



Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

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ADVENT 3

14th/15th December 2019

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Derek Davis People of Parish
SUNDAY	10.00 am 4.00 pm		Hekuran Halili (Michael O'Reilly) CAROL SERVICE
Monday		9.30 am	Derek Warnaby
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday (school)		9.30 am	Jennifer O'Hara. Mass in St. Joseph's school
Thursday (school)	9.10 am	11.00 am 1.45 pm	Margaret Berriman Mass in Sacred Heart school Funeral Mass for Deidre Murray School Carol Concert in Church
Friday Day of abstinence	9.30 am 10.00 am 2.00 pm	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Collopy family Eucharistic Service Sacred Heart School Carol Service in school

ADVENT 4

21st/22nd December 2019

Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Annie Rooney & Tess Kehoe Wall & Redmond families
Sunday	10.00 am		People of parish

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 £205.60

The second collection for the Poor Parishes came to £86.94.

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 Masses on Sunday 15th and Sunday 22nd December.

THE CAROL SERVICE at Sacred Heart Church will be this Sunday 15th December at 4.00 pm.

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 next Sunday 22nd December at 5 pm.

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

ADVENT COURSE ON GLOBAL HEALING

This course will run on Wednesday evenings during Advent, 4th, 11th, 18th December at St. Vincent's, Francis Street, Nechells. It is for the three parishes, Sacred Heart, St. Joseph's and St. Vincent's, but of course others can come, so bring your friends. They will start at 6.30 pm for 7 pm with light refreshments.

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR Shirleyni & Gihan being married this Saturday in Sri Lanka. Also for the Daughters of Divine Love celebrating the Golden Jubilee of their order this Saturday.

MISSIO BOXES If you have a box, please make sure it is returned to church asap, but certainly well 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. You can check that it is happening by phoning Sr. Meena on 0795 7342742.

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

St Joseph's Kitchenware sale. Helpers are required to sell the kitchenware in aid of the Church at 12.50 pm on Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th in school. Let Fr. Stephen or Sr. Catherine know.

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.

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.