



Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston

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ADVENT SUNDAY

28th November 2021

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday Vigil Mass	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	<i>Paddy Joyce Derek Smith</i>
Advent Sunday	10.00 am		<i>People of Parish</i>
Monday			<i>Holy souls</i>
Tuesday St. Andrew		9.30 am	<i>Brooks family</i> Mass in St. Joseph’s school
Wednesday St. Edmund Campion			<i>Priests of Diocese</i>
Thursday	9.10 am		<i>Leo Kelly</i> Mass in Sacred Heart School
Friday Day of abstinence		Noon	<i>Derek Smith</i>

ADVENT II

5th December 2021

Saturday Vigil Mass	12.30 pm	6.00 pm	<i>John Green People of Parish</i>
Advent II	10.00 am		<i>Brooks family</i>

Dear Parishioners,

Happy New Year! Our Christian year starts this Sunday with the season of Advent. Advent means “coming” and is the season of preparation for the coming of Christ. We understand this at two levels. We start with the focus and the second coming of Christ with power and great glory at the end of time to judge the world. It is a time of great fear and horror for those who have rejected Christ, but for those who have faithfully followed him right to the end, it is a time of great joy - “hold you heads erect” we hear in the Gospel. The faithful will be publicly vindicated. The second judgement is not different from the first at the time of death, but will be made public for all to see. As the Advent season progresses the focus turns towards the first coming, the birth of Christ and the invitation opens up to us more clearly to come to Jesus who loves us, and become his faithful follower.

Advent is a time of prayer and serious reflection, an awakening to the realities of human life in relation to the God who has created us, and to what God has done for us in Christ Jesus.

May you have a very Holy Advent

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

Collections last weekend

Sacred Heart £441.88 St. Joseph’s £105.20

Kenelm Youth Trust £155.25 £68.55

Next weekend there will be a second collection for **The Poor Parishes**

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

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

DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE This Sunday we say good-bye to Sr. Vivian who leaves us to go to their house in Aberdeen. We wish her well in and God’s blessing in her new work.

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

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

CHRISTMAS MASSES Christmas Eve: 6.00 pm St. Joseph's, 8.00 pm Sacred Heart.
Christmas Day 10 am Sacred Heart; Sunday 26th 10.00 am Sacred Heart.

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

THE KENELM YOUTH TRUST are recruiting for various paid jobs as well as volunteer ones. For details visit the recruitment page on their website: [work4KYT - KENELM YOUTH TRUST](#)

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

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.

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.

Bishop Challoner TSA is working in partnership with CEFEL and The Catholic Education Service to deliver National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) for Teachers. They are also offering a new NPQ in Leading Behaviour and Culture. NPQs are currently fully funded for all state maintained schools. Apply here: <https://www.cefel.org.uk/npg/> Applications close on 17th January 2022 for programmes starting February 2022.

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 \(www.gov.uk\)](#)

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>