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CHRISTMAS

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
CHRISTMAS EVE	8.00 pm	6.00 pm	<i>People of the Parish McManus family</i>
CHRISTMAS DAY	10.00 am		<i>Rachel Jackson & Derek Davis</i>
THE HOLY FAMILY - Sunday	10.00 am		<i>McManus family</i>
Monday St. John		9.30 am	<i>Betty O’Connor</i>
Tuesday Holy Innocents	10.00 am		<i>Susan McClure</i>
Wednesday St. Thomas Becket	10.00 am		<i>Bob Fleming</i>
Thursday			<i>James Greaney</i>
Friday		Noon	<i>Fr. Eamonn Corduff</i>

CHRISTMAS II

2nd January 2022

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
MARY, MOTHER OF GOD	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	<i>Marron & Hurley families Susan McClure</i>
CHRISTMAS II	10.00 am		<i>John White</i>
Monday Holy Name of Jesus			<i>People of Parish</i>
Tuesday			
Wednesday Vigil Mass	11.00 am	3.00 pm	Funeral Mass for Dennis O’Connor <i>Patricia Mullen</i>
Thursday SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Holy Day of Obligation	9.45 am* 7.30 pm	2.00 pm	<i>Patrick Hennessy</i> In St. Joseph’s school <i>McManus family</i>
Friday Day of abstinence			Prayer Group will meet as usual

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

9th January 2022

Saturday Vigil Mass	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	
BAPTISM OF THE LORD	10.00 am		**

*The 9.45 am Mass will be in Church unless the weather is too bad. In which case it will be in Sacred Heart School.

**The Christmas season ends on the evening of the Baptism of the Lord.

Dear Parishioners,

I wish you all a very Happy and joyful Christmas rejoicing in what God has done for us in becoming incarnate and taking on our human nature so as to redeem us. I should like to thank all of you for your Christmas wishes, cards, presents and of course for the Christmas collection.

This Newsletter sees me through to my final day as your Pastor on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. I should like to thank you for all your support during my 8 years as Parish Priest of these two parishes. It is always a sad time parting and of course for me, the trauma of moving as well. I lookback on some great times. Perhaps the one that stands out most was the great thanksgiving Mass with the Archbishop for the new roof at Sacred Heart. Also the faith courses we have had, some together with St. Vincent’s.

Looking at our accounts I see that over my time here I have spent £645,671 at Sacred Heart and £263,274 at St. Joseph’s. That is over £900,000 between the two parishes. It seems a real miracle

how that amount of money has fallen into our laps. Truly God has been blessing us and no doubt is expecting something great of us.

We shall have a Vigil Mass for the Epiphany at 3 pm at St. Joseph's Church and then a school Mass in St. Joseph's school at 2 pm on the day. At Sacred Heart we shall have a school Mass at 9.45 am in Church (depending on the weather and Covid) and then an evening Mass at 7.30 pm as my final Mass.

God bless you, support you and strengthen you though all the stresses and strains of the continuing Covid Pandemic.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP You are welcome to come to the Friday Prayer Group in the Community Room at St. Joseph's following the 12 noon Mass. For further details contact Geoff on 07477024137

THE AA MEETINGS have restarted in the Community Room at St. Joseph's on Wednesdays at 12 noon. For details contact Mike on 07901 833048

THE KENELM YOUTH TRUST are recruiting for various paid jobs as well as volunteer ones. For details visit the recruitment page on their website: [work4KYT - KENELM YOUTH TRUST](#)

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

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, Alice Walker, Rose McLoughlin, Danny Delaney.

COVID RESTRICTIONS IN CHURCH We now have to wear masks in church and use the gell. Also people who want to keep a metre distance from others should still be able to do so.

Bishop Challoner TSA is working in partnership with CEFEL and The Catholic Education Service to deliver National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) for Teachers. They are also offering a new NPQ in Leading Behaviour and Culture. NPQs are currently fully funded for all state maintained schools. Apply here: <https://www.cefel.org.uk/npq/> Applications close on 17th January 2022 for programmes starting February 2022.

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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> Bishop Barron's website

<https://www.sthadscathedral.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>