



Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

Parish of St. Joseph's Nechells

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Christ the King

21st November 2021

| Day | Aston | Nechells | Intention |
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| Saturday Vigil Mass | 12.30 pm 3.00 pm | 6.00 pm | <i>Patrick Hennessy</i> <i>Sri Lankan Mass</i> <i>Those preparing for 1st Communion</i> |
| Christ the King | 10.00 am | | <i>Emily Hughes</i> |
| Monday | | | <i>Murphy family</i> |
| Tuesday St. Andrew | | | |
| Wednesday | | 9.30 am | <i>Red Wednesday int</i> Mass in St. Joseph’s school |
| Thursday | 9.10 am | | <i>Derek Smith</i> Mass in Sacred Heart School |
| Friday Day of abstinence | | Noon | <i>Gerard Mooney</i> |

ADVENT SUNDAY

28th November 2021

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| Saturday Vigil Mass | 12.30 pm | 6.00 pm | <i>Paddy Joyce</i> <i>Derek Smith</i> |
| Advent Sunday | 10.00 am | | <i>People of Parish</i> |

Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is the last Sunday of the Christian Year. Drawing on everything that has happened and we have learnt over the past year we now commit ourselves afresh with a deeper commitment to Christ as our King and Lord. His Kingdom is not of this world, but the Kingdom of Heaven, and in faith we give ourselves in obedience to him as our King, accepting all his teaching and that of His Church. He said, “if you love me you will keep my commandments”. He gave the Holy Spirit to the Church to guide it into all truth. We can be sure that what the Church teaches is true. We allow the teaching to shape us, so that the Holy Spirit can be at work in us and we can do the will of God. It is important that we learn what the Church actually teaches and do not get hooked on some aberration of it mediated to us by the culture around us.

At St. Joseph’s this Saturday evening the children will be making their commitment to prepare for their First Communion next year. Please pray for them and their families.

This is National Youth Sunday and I especially ask all young people to make that commitment so that your lives may be shaped by God and you can join the pilgrimage of live with him to glory. God bless you and keep you safe.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

Collections last weekend

Sacred Heart £243.30 St. Joseph’s £89.20

This weekend there will be a second collection for **Catholic Youth Services**

This Sunday we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King. It is also **World Youth Day** to celebrate the role and significance of young people in the Church. We pray for Kenelm Youth Trust, KENELM YOUTH TRUST - Home our diocesan youth service, and support their work through the second collection. The money supports the vital work of KYT supporting young people in our Archdiocese through Alton Castle and Soli retreat centres, in parishes and schools. You can also donate directly to KYT at <https://donorbox.org/urgent-appeal>

The next international WORLD YOUTH DAY will be in LISBON, Portugal 1-6 August 2023. If you will be 18+ then, perhaps you might like to go. It is still a way off, but now is the time to start thinking about it. [WYD Lisbon 2023 | WorldYouthDay.com](https://www.worldyouthday.com)

CONFESSIONS Over the weekends of Advent, Fr. Stephen will be available to hear confessions immediately after the Masses.

DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE We welcome Sr. Jane who is just come to join the sisters in Aston. We hope that she will be very happy here. She has come from Aberdeen and we shall be saying goodbye Sr. Vivian who will be leaving us to join the community in Aberdeen. We thank her for all the support and prayers she has given to the parish. The community here will now consist of Sr. Stella, Sr. Rita & Sr. Jane.

RED WEDNESDAY 24th November This year, #RedWednesday is back in the public square with a strong message against Christian persecution and especially against acts of violence aimed at Christian women and girls. We are calling on the UK Government and the UN to take action to stop the abduction, forced conversion and sexual enslavement of Christian women and girls as young as 12. ***Please help us get the attention of the government and UN by signing and sharing our [Petition](#) today. Please **ACT NOW** to put an end to this suffering.***

For more information and to sign the petition, click [here](#).

THE FUNERAL OF PATRICK HENNESSY will be on Monday 6th December at 12.30 pm at Sacred Heart Church.

THE BLESSING OF GRAVES AT WITTON CEMETERY is on Sunday 28th November at 2.30 pm.

FRIDAY PRAYER GROUP You are welcome to come to the Friday Prayer Group in the Community Room at St. Joseph's following the 12 noon Mass. For further details contact Geoff on 07477024137

THE AA MEETINGS have restarted in the Community Room at St. Joseph's on Wednesdays at 12 noon. For details contact Mike on 07901 833048

DIOCESAN NEWS Go to [News and Events from the Archdiocese of Birmingham \(birminghamdiocese.org.uk\)](https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

PARKING Sometimes it is a bit congested round Sacred Heart Church, but we shall make sure that the Club Car park is open for you to attend the Sunday Mass (except match days).

Please Pray for the sick; Mary Levell, William Parish, Anne Robinson, Maura Greene, Jimmy Armstrong, Bernadette Harnett, Lisa Brean, Michael Brennan, Alex McClure, Phil Robinson, Mona Recci, Mary Cartridge, Bill Marron, Alice Walker, Rose McLoughlin, Danny Delaney.

SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN NOT AT A CATHOLIC SCHOOL Please let Fr. Stephen know if you have children who are not at a Catholic school, and need preparing for First Communion or Confirmation.

COVID RESTRICTIONS IN CHURCH Although restrictions have been lifted, the coronavirus is still a great threat. The Bishops of England & Wales recommend that we continue to wear masks in church though we can join in the singing under the masks. Also people who want to keep a metre distance from others should still be able to do so.

CORONAVIRUS For the Church's guidelines see the Conference of Bishops website <https://www.cbcew.org.uk> or go to [COVID-19: guidance for the safe use of places of worship - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship)

USEFUL WEBSITES

[Home - Sycamore](#) A new English (as opposed to American) site to help parents be more confident in the faith so us to be more able to teach their children. It can accessed in several different languages which some of you might find helpful.

<https://www.mcnmedia.tv> For access to many streamlined Masses in UK & Ireland

<https://www.wordonfire.org> Bishop Barron's website

<https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/>

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

<https://www.ewtn.com/radio/shows/called-to-communion>

<https://www.catholic.com/>

<https://www.walsingham.org.uk/>

<https://magiscenter.com/>

[Lust is Boring on Apple Podcasts](#)

<https://www.belmontabbey.org.uk/online-retreats/register>