged to read the Bible. However to do so needs some preparation. A very good, short and easy to read book, to help prepare you is "Bible Basics for Catholics" by John Bergsma. You can get it through Amazon.

, The Dowry of Mary

back to St Edward the Confessor (1042 – 1066). There is no doubt, medieval England, and the fame of Walsingham and other medieval to this devotion.

The first documentary evidence for the title was found in a painting which used to hang in the Hospice of St Thomas, which was the English Hospice for pilgrims in Rome, now the Venerable English College. It showed King Richard II (r. 1377-1399) and his consort Anne of Bohemia at Westminster Abbey on the feast of Corpus Christi in 1381. They are praying at the Shrine of Our Lady of Pewe, offering England to Our Lady as Her Dowry. He holds a parchment with a Latin inscription: 'Dos tua pia haec est, quare leges, Maria' – This is your dowry, O pious Virgin.

We are being asked to rededicate England as Our Lady's Dowry, by each one of us many and act of dedication in 2020 around the Solemnity of the Annunciation 25th March.