



**Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston**

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**Mass Times & Intentions**

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> January 12.30pm – John Green RIP  
(anniv)**

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> January 10.15am - Baptism of the Lord  
James Greaney (anniv)**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> January 12.30pm – Alf Smith (RIP)**

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January 10.15am  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Peggy Breen & Elaine McGlynn**

Collection 31<sup>st</sup> December/ 1<sup>st</sup> January - £280.55

**Prayers for those who have died:**

Marion Levell, Catherine Gunn,  
Michael Hodgetts. Pope Emeritus  
Benedict XVI

**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.

**The Piety Stall** is located by St. Joseph's  
Altar and is usually open before and after  
weekend Masses. Parishioners can  
purchase reasonable priced religious  
items including mass cards, greeting  
cards, missals, prayer books,  
prayer cards, rosaries, statues, candles  
and many other items to help nurture faith  
and offer as gifts. Should you not be able

to find what you require, then please ask and we will endeavour to order what you request.

Baptisms: If you wish to have your child baptised, please speak to Father Tim.

**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.

**Second Collection next weekend: is for Pax Christi who work on behalf of the Catholic Bishop's Conference.** Please visit the website [www.paxchristi.org.uk](http://www.paxchristi.org.uk)

Today we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This completes the Christmas season and from Monday we begin the weeks in Ordinary Time. The green vestments come out once again for a few weeks until we begin Lent on Ash Wednesday, which this year comes on 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Green, a sign of hope, persistence, and continuing listening, is the most utilized colour at Sunday Masses and weekdays outside of declared festivals. It walks alongside priests and the faithful who turn to them on a daily basis. Green is the traditional colour for "Ordinary Time," the period between Easter and Christmas, and vice versa. It is supposed to express the expectation and hope in Christ's resurrection. Green represents the optimism and life that each new day brings.

**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. ALL MASS INTENTIONS ENVELOPES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE PRIEST OR PLACED IN THE BASKET IN THE SACRISTY.

**Repair and maintenance** – during this year we will need to embark on some necessary significant and costly repair projects – boilers, electrical, fire safety – and we want to be able to inform and engage you, for without your support the projects will be impossible. Further information will be provided.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. During this annual week of prayer, we reflect on the fact that Christians working together in our shared faith in Jesus Christ have a strong message for society and for the world and all its needs today. So often, throughout history, Christians have focussed more on the differences between us. During this week of prayer, there is an event called #Pray24Brum. It is hosted by a different city centre church each year. This year, St Chad's Cathedral will host it and everybody is welcome. Across two days (Friday 21<sup>st</sup> / Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> January) many different Christian churches will lead an hour of prayer in the Cathedral, and you are welcome at any time. To find out more, please visit <https://www.birminghamchurches.org.uk/events-archive/pray-24-brum/>

**Who to contact**

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Theresa Kane, on behalf of her father Hugh Gunn, would like to thank those who attended the funeral of Catherine Gunn on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January at the Abbey Erdington.