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Second Sunday of Advent (Year A) 3rd / 4th December 2022

CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF SACRED HEART & ST MARGARET MARY CHURCH

Weekend Masses (3rd / 4th December)

Saturday 12.30pm

Sunday 10.15am (NB New time)

Please note: School Mass this week is on TUESDAY again at 9.10am. Parishioners welcome.

Tuesday 6th December at 7pm – Reception of the Body of Marion Levell

Wednesday 7th December at 10.30am – Funeral Mass for Marion Levell

Next Weekend (10th / 11th December)

Third Sunday of Advent – *Gaudete (Rejoice!) (Year A)*

Saturday 12.30pm

Sunday 10.15am (NB New time)

Readings: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 145; James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Mass Intention:

Michael Joseph Roleston (Anniv)

Marion Levell RIP

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Con Smyth RIP

Badland Family Ints

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

Funeral Arrangements for Marion Levell: Reception of the Body – Tuesday 6th December at 7pm; Funeral Mass – Wednesday 7th December at 10.30am.

Second Collection today: is for the Poor Parishes of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Children’s Liturgy of the Word takes place at Sunday 10.15 Mass.

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

The holy Season of Advent

Please take a *Walk With Me* booklet. There are some calendars for children.

All children at our primary school have received a calendar as a gift from the parish.

The Season of Advent is a time of expectant waiting, but it is important for us to draw out the full riches of this season. first half of Advent lasts from the First Sunday of Advent to 16th December. The focus of this first half of Advent is the Second Coming of Christ in Glory at the End of Time. So, it is really not to do with Christmas and Bethlehem. That comes later. But listen closely to the prayers of the Mass and you will hear how often the phrase ‘until you come again’ or ‘Second Coming’ are mentioned all the year round...

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.

Centenary Book of Memories – The book that was offered to people to share their memories of being part of our parish over 100 years and the history of our school,

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.

Irish Heritage Group meets at Sacred Heart Club (Grange Road, Aston) on the 1st Monday of the month – which is this Monday – from 7pm to 9pm. The topic this month is: Michael Collins. Please spread the word about this group. Everybody is welcome.

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

Maura Greene, John McManus, Bernadette Harnett, Noreen Fowler, Clem Murray, Julie Bartram (*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*).

Christmas Mass Times 2022 at Sacred Heart

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

Christmas Day (Sunday 25th December) Normal Sunday Mass time **10.15am**

New Year's Eve (Saturday 31st December) 12.30pm Mass (Normal Time)

New Year's Day (Sunday 1st January – Mary, Mother of God) 10.15am Mass as normal.

Our Beautiful Church seen across the Archdiocese and the Country: Throughout Advent this year, school across our Diocese and beyond are seeing a spiritual 'Thought for the Day' by OneLife Music. They filmed this series in our church recently. It looks wonderful!

Please be considerate to our neighbours: Directly opposite the main doors of our church are a black garage door and – to the left of it – a gateway. Please keep clear of these at all times as they are the entrance to a family home. If you think you might have parked there today, please check now as, even unintentionally, it causes great upset when blocked.