



## Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

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### 14<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> July **Sea Sunday**

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	People of Parish Mary Phillips
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Anne Doocey
Monday (school)		9.30 am	Priests & nuns Mass in St. Joseph's school
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday	10.00 am		Funeral Mass for Kathleen Borowski
Thursday			No Mass
Friday Day of Abstinence	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Keith Bryan Eucharistic Service

### 15<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> July

Day	Aston	Nechells	
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	People of the Parish Baptism of Aiveen Gray Mary Phillips
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Thanksgiving (Greene)

**Please Pray for the sick;** Sheila O'Reilly, Marion Levell, Peter McKernan, Mary Joyce, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Teresa Francis, Michael O'Connor, William Parish, Michael O'Reilly, Julie Gallagher, Pat Hayes, Jimmy Armstrong, Anne Robinson, Peter Marron, Mary Crotty.



The collection last weekend came to £252.22

The second collection for Peter's Pence came to £150.88

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Apostleship of the Sea

**RENEW OUR PARISH** Now that we have renewed our Church Roof we need to renew our parish. Please start praying the Renewal Prayer everyday so that we can be open to what God wants us to do and become in this Sacred Heart parish.

**Please pray for** Aiveen Marie Gray who will be baptised at the 12.30 pm Mass this Saturday and for her parents Steven & Roisin.

**PARISH BBQ  
THIS SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> JULY following Mass**

Everyone is invited to come to a BBQ and great family occasion in the Presbytery Garden after the Mass today.

**DO YOU WANT TO BECOME A CATHOLIC?** The first meeting for those wishing to become Catholics will be on Thursday this week at 6.30 pm at Sacred Heart. Come to the Presbytery.

**GIFT** A new Life in the Spirit course at St. Joseph's school finishes this Friday at 1.45 pm.

**WORLD YOUTH DAY in Panama 19<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2019** Would any more young people (aged 18 -35 on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019) like to go on World Youth Day? Please see Fr. Stephen to find out more about it and what is involved asap.

**GET A TASTE FOR THE FAITH** An introduction to adult faith formation with Marie Cooke of Maryvale Institute. Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at St. Francis, Handsworth. 7.30 pm – 9 pm. See poster in church for more details.

**ENGLISH PRAYER TIME** You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in Sacred Heart Presbytery on Monday nights 8 -10 pm. when everything will be in English. You can check that it is happening by phoning Sr. Meena on 07957342742.

**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 07957342742.

**THE KINGDOM WARRIORS** meet on Tuesdays at 6.30 pm at St. Vincent's Church, Nechells Parkway. This a group for young adults (18+) and involves the study of the Bible.

**DONATIONS TO THE ROOF APPEAL ON LINE** Get your friends to donate on line by going to our website [www.sacredheartaston.com](http://www.sacredheartaston.com) and going to the Giving page. We are using "Mydonate" and they don't take any commission so we get 100% of what you give and you can Gift Aid it too if you are a taxpayer.

**Second Saturday Convention** - Every 2nd Saturday of the month from 8am - 4pm at Bethel Convention Centre, Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, B70 7JW (including a Rosary procession, Holy Mass, Confession, talks, spiritual sharing, testimonies, praise and worship and Eucharistic Adoration).

**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](http://www.catholicsingles.org.uk) or tel. 0161 941 3498

**Sacred Heart School Community Lunch Club.** Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond the control of the school there will be no more Community Lunch Club. The school are very sorry and disappointed that this facility has been forced to stop.



**First reading Ezekiel 2:2-5**

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

**Responsorial Psalm 122(123)**

Our eyes are on the Lord till he shows us his mercy.

**Second reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10**

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**The Word was made flesh and lived among us:  
to all who did accept him  
he gave power to become children of God.  
Alleluia!**

**Gospel Mark 6:1-6**

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

## Reflection

This Gospel immediately follows upon last week's stories of the raising of Jairus's daughter and the healing of the woman with a hemorrhage. It sets the context of the Gospel readings for the next two weeks in which Jesus will extend the work of his ministry to his disciples.

Today's Gospel describes what many believe to have been the typical pattern of Jesus' ministry: teaching in the synagogue followed by acts of healing. In his hometown of Nazareth, the people are amazed by what they hear, but they also cannot comprehend how someone they know so well might move them so powerfully.

In this Gospel, we learn some interesting details about Jesus and his early life. Jesus' kinfolk know him to be a carpenter, an artisan who works in wood, stone, and metal. He probably learned this trade from his father. Family members of Jesus are also named. Mark describes Jesus as the son of Mary, which is an unusual designation. Adult males were more typically identified with the name of their fathers. It is unclear why Mark deviates from this custom.

Brothers and sisters of Jesus are also named. Scholars are divided on how to interpret this. As Catholics, we believe that Mary was and remained always a virgin, thus we do not believe that this Gospel refers to other children of Mary. Some have suggested that these family members might be Joseph's children from a previous marriage, but there is little evidence to support this. Others explain this reference by noting that the words *brother* and *sister* were often used to refer to other types of relatives, including cousins, nieces, and nephews.

This Gospel tells us that Jesus is hampered from performing miracles in Nazareth because of the people's lack of faith. Jesus is said to be surprised by this. He did not predict or foresee this rejection. In this detail we find a description of the very human side of Jesus.

This passage unfolds a continuing theme of Mark's Gospel: Who is Jesus? His kinfolk in Nazareth might know the carpenter, the son of Mary, but they do not know Jesus, the Son of God. Mark is foreshadowing Jesus' rejection by his own people, the people of Israel. He is also reflecting on and trying to explain the situation of the community for which he wrote. While many of the first Christians were Jewish, Christianity took hold and flourished in the Gentile community. Mark's community was mostly a Gentile community, who may have been experiencing persecution. By showing that Jesus himself was rejected, Mark consoles and reassures his first readers. He also prepares us to accept this possible consequence of Christian discipleship.

