

**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**

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)**

**Saturday 18th February 12.30pm –**

**Ints of Fr Steven Fleming (Recently Ordained)**

**Sunday 19th February 10.15am –**

**Joanne (Sick)**

**Wednesday 22nd February at 6.00pm – Reception of the body of Patrick Bland**

**Ash Wednesday 22nd March at 7.15pm – Mass in Sacred Heart Church to begin Lent**

**Thursday 23rd February 10.00am – Funeral Mass for Patrick Bland**

**Friday 24th February 7pm – Transform Vigil:**

**Mass, Exposition, Scripture Sharing.**

**No School Mass this week – half-term**

First Sunday in Lent (A)

Saturday 25th February 12.30pm –

Vincent Jordan (Get Well)

Sunday 26th February 10.15am –

Lesley Devlin (Sick)

Collection 11th/12th February - £402.41

**Prayers for those who have died**:

Canon Garry Byrne, Patrick Bland,

Edna Grigg

**Prayers for members of our parish community who are sick or housebound**: Maura Greene, John McManus, Bernadette Harnett, Noreen Fowler, Clem Murray,

Julie Bartram, Mary Cartridge, Andy Walsh.

**Mass Intentions**: Masses can be offered for anyone and for any intention. If you would like to have a Mass said for anyone then please complete a Mass Intention Request Envelope. These are kept at the back of the Church. You can choose to book your dates far into the future, so to secure a special date or anniversary, please let Father know. Dates in February and March are now all booked. If you have a special date it is never too early to request this. Stipends for Mass intentions are a donation at your discretion. **ALL MASS INTENTIONS ENVELOPES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE PRIEST OR PLACED IN THE BASKET IN THE SACRISTY.**

***Walk With Me* Booklets and Calendars are available today. Please take them.**

**Second Collection this weekend for Pro Life**.

**Who to contact**

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Wednesday 22nd February is Ash Wednesday when we begin our Lenten journey together. During these 40 days we are remembering the 40 days that Jesus spent in the desert, the temptations he experienced there and his time of prayer and fasting. Lent is a time for each of us to become more deeply aware of our faith and a time to deepen that faith by practical actions. During this penitential season, as we journey with Christ so we embrace a period of penance, prayer and works of charity, as we make our way with Christ towards Holy Week and then journey onwards towards the great joy of the Resurrection and all that Easter brings.

During Lent we try to choose ways once again to help us to walk more fully in the footsteps of Christ as we seek to recommit ourselves to living as He lived and as we seek to love God and our brothers and sisters more deeply. We do this through the three ancient remedies of Fasting, Almsgiving and Penance. Ancient remedies which can be life enhancing and that can help us to live more authentically our Christian vocation.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine, Ireland, 27th March 2023. Led by Mgr Daniel McHugh.  £699.00 per person sharing.  Price includes flight, all transfers, 4 nights’ in Knock House Hotel with full board.  All entertainment and excursions included.  Day trips to Westport, Ballintubber Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Fr. Peyton Centre & National Museum.  Single supplement £150.00.  Contact Patricia on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email **knockpilgrimages@gmail.com**.

**Parish Visitation** - It was a weekend of great joy, and not a little emotion. The church was full as we welcomed Bishop David, Bishop Pargeter, together with a good number of visiting clergy. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together as our ‘Sacred Heart Family’ and rejoice in the richness of our Parish and also to join in the wonderful celebration with Sister Stella and Sister Elizabeth on their Silver Jubilee. A massive thank you to everyone who helped make this weekend such a huge success.

**Confirmation** – our warmest congratulations to the 8 children from our school who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday. May the power of the Holy Spirit guide them.

A special word of thanks to Bishop David and to all who played a part in preparing the candidates for this special occasion.

**Second Collection next weekend for Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal**

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