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**Parish of St. Joseph's Nechells**

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**EASTER 6**

**9<sup>th</sup> May 2021**

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
<b>Saturday</b> Sunday vigil	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>Mick O'Connor</i> <i>People of Parish</i>
<b>Sunday EASTER 6</b> Day of Prayer for Eastern Christians	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Mary Greaney</i>
Monday			<i>Nora Crowley &amp; family</i>
Tuesday			<i>Maureen Wallace</i>
Wednesday <b>Vigil for Ascension</b>	<b>7.30 pm</b>		<i>Joe Greene</i>
<b>ASCENSION DAY</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>	<b>Noon</b>	<i>People of Parish</i> <i>Anne Ashmore</i>
Friday <b>St. Matthias</b>	<b>10.30 am</b>		<b>Funeral Mass for William Keating</b>
Saturday Sunday Vigil	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>Peter McKernan</i> <i>Patrick Crowley</i>
<b>EASTER 7</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Michael O'Donoghue</i>

Dear Parishioners,

This week we come to Ascension Day, a Holy Day of Obligation. It should be possible for all of you to attend one of the Masses as we have plenty of room to keep socially distanced in our churches. Before Jesus ascended into heaven he told his disciples to stay in Jerusalem and to wait there for what the Father has promised. The time from the Ascension to Pentecost is a special time of prayer and waiting opening ourselves to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Please pray for those preparing for their Confirmation. At St. Joseph's it will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May at 4 pm and at Sacred Heart on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00 pm. With the Covid restrictions only the barest minimum number of people will be allowed to attend so don't just turn up, but it might be good to say a rosary for them during those times if possible.

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May is the Day of Exposition for Vocations at St. Joseph's. I don't yet know what hours we shall be able to sustain, but let me know what times would be convenient for you to pray in Church before the Blessed Sacrament.

This weekend you will receive a letter from our Finance Committee. Please read it carefully. We need to make a great effort to increase our income which has been badly hit by Covid. Our financial giving is part of our spiritual lives and helps shape us into the likeness of Christ. As King David said "I will not a sacrifice that cost me nothing."

Happy Easter everybody. It continues until the evening of Pentecost.

God bless you all and keep you safe for eternal life and keep praying for one another.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

**Collections last Sunday**

Sacred Heart First collection £199.54

St. Joseph's First collection £18.00

This weekend there will be a second collection for the **Fellowship and Aid to Christians of the East (FACE)**

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **Catholic Communications**

**BILL KEATING'S FUNERAL** will be on Friday this week 14<sup>th</sup> May at Sacred Heart at 10.30 am. Funerals are still limited to 30 people so you can only attend it with the family's consent. May he rest in peace.

**PARKING** Sometimes it is a bit congested round Sacred Heart Church, but we shall make sure that the Club Car park is open for you to attend the weekend Masses (except match days).

**OUR ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY of St. Mark's Gospel** continues on Mondays at 7 pm. Please contact George on 07870 153066 or at [georgeswisoba@live.co.uk](mailto:georgeswisoba@live.co.uk) to register.

**SEHION MINISTRIES SECOND SATURDAY CONVENTION** is on-line this Saturday (8<sup>th</sup>)

Malayalam Session : 9 am - 12 noon: <https://youtu.be/uLRaMXOcjTQ>

Kids Stream : 12 noon - 2 pm: <https://youtu.be/LIHqpD6KeH8>

English Session : 2pm - 4 pm: <https://youtu.be/9ymvokNgAk4>

**YOUNG ADULT SOCIAL** organised by the Kenelm Youth Trust. See [Young Adult Social - KENELM YOUTH TRUST](#)

**Please Pray for the sick;** Mary Levell, William Parish, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, Pat Davis, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure, Phil Robinson, Mona Recci, Mary Cartridge, Bill Marron.

**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.

**Fundraiser for Pax Christi.** In the week from 15 to 21 May, Pax Christi, the Catholic Peace organisation, will be trying to raise funds to make up for lost income due to Covid19. Fausta is having a dance-a-thon, Bruce is delivering a peace message to foreign embassies in London, Matt is cycling 50 miles visiting peace sites, Pat is going on a walk from Victoria to the Peace Pagoda in Battersea Park, Rachel will be cycling for 75 miles, to celebrate Pax Christi's 75th anniversary. More fundraisers are joining the fun. Please go to their website [www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk/register-you-interest/) for details on how you can sponsor them.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** [www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk)

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

(Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 1 John 4:7-10 15:9-17) *Called to reflect God's love "Love one another as I have loved you"*. With these words Jesus spells out God's plan for marriage. As husband and wife we are called each day to give our lives to each other as completely as we are able. From today let us decide to reflect this 'sign' of God's love to our children, our family and our friends.

**ON-LINE RETREATS FROM BELMONT ABBEY** There are some interesting options here. God to <https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/online-retreats/register> for more information and to register.

**CORONAVIRUS** For the Church's guidelines see the Conference of Bishops website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk> or go to [COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship)

## USEFUL WEBSITES

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv> For access to many streamlined Masses in UK & Ireland

<https://www.wordonfire.org>

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/shows/called-to-communion>

<https://www.catholic.com/>

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

<https://magiscenter.com/>

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