



Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

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Welcome to the Sacred Heart & St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. If you are visiting us for the first time we wish to welcome you and your family and hope that you enjoy your visit.

Mass Times & Intentions

Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Saturday 27th April 12.30pm – Hughie Gunn (R.I.P)

Sunday 28th April 10.15am – Mary & John White

School Mass Wednesday 24th April 9.10am – All are welcome

Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

Saturday 4th May – 12.30pm – John McCann (R.I.P)

Sunday 5th May – 10.15am – Maura Greene (1st Anniv)

Thursday 9th May (Ascension) – 7.15pm – Catherine Village

Collection 20th/21st April

Offertory £282.06

Clergy training fund £109.31

Prayers for those who have died:

Billy De La Cruz, Terry Winnal, Christina Jones, Mgr George Hay, Anne-Marie Alcide, Anthony Abalum

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

John McManus, Andy Walsh, Bernadette Harnett, Clem Murray, Julie Bartram, Mary Cartridge, Margaret Armstrong, John Pender, David Harnett, Edward Jones, Robert Shine, Margaret Delaney, Desmond Bernard, Amanda Checkley, Shirley Atkinson, Raymond Maddix

Annual Diocesan Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral – next Saturday (4th May) at 12 noon. If you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year, and give your name in, you can be included in this celebration. For more information, please follow this link: <https://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass>

Tea and Talk will meet next Tuesday 7th May 12.00 - 2.00 – why not come along?

Caribbean Evening Saturday 4th May -

As part of its celebrations for its 50th Anniversary, **the West Indian Chaplaincy** invites you to a Caribbean Evening on Saturday 4th May, 6.30 -

10.00pm at the Chaplaincy Centre. Come and enjoy an evening with Caribbean music, poetry, food and dance and a chance to win a prize, all for £15 (family tickets of £25 also available). If you plan to come please contact: Email a.m_kelly@btinternet.com; Text 07399 549 901; or Phone 0121 328 9626.

Message from Father Tim

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

As we have reached the 5th Sunday of Lent, our focus of the Season of Easter moves very much now towards the Coming of the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the Apostles at Pentecost. We celebrate Pentecost Sunday on Sunday 19th May. As has become our custom, we shall pray in the many languages that represent our community at the Sunday 10.15am Mass on that day. Please consider leading the Our Father in your language.

Fr Tim

Foundation Governor for Sacred Heart Primary School - Our parish school is looking for a Foundation Governor. The person needs to be a Catholic who attends Mass regularly, who cares about Catholic education, and who can attend 4/5 meetings a year. If you are interested, please contact Fr Tim.

New Auxiliary Bishops for the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Pope Francis has appointed Canon Richard Walker and Mgr Timothy Menezes as Auxiliary Bishops of Birmingham. Please pray for them.

Diocesan Pilgrimages:

Walsingham, Norfolk – Saturday 11th May

Hednesford, South Staffs: Outdoor Mass and Sacrament of the Sick – Sunday 7th July

Harvington Hall, Worcestershire: Outdoor Mass in honour of the English Martyrs – Sunday 1st September

CAFOD A Year of Encounter With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more.

Who to contact

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Teresa O’Gorman. She can be contacted at: sg.sacredheart.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Safeguarding Representatives:

Teresa O’Gorman 07585 907706
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Health & Safety Representative:

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May Mass Intentions

Thursday 9th May -

Saturday 11th May – Philomena Daniels

Sunday 12th May – Mary Greaney

Saturday 18th May – John Frain (R.I.P)

Sunday 19th May – Jimmy Butler (Anniv)

Saturday 25th May – Madge Thomas

Moore (Anniv)

Sunday 26th May – Mary & Dennis Seery (Anniv)

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