



Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

Parish of St. Joseph's Nechells

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

4th/5th January 2020

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

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

11th/12th January 2020

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	<i>Angela Dorrian</i> <i>Teresa McPherson</i>
SUNDAY	10.00 am		<i>Sisters of St. Peter Claver</i>
Monday		9.30 am	<i>K. Reily special intention</i>
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday (school)	12.30 pm	9.30 am	<i>Sr. E. McKiroy</i> Mass in St. Joseph's school Funeral Mass for Kathleen Cullinane
Thursday (school)	9.10 am		<i>Irene Jones</i> Mass in Sacred Heart school
Friday <i>Day of abstinence</i>	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament <i>Sue McClure</i> Eucharistic Service

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Peace Sunday

18th/19th January 2020

Saturday Week of prayer for Christian unity begins	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	<i>Raymond Moore</i> <i>People of Parish</i>
Sunday	10.00 am		<i>Christian Unity</i>

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 £214.63

The December **Fiver a month** collection came to £197.83

The Missio Boxes raised £95.00

Next weekend there will be a Mission Appeal by the Sisters of St. Peter Claver. This is our annual mission appeal and will be made on behalf of the Sisters Mission Committee of England & Wales. They will tell us about their missionary Work and will be grateful for your support.

The following weekend there will be a second collection for Pax Christi

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY starts on Saturday 18th January. Please try to come Mass during this week or spend some time in adoration before the Blessed Sacrament.

PRAISE THE LORD! The Marie Stopes abortion clinic in Arthur Road, Edgbaston has closed down. Thank you for all your prayers.

THE 2020 BIRMINGHAM DIOCESAN DIRECTORY is now available. £3. See Fr. Stephen for a copy.

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.

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

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.

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 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.

CEILIDH NIGHT
with The Hurling Boys Band
at
Sacred Heart Club
28 Grange Road
on

Friday 24th January 2020
Tickets £5

For more info contact
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England, The Dowry of Mary

There is a tradition that the title 'Dowry of Mary' goes back to St Edward the Confessor (1042 – 1066). There is no doubt, about the deep devotion to Our Lady that existed in medieval England, and the fame of Walsingham and other medieval English Shrines of Our Lady are a strong testimony 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.