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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

15th/16th February 2020

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	Des & Maureen Teague People of parish
SUNDAY	10.00 am		Kathleen Hall
Monday			No Mass at St. Joseph’s. Funeral Mass for Sr. Mary Carroll Noon at St. Vincent’s
Tuesday			No Mass
Wednesday	7.00pm	9.30 am	Ruth Cooper’s special intention Reception of Ronald Harris into Church
Thursday	11.00 am		Funeral Mass for Ronald Harris
Friday <i>Day of abstinence</i>	9.30 am 10.00 am	11.45 am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament TBA Eucharistic Service

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23rd/24th February 2020

Saturday	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	People of Parish Joseph Wall
Sunday	10.00 am		Canon Gerry Breen

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 £179.18

The second collection for Racial Justice came to £200.52.

Our parish is holding a Second Collection for the national charity Life this Sunday. Life saves lives and advances the Gospel of Life by lovingly supporting those in crisis pregnancy in a way that upholds the utmost respect for human life. Their support includes giving counselling, housing, free mum and baby supplies, and financial assistance to anyone affected by abortion or pregnancy loss in any way. Their Pregnancy Matters™ service helps 70 people every single day. You and your parishioners are making this vital work possible.

Next Sunday we shall have our February **Fiver a month** collection.

Sr. MARY CARROL’S FUNERAL will take place this Monday 17th February at St. Vincent’s at noon. She will be received into Church the night before at 4.30 pm.

ASH WEDNESDAY is a week on Wednesday 26th February. It is a **Day of Fast & Abstinence.** Mass will be at 9.10 am at Sacred Heart School. 2.00 pm at St. Joseph’s school and at 7.30 pm at Sacred Heart Church. As always you are welcome to attend the Masses in the schools.

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.

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.

Pre 40 DAYS FOR LIFE kick off Come and hear Dr. Dermot Kearney, consultant cardiologist and president of the Catholic Medical Association speak on: “Turning the Tables on Abortion – The Battle for Life”. Join us on Sunday 23rd February at 2.00 pm in the Oratory Upper Cloister in 141 Hagley Road, B16 8UE. For more information contact Isabel: 07773501721.

MEMBRA JESU NOSTRI a concert of beautiful organ and sacred music at St. Chad’s Cathedral on Friday 21st February at 7pm. See the Diocesan website for more details.

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.

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.

