



Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

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14th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8th/9th July

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Bob Nelson Fr. Gerry McArdle
Sunday	10.00 am		People of Parish
Monday		9.30 am	Mary Roebuck
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday (school)		9.30 am	The Curtin family
Thursday	Noon		Josephine Clifford
Friday	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament John Mooney Eucharistic Service

15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 15th/16th July

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Annie Kennedy + Baptisms Owen Fitsimmons
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Annie Kennedy

Please Pray for the sick; Anne Stapleton, Bridie Murphy, Sheila O'Reilly, Marion Levell, Peter McKernan, Mary Joyce, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, May Walker, Nirosha Pathiraja, Teresa Francis, Michael O'Connor, Marie Parish, William Parish, Michael O'Reilly, Julie Gallagher, Irene Nelson.



The collection last weekend came to £279.77

Last weekend's second collection for "Friends of Christ the Healer", which supports Fr. Matthias' work in South Africa came to £267.37. We also emptied the wall box which had over £300 in it.

This weekend we have a second collection for the "Apostleship of the Sea".

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the "Peter's Pence"

First reading Zechariah 9:9-10

The Lord says this:

Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion!

Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem!

See now, your king comes to you;

he is victorious, he is triumphant,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will banish chariots from Ephraim

and horses from Jerusalem;

the bow of war will be banished.

He will proclaim peace for the nations.

His empire shall stretch from sea to sea,

from the River to the ends of the earth.

Responsorial Psalm 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

Second reading Romans 8:9,11-13

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father,
Lord of heaven and earth,
for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom
to mere children.**

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 11:25-30

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

Reflection

Putting your hand in somebody else's is a gesture of intimacy, which is very characteristic of children with their parents. To a loving father or mother a child will give its hand unquestioningly, with complete trust. Holding his or her father's hand there is nowhere the child will not venture. It is not only willing to be led, but positively wants to be brought somewhere. Somewhere in the growing up process we outgrow our dependency on our parents, and having lost the need for their guidance, even God can become remote for us. Only those who are children at heart can fully understand what Jesus tells us about God — that God reveals Himself to "mere children." Growing up means ceasing to be dependent. We exchange a child's dependence on people for an adult's dependence on things, like money, alcohol, success and influence. But these props are notoriously fickle and the adult world is often plagued by stress and anxiety. Our props may provide temporary relief but can still leave us — as Jesus puts it — "labouring and burdened;" labouring under illusions of grandeur and burdened with unrealistic targets. The heaviest load we have to carry is that of our own unfulfilled ambitions, the burden of our bruised egos. Only a return to humility can restore our lost innocence and our lost paradise., that honest humility that accepts our creature-status, our status as children before God. To enjoy the peace of Christ we must "put our hand in the hand of the man from Galilee', who guides us along life's journey and helps us to find the way home.

'Come to me', he says, 'all you who labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest.' In spite of all our problems, we trust him when he says, my yoke is easy and my burden light.



Parish News

RAISE THE ROOF RAFFLE WINNERS:

June 24th/25th No 20 – A. Robinson
No 4 – Maureen Teauge

July 2nd No 29 – Maureen Teauge

SACRED HEART CHURCH WEBSITE Please mark this website and view it regularly. Also get others to look at it and at our facebook page.

Please pray for: Daniella Youwudi and Evie Woodward who are being baptised at the 12.30 pm Mass next Saturday and for the their parents, Daniel & Giselle and Sean & Jessica.

Fr. Robert Murphy's Induction as Parish Priest of St. Anne's Digbeth and English Martyr's, Sparkhill will take place on Monday 24th July at 7.00 pm at English Martyr's, Evelyn Road, Sparkhill, B11 3JN. All are invited to attend to give him a good welcome to the Deanery.

KINGDOM WARRIORS Young adults are invited to join our young adults group called the Kingdom Warriors. They meet each Tuesday at 6.30 pm at St. Vincent's Church in Nechells Parkway, B7 4JY for Lectio Divina. At present they are studying St. Matthew's Gospel.

GIFT AID If you are a taxpayer, please see Chris Brown and he will be able to arrange for us to claim money you have paid to the taxman back for the Church with no pain to yourself.



What's going on in the Diocese

Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent night shelter for homeless people, is opening in September. Could you volunteer as a host or mentor? Please come along to an open evening on Thursday 13 July, 6-9 pm, at St Anne's Catholic Church, 96 Bradford Street, Birmingham B12 0PY. Contact Christy Acton on 01675 434064 to find out more.

REBOOT On Monday 17 July 2017, from 6.30pm-9pm, St Catherine of Siena Church, Bristol Street Birmingham will be hosting Reboot, including music by the Mercy Tour. Reboot is provided by Chris Stefanick who is an internationally acclaimed speaker and author from the USA. Chris presents fun, inspiring and practical experience of applying the beauty and genius of the heart of the Gospel to every aspect of your life. From prayer and spirituality, to work, marriage, parenting, health and more. It would be wonderful for people from across the Archdiocese to attend this life-changing event. Please contact Natalie Orefice (Advisor for Parish Evangelisation) for further details by email: parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk or telephone: 07718910585.

THE ANNUAL APF – MILL HILL MISSION MASS is on Sunday 23rd July at 11.00 am at St. Chad's Cathedral. Our Archbishop will be the principal celebrant.

THE BIRMINGHAM CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE is 7th -11th August. Keep those dates free. More information later. <http://www.bccrc.org.uk/>

Pilgrimage to Fatima Celebrate the centenary of Fatima this November with fellow pilgrims from the diocese. Departing 26th November spend 4 nights in a 4* hotel on a half board basis. Flights included from Birmingham. Early bird offer of £485 available until 15/08/2017. To find out more visit aglowpilgrimages.com/fatima or call 0800 689 4792.

FERTILITY CARE Life Fertility Care offer treatment for infertility and miscarriage. There are leaflets about it at the back of church. If you know anyone needing help, please take a leaflet or visit www.lifefertilitycare.co.uk

CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE OR RELIGIOUS STUDIES Why not study the faith in greater depth so that you can communicate it more effectively? See notice on notice board in church and/or go to www.brs-ccrs.org.uk or phone 0207 901 1900.

St. Vincent's Catholic Primary School Nursery, Vauxhall Grove, Nechells, B7 4HP. You can apply now for a place in September by phoning 0121 675 2359.

Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicsingles.org.uk or tel. 0161 941 3498

Today is Sea Sunday, when the Church prays for all who live and work at sea. Without them we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. Today's second collection is for the Apostleship of the Sea (AoS), the Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. This collection is vital to enable it to continue its work, so please give generously and remember seafarers in your prayers. Thank you. To donate on line please visit www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk