



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

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday 25th August 10.15am – Peter McKernan (Anniv) and Baptism of Oscar Victor West.

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Sunday 1st September 10.15am – Iris & Francis Mee (Anniv)
Peter Marron (Anniv)

18th August 2024

Offertory Collection **£246.00**

Prayers for those who have died:

Anthony Abalum, Robert Shine Jnr, Deacon Bill Baines, Cyril Lysaght, Shirley Atkinson, Geri McGlinchy, Jane Goodyear, Fr Brendan Carrick Archbishop Noel Treanor

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

Andy Walsh, Bernadette Harnett, Clem Murray, Julie Bartram, Mary Cartridge, Margaret Armstrong, John Pender, David Harnett, Edward Jones, Robert Shine Snr., Margaret Delaney, Desmond Bernard, Amanda Checkley, Raymond Maddix, David Maddix, Richard Watchorn, Mary Crotty, Michael Gallagher, William Greene.

Piety Stall – Our excellent piety stall has a wide range of gifts, keyrings, and cards. And

good news we now have a card payment system after a lot of demands by parishioners.

Sycamore Vacancy - Mission Support Lead – see notice board for further details

Sycamore is growing fast and is currently being used in hundreds of communities in the UK and across the globe. This is an exciting new opportunity to be involved in the on-going development of Sycamore. We are looking for a committed and dynamic self-starter with a love for the mission of the Church and a passion for working with people. As Mission Support Lead, you will be working with the Mission Development Director to develop and implement Sycamore's strategic and tactical mission plan, especially through your support for local communities. There are significant opportunities for individual career development and growth. Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions: admin@sycamore.fm.

Closing Date for applications is 1st September 2024

Dance the Night Away – Soul and Motown night Friday 6th September 8pm till 12 midnight at The Crown Erdington, 1089 Tyburn Road, only £5. Money raised for Sacred Heart Church – please support this event.

Education Sunday - Second collection for Catholic Education Service 8th September.

Thought for the Week ahead...

From 1st September to 4th October (which is the Memorial of St Francis of Assisi) the Christian Churches mark what has become known as the Season of Creation, a special time which is associated with the fruits of the harvest, during which we give thanks for God's Creation and reflect on our part in protecting it now and for future generations. In his celebrated teaching document on Care for Creation – Our Common Home, Laudato Si (Praised be to you), written in 2015, Pope Francis reminds us that when God gave humanity the command: "Be Fruitful, multiply; be masters of the whole of Creation" he gave us the earth to care for it and not to dominate it. In simple ways, by our awareness of the beauty of Creation, by our lifestyle choices about the environment, and by thanksgiving, we can re-dedicate ourselves to this each day.

New Parish Priest for Sacred Heart and St Chad's Cathedral. Archbishop Bernard has appointed Canon Brian McGinley as Parish Priest of both parishes. Canon Brian looks forward to his arrival with us at the end of August

Adoremus – National Weekend with a focus on Eucharistic Adoration – 14 / 15 September. Parishes across the country are asked to give some time to fostering devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and to the Eucharist which we receive in the Mass. On Sunday 15th September, we shall incorporate into our Sunday Mass about 10 minutes after Holy Communion, to spend time in quiet adoration before the Lord, resting in his presence and remembering the privilege of being in that place where heaven and earth meet, in the timelessness of God.

Diocesan Pilgrimage

Harvington Hall, Near Kidderminster, DY10 4LR. Open Air Mass in honour of the English Martyrs – Sunday 1st September at 3pm. Principal Celebrant: Abbot Paul Gunter of Douai. A coach will pick up from St Chad's Cathedral at 12 noon. To book a place please call 0121 230 6211. Cost £15 payable before the day.

Diocesan Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Please continue to pray that a miracle may be acknowledged through direct prayer to Blessed Dominic Barberi. This is how somebody is declared a saint of the Church. It makes sense to pray for causes close to home and close to your heart.

Diocesan Mass for Altar Servers – St Chad's Cathedral – Saturday 5th October at 12 noon.
Celebrant: Archbishop Bernard Longley.
All altar servers welcome.

Please note that on the Sundays of August in this Year B, as St Mark's Gospel is the shortest, we listen week by week to St John's Gospel, Chapter 6, on Jesus the Bread of Life

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:
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safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

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