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

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**18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**1<sup>st</sup> August 2021**

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday Vigil Mass	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>People of Parish Bridget Reynolds</i>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b> of Ordinary Time	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Joe Greene</i>
Monday	<b>4.30 pm</b>		Reception of Body
Tuesday	<b>10.30 am</b>		<b>Funeral Mass for Gerard Lysaght</b>
Wednesday			
Thursday		<b>11.30 am</b>	<b>Funeral Mass for Thomas Devlin</b>
Friday Transfiguration of the Lord		<b>Noon</b>	<i>Peter Duffill</i>

**19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**8<sup>th</sup> August 2021**

Saturday Vigil Mass	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>Margaret Shore People of Parish</i>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY</b> of Ordinary Time	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Jim Maguire</i>
Monday <small>St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross</small>			
Tuesday <small>St. Lawrence</small>			
Wednesday			
Thursday			
Friday		<b>Noon</b>	<i>Sr. Bernadette Healy</i>
Saturday Vigil Mass	<b>11.00 am</b> <b>4.00 pm</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>People of Parish Sri Lankan Mass O'Neill family</i>
<b>Assumption of Our Lady</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Ya Adam Rose Mendy</i>

*Fr. Stephen is now completely out of Mass intentions*

Dear Parishioners,

Well, a very big “thank you” to you who made my Silver Jubilee Mass and party such a lovely occasion. Many of you did a lot and contributed a lot to make it so good. It was lovely to have the joyous singing and Stephen there to play the organ. The offertory procession organized by the DDL sisters was a highlight. Thank you to of you who brought food and made such a good spread.

I would also like to thank you for all the gifts and cards that I received and for your great generosity towards me. It was also encouraging to know that so many of you were praying for me. Many people were not able to come but send me good wishes and prayers and had Masses said for me. Thank you so much. It has given me a great boost especially following the subdued nature of all our lives over the past 16 months.

I hope we shall be able to build up the Mass attendance steadily over the coming months, that people will feel that it is safe to come and that many people will be wanting to explore and discover more about the Catholic faith following the lock-down. There is a programme on EWTN radio called “Called to Communion” which invites questions and comments from non-catholics such as “why I am not a Catholic?” One answer to this question from a listener was “because no one has asked me”. That was rather sad. Perhaps we should be more ready to invite people to become Catholics?

This Newsletter is for 2 weeks and you will notice that the Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady, which is a Holy Day of Obligation, falls on a Sunday. It is the great celebration of joy in the middle of the summer, so we have something special to look forward to, for many people as a visitor to an unfamiliar Church while we are on holiday.

May God bless you all and continue to keep you safe both from Covid, but especially from the wiles of the evil one.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

**COVID RESTRICTIONS IN CHURCH** Although restrictions have been lifted, the coronavirus is still a great threat. The Bishops of England & Wales have said that we should continue to wear masks in church though we can join in the singing under the masks. Also people who want to keep a metre distance from others should still be able to do so.

### **Collections 25<sup>th</sup> July Sunday**

Sacred Heart First collection £137.30

St. Joseph's No collection

**OUR ON-LINE BIBLE STUDY** We have now finished St. Mark's Gospel and the group will not meet over August. Listen out to when it may start up again.

**JAMES MAGUIRE RIP** We have just received a bequest from Jim's estate of £15,500. Thank you Jim. We are really grateful. May you rest in peace.

Have you made your will yet and have you thought of leaving something to the Church? It is a great thing to do.

**MARCH FOR LIFE** this year will take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September in London. Keep the date free. Get involved with the preparations A coach will be going picking up at the Oratory.

[www.marchforlife.co.uk](http://www.marchforlife.co.uk)

**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.

**SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL** A number of people have asked me about this and it has always been something very difficult for us to handle However new things are beginning to happen and I would like to get together parents of children in this situation. Please will any of you in this situation whatever the age of your children get in touch with me even if you make have spoken to me before. Email would be good giving me your name and address, email and telephone numbers.

**DIOCESAN NEWS** Go to [News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](http://News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham (birminghamdiocese.org.uk))

**YOUTH** Many things are beginning to happen now that we are coming out of lockdown, some still on-line but also events at Alton Castle and other places. Visit the website [KENELM YOUTH TRUST - Home](http://KENELM YOUTH TRUST - Home)

**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 Sunday Mass (except match days).

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

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

**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

(Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15 Ephesians 4:17, 20-24 John 6:24-35) *Jesus will give us courage and strength*  
The readings today focus very much on God's love and care for each of us. Our relationship at times can be challenged by something like a serious physical or mental illness, making it very hard to communicate. At such times, if we dig deep, we will find the trust we have in Jesus. This can pull us through together.

**The Assumption** (Revelation 11: 19, 12: 1-6 10 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26 Luke: 39-56) *If in need*  
We have good reason for believing that from her special place in heaven God continues to do great things through Mary. Her own experience of being a wife and mother has made her very aware of

the joys, trials and sufferings of life for married couples. This means that whenever we need it we can ask her for help.

**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/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship)

## **USEFUL WEBSITES**

[Home - Sycamore](#) A new English (as opposed to American) site to help parents be more confident in the faith so as to be more able to teach their children. It can be accessed in several different languages which some of you might find helpful.

<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/>

[Lust is Boring on Apple Podcasts](#)

<https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/online-retreats/register>