



**Parish of the Sacred Heart and Saint Margaret Mary, Aston**

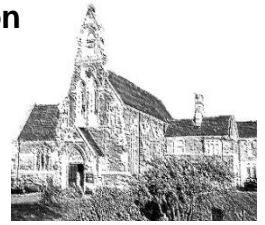
**Parish of St. Joseph's Nechells**

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**ADVENT IV**

**19<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Day	Aston	Nechells	Intention
Saturday Vigil Mass <i>O Adonai</i>	<b>12.30 pm</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>Annie &amp; Tess Kehoe</i> <i>Fr. Eamonn Corduff</i>
<b>Advent IV</b> <i>O radix lesse</i>	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>People of Parish</i>
Monday <i>O clavis David</i>		<b>9.30 am</b>	<i>Audrius</i>
Tuesday <i>O Oriens</i>			
Wednesday <i>O Rex gentium</i>	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Fr. Gerry Breen</i>
Thursday <i>O Emmanuel</i>	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Patrick Hennessy</i>

**CHRISTMAS**

Christmas Eve	<b>8.00 pm</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>	<i>People of Parish</i> <i>McManus family</i>
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>10.00 am</b>		<i>Rachel Jackson &amp; Derek Davis</i>

Fr. Stephen is out of Mass intentions

Dear Parishioners,

My last Christmas with you as your Parish Priest draws close. I hope it will be a wonderful celebration of this most holy time as we rejoice in the birth of our Saviour and receive him into our hearts with great love. I shall be available again straight after the weekend Masses for hearing confessions to help you make a strait path for the Lord into your heart with the hindrance that sin makes removed.

Fr. Kieran Fitzsimons will be celebrating the 8 pm Christmas Eve Mass at Sacred Heart.

I wish you all a very Happy and Joy filled Christmas.

Fr. Stephen Pimlott

**Collections last weekend**

Sacred Heart £322.03 St. Joseph’s £50.40

The Christmas collections are a personal gift for the Parish Priest

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

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** Christmas Eve: 6.00 pm St. Joseph’s, 8.00 pm Sacred Heart.

Christmas Day 10 am Sacred Heart; Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 10.00 am Sacred Heart.

**DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE CD** Sr Helen Omeje has produced some songs on a C.D for people to buy in order to support their ongoing project in Nigeria, building schools and Charity home for the orphanage and the less privileged children. The CDs cost £5 towards this work, but you can make a donation without buying the CD if you prefer.

**THE SOWER, COLUMBAN CALENDARS** and other magazines are available at the back of the Church or in the porch. Please take whatever you want.

**THE CHRISTMAS MIDNIGHT MASS** is being broadcast on BBC 1 from St. Chad’s Cathedral starting at 11.45 pm.

**BISHOP DAVID EVANS** will be celebrating the 6 pm Mass at St. Joseph's on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> January following Fr. Stephen's retirement the previous Thursday.

**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, but it will not be meeting on Christmas Eve. 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** New guidance has recently come out for churches. They largely reiterate what we have been doing emphasizing the use of hand gell and wearing masks in church.

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/npq/> 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>