



St. Joseph's Catholic Church

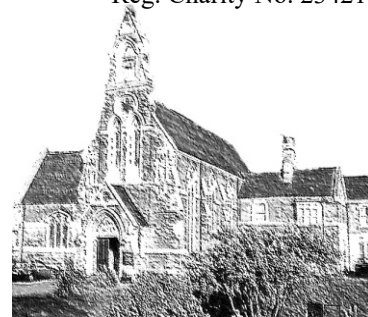
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Sunday 2nd December 2018

First Sunday of Advent – Year C



Today we pray for...

Saturday 1 st	12.30pm	People of the Parish – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	6.00pm	Gertie O'Neill – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's Church</i>
Sunday 2 nd	10.00am	Anna Lievens – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
Monday 3 rd	9.30am	Mary Leroy - <i>Mass at St. Joseph's Church</i>
Tuesday 4 th	<i>No Mass</i>	
Wednesday 5 th	9.30am	Sister Eileen – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's School</i>
Thursday 6 th	9.30am	Ivy Bent – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart School</i>
Friday 7 th	9.30am	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – <i>at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	10.00am	Buckley & Doyle families – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	11.45am	Eucharistic Service - <i>at St. Joseph's Church</i>
		<small>Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception</small>
	6.30pm	Jane Jones - <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
Saturday 8 th	12.30pm	People of the Parish – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>
	6.00pm	Pat Wall – <i>Mass at St. Joseph's Church</i>
Sunday 9 th	10.00am	Alice Seaton – <i>Mass at Sacred Heart Church</i>

Please remember in your prayers those who are sick in our Parish, especially...

Bethany Kerr, Rose McLoughlin, Shirley Davis, Diane Donaghue, Violet, Frank Lowry and James McLaughlin.



Parish Groups

Wed 12pm AA Group
Fri 12.15 'Come as you are' Prayer Group
7pm Church Cleaning (*Last Friday of month*)

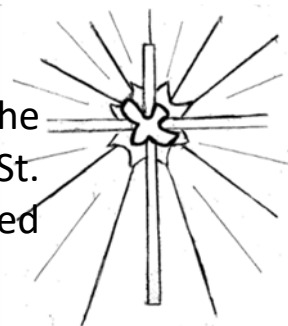
Daily Exposition at Sacred Heart

In these days of political and economic uncertainty, it is important that all Catholics are praying for our country. Come to pray before the Blessed Sacrament any time between 10am – 5pm usually in the undercroft, or between 8pm – midnight usually in the Presbytery, 85 Prestbury Road. To check phone Sr. Meena on 07957342742

Come as You Are Praise and Worship Prayer Meeting 12.15pm

Meets every Friday in the Community Room at St. Joseph's church, followed by soup and bread.

The meeting is preceded by a Eucharistic Service in the community room at 11.45am. Everyone is most welcome to attend.



Weekly Collections


The collections for last weekend were:

First - £64.43

Gift Aid - £14.00

TOTAL - £78.43

Second collection for the Catholic Youth Service - £35.82

<p>Missio MISSIO BOXES Please will you return your Missio Boxes (full!) as soon as possible now as the deadline for paying the money over is approaching.</p>	<p>Christmas Masses <i>Christmas Eve</i> Sacred Heart: 7.30pm Vigil Mass St. Joseph's: 7.00pm Vigil Mass <i>Christmas Day</i> – Sacred Heart 10.00am</p> 
<p>Second Saturday Convention Every 2nd Saturday of the month from 8am - 4pm at Bethel Convention Centre, West Bromwich, B70 7JW (including Rosary procession, Mass, Confession, talks, spiritual sharing, worship and Eucharistic Adoration).</p>	<p>Books to Read Here are two books which make essential reading to enable you to pass on the faith in the present climate: '<i>Made this Way – How to Prepare Kids to Face Today's Moral Issues</i>' by Leila Miller with Trent Horn; and '<i>Christian Courtship in an Oversexed World</i>' by Tom Morrow.</p>
<p>RCIA The RCIA group meets on Thursdays at 6.30pm in the Presbytery at Sacred Heart. You are welcome to join in even if you are already a Catholic. It is good for all of us to do so every few years.</p>	<p>Diocesan Schools 'A Day for Practising Catholics Aspiring for Leadership Positions in Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham' 8.30am – 3.30pm on Saturday 19th January 2019 (no cost for this course) Don Bosco House, Coventry Road, Coleshill, B46 3EA. Please use this link to book a place on this course: http://w.pfrms.co/2ltp</p>
<p>Aston/Nechells Foodbank The foodbank is currently short of toiletries and would be grateful for donations. They are also looking for volunteers. See notice on board in Church or www.astonnechells.foodbank.org.uk</p>	<p>Advent This Sunday is the First Sunday of Advent. The word 'advent' comes from the Latin word 'adventus', which means "arrival". It is the traditional time of spiritual preparation and waiting for the arrival of the coming of Jesus to earth when he was born as a baby at Bethlehem about two thousand years ago.</p>
<p>Repairs to St. Joseph's Church Following the quinquennial inspection last year we now have estimates for the repairs that are needed. These come to £64,000 and we now need to start to raising the funds.</p>	<p>There are many traditions that form part of Advent and preparation for Christmas. One of these is the Advent Wreath. The wreath is made of a circle of evergreen branches, which symbolise eternal life, as the circle has no beginning or end. The wreath holds three purple candles and one pink candle, to represent the four Sundays of Advent, and a white candle in the centre. A purple candle is lit on the first, second and fourth Sundays of Advent. On the third Sunday we light the pink candle to remind us that we are getting near to Christmas. Purple is a colour that represents waiting and penitence, and is also a 'royal' colour. The white candle (which represents Christ) is lit on Christmas Day.</p>
<p>English Prayer Time You are specially invited to come to the prayer time in Sacred Heart Presbytery on Monday nights 8 -10 pm. when everything will be in English. Please check with Sister Meena on 07957 342742</p>	
<p>Pilgrimage to Lourdes The Order of Malta Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Friday 3rd May – Thursday 9th May 2019. The Order subsidises sick, disabled and older pilgrims. Please see notice in Church for details.</p>	
<p>Catholic Singles Catholic Singles is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, one to one or through social events. For further information visit www.catholicssingles.org.uk or call 0161 941 3498.</p>	
<p>The Kingdom Warriors meet on Tuesdays at 6.30pm at St. Vincent's Church, Nechells. This is a group for young adults (18+) and involves study of the Bible.</p>	