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**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (C) 19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

**CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF SACRED HEART & ST MARGARET MARY CHURCH**

**Weekend Masses (19<sup>th</sup> / 20<sup>th</sup> November)**

**Mass Intention:**

**Solemnity of Christ the King; World Youth Sunday (Year C)**

Saturday 12.30pm

Special Intention

Sunday 10.15am (NB New time)

Young People of our Parish

Please note: there is no School Mass this week

**Next Weekend (26<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> November)**

**Mass Intention:**

**First Sunday of Advent (Year A)**

Saturday 12.30pm

Peggy Pollard

Sunday 10.15am (NB New time)

Peter Cleaver RIP (Anniv.)

*Readings: Isaiah 2:1-5; Psalm 121; Romans 13:11-14; Matthew 24:37-44*

**Prayers for those who have died:** Marion Levell, Donovan Dawes (West Indian Chaplaincy), Jacqueline Finnegan, Dr Ian Ker, Archbishop Mario Conti

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

**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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November – First Sunday of Advent (Year A)** and the beginning of a new Church Year. Please take a *Walk With Me* booklet. There are some calendars for children. All children at our primary school will receive a calendar as a gift from the parish.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word begins again next Sunday.**

**Christmas Mass Times 2022 at Sacred Heart**

Christmas Eve (Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December). No 12.30 Mass. Christmas Vigil Mass at **5pm**

Christmas Day (Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December) Normal Sunday Mass time **10.15am**

### **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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

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

Maura Greene, 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*).

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