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Thirtieth Sunday of the Year (C) 22nd / 23rd October 2022

CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF SACRED HEART & ST MARGARET MARY CHURCH

Weekend Masses (22nd / 23rd October)

Mass Intention:

Saturday 2.00pm **CENTENARY MASS**

Iris Mee RIP

Sunday 10.15am (NB New time)

Julie Gallagher RIP (Recent Anniv)

There is no School Mass this Wednesday as it is half term.

Friday 28th at 7pm Mass followed by Exposition and Scripture Sharing (Transform Vigil)

Next Weekend (29th / 30th October)

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Mass Intention:

Saturday 12.30pm

In thanksgiving (Gambian Christian Association)

Sunday 10.15am (NB New time)

Dave Chalmers

Readings: Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2; Ps 144; Thessalonians 1:11-2:2; Luke 19:1-10

Centenary Mass – Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Can anybody who came to our celebration last weekend believe how many people were here, what joy, what reunions and a true atmosphere of Thanksgiving.

This really is a time to celebrate and to count our blessings.

It is also a time to be a **Centenary People** who see this 100 year milestone not just as a time to look back, although we cherish our history. It is a time to look forward to our mission.

As we do so, we can consider how much people gave towards the building of our beautiful church – something that we have inherited.

We celebrate the diversity of cultures in our parish today and we seek to build on all of the strengths of our parish to make Christ known in Aston for many years to come!

Some ways of considering ourselves a **Centenary People**:

Praying for the Needs of our Parish and School each day; Fundraising ideas for our parish – imaginative ways to support the parish including workplaces that might support charities;

Regular offers to clean your Church; Ideas for a day pilgrimage in the coming year;

New readers; Ways of bringing new people into our parish and our church community.

This is a time for the Church to be full of ACTIVE parishioners who each take responsibility for the life and future mission of our parish.

Let us pray for the courage to find new ways of celebrating God’s love for his people – not only his church-going people, but praying for Aston and for our whole city.

Let’s make Sacred Heart Church a focus of life and energy for the many people who pass it each day and those who need hope.

Last Friday of the Month – at our church – TRANSFORM NIGHT VIGIL 7pm to 9pm.

All welcome. Holy Mass, Word of God, Healing Prayers. **(THIS FRIDAY: 28th October)**.

Outside of weekend Mass, this is one event that is designed to bring parishioners together in the prayerful atmosphere of our beautiful church.

While there are people who do not wish to come out at night, this is at a time when young adults and maybe families could come. Please consider it.

Deanery Visitation of Parishes by Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David Evans

A Deanery is a group of parishes that work together in a particular area. For many years, our parish has formed part of the Birmingham Cathedral Deanery made up of city centre parishes. The priests and deacons of the deanery meet monthly. We discuss issues of common interest, we pray together and we have a meal.

Every 5 years or so, it is the duty of a Diocesan Bishop to visit each parish or to oversee the visit by a bishop who assists him.

Beginning this autumn, the parishes of our Deanery will be visited.

Now our Deanery has recently expanded quite considerably as it has merged with what was previously the Birmingham (South) Deanery and taken on parishes a little further afield: Redditch, Bromsgrove and Studley, Halesowen, Warley, Oldbury and Blackheath.

Thank you to those who were able to represent our parish at the Oratory Church in Edgbaston recently.

Prayers for members of our parish community who are sick or housebound:

Maura Greene, Mary Levell, John McManus, Bernadette Harnett, Noreen Fowler, Clem Murray (*please let Fr Tim know if there is anybody who needs prayers and who has given their permission for their name to be listed here*).

Prayers for those who have died: Iris Mee, Mary Williams, Mary Kate Moore, Donovan Dawes (West Indian Chaplaincy), Jacqueline Finnegan. During this, our Centenary Year, let us remember all those who have lived in our parish and all those who have prayed in our Church and who are now with God. May they rest in peace.

Second Collection this weekend for Missio, previously known as the APF (with the red boxes that many people had / have in their homes), supporting the Foreign Missions.

New Candle Stands: You will have noticed that we have invested in two new candle stands in front of the altar. They are plastic-free, so better for the environment. The wax sits within glass. You never need to touch or move the glass. Either light a candle that is already in the stand or place on in an empty glass holder and light it. **For your own safety, you are asked not to light one candle from another that is already lit. Please use the lighters provided.**

Solemnity of All Saints (Tuesday 1st November at 7pm) – Mass will be celebrated here in Church at 7pm. It is a Holyday of Obligation where everybody is asked to make a special effort to attend Mass on a weekday. This is one of the most beautiful Feasts of the Church's Year, as well as being the beginning of the month of November, a month of remembrance. Please put this date in your diary and, if need be, ask a friend or family member to bring you to Mass on this special day.