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LENT 1

29th February/1st March 2020

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Margaret Harbutt Noran Flynn’s special intention
SUNDAY	10.00 am		People of parish
Monday		9.30 am	Kathleen Ryan
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday (school)		9.30 am	Annie Hallinan Mass in St. Joseph’s school
Thursday (school)	9.10 am		Philomena Hartnett Mass in Sacred heart school
Friday <i>Day of abstinence CAFOD Family Fast Day</i>	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Peggy Guilfoyle Eucharistic Service

LENT 2

7th/8th March 2020

Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Frances Goulding People of Parish
Sunday	10.00 am		Dennis Seery

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 £189.96

The February Fiver a month collection came to £177.82

This Sunday we shall have a second collection for Cathedral Maintenance.

Next Sunday there will be a second collection for **CAFOD** following the Fast Day.

LENT is the penitential season leading up to the celebration of Easter (the Easter Triduum in Holy Week). It is the time to renew our wills to follow Jesus, and to grow in virtue and holiness especially through works of penance in which we unite ourselves with our Lord’s passion. We need to make a **Lent rule** specifying how we are going keep this season in prayer, Bible reading, attendance at Mass, adoration etc. so that our lives are transformed and we are ready both physically and spiritually to celebrate Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday.

FIRST FRIDAY OF FAITH is this Friday 6.30 pm for 7 pm start in the Undercroft. In this Lenten penitential season Fr Stephen will be talking about Penance. What it is, Why we do it, What does it do, How we do it. We shall have some time for discussion, sharing and prayer.

THE SOWER Copies of the Diocesan Magazine “The Sower” are available free. Please take one.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE started on Ash Wednesday and runs up to Palm Sunday (8am – 8pm every day). If you would like to help by praying outside the abortion clinic in Kings Norton, please take a leaflet and contact Isabel on 07773 501721.

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.

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.

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 23rd – 30th May.

There are leaflets about the pilgrimage at the back of the Church with details, costs and how to book. Some financial assistance may be available for sick pilgrims. See Fr. Stephen for more info about this.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 20th April 2020. £599.00 per person. Single supp £100.00. Flight with 10kg bag, 4 nights' Knock House Hotel with breakfast and dinner. All excursions included. Lunches on days out. Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com. Knock Pilgrimages ATOL T7613.

MARRIAGE MATTERS (www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk) First Sunday of Lent (Genesis 2:7-9; 3: 1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11) **Avoid independence**

Today, both Eve and Jesus are tempted to become independent, to turn away from the love of God. In marriage, we can think we have a right to fulfil our own desires without considering our partner, but we need to share these deepest hopes and dreams, and be prepared to hear the impact on our loved one and our relationship.

The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace,

The Lord is with Thee;

Blessed art thou among

women,

And blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God,

Pray for us sinners,

Now and at the hour of our

death. Amen

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.

R. Be it done unto me according to thy word.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made Flesh.

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

LET US PRAY

Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection. Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

THE ANGELUS AND THE DOWRY OF MARY

England has been known as the 'Dowry of Mary' for up to 1,000 years, going back to the time of St Edward the Confessor (1042-1066), in whose reign the replica of the Holy House of Nazareth was built. On the Feast of Corpus Christi, 1381, King Richard II dedicated England to Mary as 'her dowry.' He went on pilgrimage to Walsingham two years later. And so, for 1,000 years, Walsingham has been the great shrine of prayer and pilgrimage for the people of this country in honour of Our Lady. On 29 March, 2020, England will be rededicated as the 'Dowry of Mary.' This will happen in Westminster Cathedral, in Walsingham, in every Catholic Cathedral, in every parish and in as many homes as possible. Mgr John Armitage, the Rector of the National Shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham, has asked people to prepare spiritually for the rededication by praying the Angelus every day after our parish Masses. The Angelus is a most suitable prayer to prepare us spiritually for the rededication, recalling, as it does, 'some essential moments in the History of Salvation, reminding us of Mary's 'yes' to the Angel Gabriel, which undid Eve's 'no' in the Garden of Eden.' We profess our faith in 'The Word, who was made flesh, and dwelt amongst us,' and in his Death and Resurrection, the eternal destiny to which each of us is called in Christ.