Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston



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Sacred Heart Parish Social Club - The Heart 28 Grange Road, Birmingham B6 6LA Tel 0121 240 5352 *Thirty-third Sunday of the Year (C)* 12th / 13th November 2022 **CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF SACRED HEART & ST MARGARET MARY CHURCH** Weekend Masses (12th / 13th November) Mass Intention: World Day of the Poor Saturday 12.30pm Harnett & Bell families Sunday 10.15am (NB New time) Olive & Phil Thompson RIP Please note: there is no School Mass this week Next Weekend (19th / 20th November) Solemnity of Christ the King; World Youth Sunday (Year C) Mass Intention: Saturday 12.30pm **Special Intention** Sunday 10.15am (NB New time) Young people of our Parish Readings: 2 Samuel 5:1-3; Psalm 121; Colossians 1:12-20; Luke 23:35-43

Deanery Requiem Mass in memory of Clergy who have served our parishes – will be celebrated at St Chad's Cathedral this Tuesday, 15th November at 12.15. All welcome.

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: Donovan Dawes (West Indian Chaplaincy), Jacqueline Finnegan, Dr Ian Ker, Archbishop Mario Conti

Second Collection next weekend: is for the Catholic Youth Service, on World Youth Sunday.

Last Friday of the Month – at <u>our</u> church – TRANSFORM NIGHT VIGIL <u>7pm to 9pm</u>. All welcome. Holy Mass, Word of God, Healing Prayers. (FRIDAY 25th November). 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.

Unwanted, good quality winter coats – for homeless people. Please bring them to Mass.

Centenary Mass (100 years of Sacred Heart Church)

There were both photos and a video of the Mass made and it is hoped that we shall be able to see all of these in the coming weeks.

Our wonderful celebration on Saturday 15th October was very much the beginning of a year of celebration of our 100 years.

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.

Sponsor a New Hymn Book – we have bought a new set of hymn books. We are inviting parishioners and friends to sponsor a hymn book. In each sponsored book, the name of the donor and in whose memory it has been sponsored will be written.

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.

The visitation of parishes of our Deanery has begun.

A visitation weekend in a parish serves two purposes: it is a moment in time to share with the visiting Bishop something of the life of our parish as we see it; it is also an opportunity for parishioners to share with each other what is already happening that not everybody knows, but also to share something of a vision for the future: what we would like our parish to be. Your thoughts and ideas on this are always welcome.

Sundays of November:

Sunday 20th November – Solemnity of Christ the King, Final Sunday of the Church's Year and World Youth Sunday.

Sunday 27th November – First Sunday of Advent (Year A) and the beginning of a new Church Year.