



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

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**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

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**

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January 10.15am**

**Christopher Darby**

**Kathleen Lysaght (Anniv)**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 10.15am**

**Betty O'Connor (R.I.P Anniv)**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

Offertory Collection

**£118.66**

**Second collection this weekend for  
Pax Christi**

**Prayers for those who have died:**

Andy Walsh, Joshua Brocklehurst,  
Christopher Darby, Michael O'Gorman

**Prayers for members of our parish community  
who are sick or housebound:**

Bernadette Harnett, Clem Murray, Julie Bartram,  
Margaret Armstrong, John Pender, David Harnett,  
Robert Shine Snr., Margaret Delaney, Robert Mee,  
Amanda Checkley, Mary Crotty, Michael Gallagher,  
William Parish, Father Michael White, Nickola  
Delaney, Philip Gerard Hudson, Thomas Harnett,  
Marie Parish, Cherry Ann Beltran, Teresa Bagott,  
Maureen Evans, Michael Carton

**Tea and Talk – will be meeting this**

**THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> January 12.00noon –  
2.00pm in the presbytery.**

**Forthcoming second collections** 1<sup>st</sup> February – Racial Justice 15<sup>th</sup> February – Pro Life



*The Sanctuary Lamp for the coming week is dedicated to  
Michael Gallagher*



**Aston Villa forthcoming matches**

**(matches may be subject to change)**

**18<sup>th</sup> January-Aston Villa v Everton 4.30pm**

**25<sup>th</sup> January-Villa Ladies v Manchester United 11.55am**

**1<sup>st</sup> February-Aston Villa v Brentford 2.00pm**

**15<sup>th</sup> February-Villa Ladies v Tottenham Hotspur 2.00pm**

**Burns Supper** to celebrate the birthday of Scotland's favourite Bard in the Canon's Dining Room, Cathedral House on Saturday 24th January arrive at 7pm, dine at 7.30pm.

Traditional menu of Haggis, neeps & tatties followed by a dessert of cranachan.

Bring your own drinks.

Tickets are £15 pp and numbers are limited - first come first served.

Please email the Parish Treasurer; Margaret Regan at [pt.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:pt.stchadscathedral@rcaob.org.uk) or by phone on 0121 230 6208 to reserve a place(s) and arrange payment which must be made in advance.

**Ash Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February Mass at 10.15am** - 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.

**Saturday 7th February 2026, 10.30am for 11am start**

The West Indian Catholic Chaplaincy, Birmingham Racial Justice week event.

Rev Dr Carlton Turner, Tutor in Contextual and Mission Studies at the Queen's Foundation, Birmingham, will speak about Black Spirituality and Theology in Everyday Life

There will be time for discussion and sharing from our own experience.

*To be confirmed*

Deacon Justin Malawezi who works in the Liverpool Archdiocese will speak about his work promoting Racial Justice in parishes and materials he has produced for use in schools.

Light refreshments will be available. A donation towards the costs of the day would be appreciated. Suggested amount £5 Venue: Our Lady of the Caribbean Chaplaincy, Bayswater Road, Birchfield, Birmingham B20. The entrance is via the car park to the Sacred Heart School on Bayswater Road.

Contact: For more information or to let us know if you are coming, text 07399 549 901 and we will get back to you. Booking is not essential but it would be very helpful if you could let us know if you plan to come.

**Who to contact**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Teresa O'Gorman. She can be contacted at: [sg.sacredheart.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.sacredheart.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any Concerns

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