



Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

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Mass Times & Intentions

17th/18th December

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

Saturday 12.30pm – Annie Rooney & Tess Kehoe

Sunday 10.15am – Mary Aylward (Recovery)

24th/25th December

Christmas Eve – **No 12.30 Mass**

Christmas Vigil Mass 5.00pm

Families of the Parish

Christmas Day

Normal Sunday Mass 10.15am

People of the Parish

Christmas Collections

All collections at the Christmas Masses are for the Clergy who serve the Parish. Envelopes are available at the back of the church.

Collection 10th/11th December

1st Collection - £175.80

New Year's Eve

(Saturday 31st December)

Normal Saturday Mass 12.30pm

Marron & Hurley Families

New Year's Day

Sunday 1st January – Mary, Mother of God)

Normal Sunday Mass 10.15am

Ints. Of all Women

Prayers for those who have died:

Marion Levell, Kathleen Gunn,
Michael Hodgetts.

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

Maura Green, John McManus, Bernadette Harnett, Noreen Fowler, Clem Murray, Julie Bartram, Mary Cartridge, Andy Walsh.

Piety Stall opens each weekend and holds a range of religious items, rosaries, missals, children's books, statues, crucifixes, holy water bottles, etc. Should you not be able to find what you require, then please ask and we will endeavour to order what you request.

Confession before Christmas – after the priest has greeted people at the end of weekend Masses this weekend.

Mass Intentions: Masses can be offered for anyone and for any intention. If you would like to have a Mass said for anyone then please complete a Mass Intention Request Envelope. These are kept at the back of the Church. You can choose to book your dates far into the future, so to secure a special date or anniversary, please let Father know. Stipends for Mass intentions are a donation at your discretion.

St Chad's Cathedral Carol Service – Sunday

18th December at 5pm. All welcome in person or you can join in on the St Chad's Cathedral website livestream. You might see some familiar faces!

The Christmas Crib so beautifully reminds us of the first Nativity. As part of your preparation to welcome Jesus into your heart over Christmas, and meditate on each element of the crib. You might find these prayers helpful.

The stable: Lord, we remember the stable. A cold, draughty, dirty place: not where we'd expect to find the only Son of God; not the sort of place we'd want to find any new born baby. We remember, this Christmas time, those without proper shelter because of poverty, homelessness, or war.

The animals: Lord, we remember the animals who are part of the Christmas story: the oxen, the sheep, the tired donkey, who remind us that you have entrusted us with the care of your creation.

Mary and Joseph: Lord, we remember their anxious journey to Bethlehem, their worry at finding no room at the inn; the excitement and fear at the forthcoming birth; their hopeful longing for your coming. We remember, this Christmas time, those who are anxious and fearful, who long for your hope and comfort to come into their lives. The shepherds: Lord, we remember how, watching their sheep on the cold, dark hillside, they were surprised by the warmth and light and joy of the angel song announcing your birth. We remember, this Christmas time, those who feel sorrowful or lonely who wait to hear your good news of love and joy and peace.

The Christ-child: Lord, we remember your coming into our world, and into the life of humankind, as a tiny, helpless child. We thank you that you came to share our joys and sorrows and set us free from fear and despair. We remember, this Christmas time, all the children of our world, in need of love, food, and freedom.

At Epiphany – the Magi: Lord, we remember the long journey they made to an unknown destination; a journey prompted and guided by the mysterious star they believed would lead them to a king worthy of worship. We remember, this Christmas time, our own, often perplexing, journey through life and ask that we might be led to you. 4 Dedication of the crib Traditionally the image of the baby Jesus is placed in the crib after Midnight Mass, and you might want to say these prayers of dedication of the crib at that point or on Christmas

Sponsor a New Hymn Book If you would like to sponsor one of our new Hymn books in memory or in honour of someone, please fill out one of the forms and return to Father Tim, Teresa O'Gorman or Marie Armstrong or via the collection basket. You can sponsor as many hymn books as you wish. The cost to sponsor a single hymn book is £10.00. THANK YOU!

Parking – coming to Mass by car? - don't forget the Sacred Heart Club Car Park is open during Saturday and Sunday Mass to allow parishioners to park safely.

Who to contact

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