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***Twenty-eighth Sunday of the Year (C)* 8th / 9th October 2022**

**Weekend Masses (8th / 9th October) Mass Intention:**

Saturday 12.30pm Mary Marron (Anniv)

Sunday *10.15am (NB New time)* In thanksgiving (Prom Family)

***No*** School Mass this week

**Next Weekend (15th / 16th October)**

**CENTENARY MASS OF THE CHURCH OF SACRED HEART & ST MARGARET MARY, ASTON**

**2pm – to be offered for the People of the Parish**

**Celebrants: Archbishop Bernard Longley, Bishop David Evans and priests associated with our parish, past and present.**

**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) Mass Intention:**

Sunday *10.15am (NB New time)*  Mary and John Joyce RIP (Anniv)

*Readings: Exodus 17:8-13; Psalm 120; 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:2; Luke 18:1-8*

**Centenary Mass for OUR Church: Saturday 15th October 2022 at 2pm** celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley. Each parishioner is asked to actively invite anybody they know who has links with our parish and now lives away. Don’t let them say they never knew.

And anybody who lives locally but might not know about it. They are all most welcome.

**We look forward to welcoming back to Sacred Heart many people with past associations with our church and school:** Please continue to spread the word!

We still welcome people baking cakes to bring along on the day.

**OUR CENTENARY CELEBRATION IS NEXT WEEKEND! Where did that time go?**

In preparation for the big day, this Sunday (9th) people are asked to stay behind after Sunday Mass for just half an hour to clean, prepare:

Remember – it is all about taking ownership of our church for its Centenary.

**Marriages at Sacred Heart Church:**

Prayers and Congratulations to the couples who have been married in our church recently: Cletus Ikpunuekhai and Debora Azange

Anthony Haydock and Violette Horton

**Forthcoming Baptisms at Sacred Heart Church:**

Sunday 9th October at 12.30pm Ethan Woodward

**The Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes** are at St Chad’s Cathedral this weekend:

**Saturday 8th October**

1.30pm to 5.30pm – an opportunity of visit and venerate the relics of St Bernadette

6pm Mass animated by the Kenelm Youth Trust

7pm End of visit.

Then onward to Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford, South Staffordshire and then to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Bicester, Oxfordshire.

**Last Friday of the Month** – at our church – TRANSFORM NIGHT VIGIL 7pm to 9pm.

All welcome. Holy Mass, Word of God, Healing Prayers. **(THIS FRIDAY: 28th October**)**.**

Outside of weekend Mass, this is one event that is designed to bring parishioners together in the prayerful atmosphere of our beautiful church.

While there are people who do not wish to come out at night, this is at a time when young adults and maybe families could come to. Please consider it.

**Deanery Visitation of Parishes by Archbishop Bernard Longley and Bishop David Evans**

A Deanery is a group of parishes that work together in a particular area. For many years, our parish has formed part of the Birmingham Cathedral Deanery made up of city centre parishes. The priests and deacons of the deanery meet monthly. We discuss issues of common interest, we pray together and we have a meal.

Every 5 years or so, it is the duty of a Diocesan Bishop to visit each parish or to oversee the visit by a bishop who assists him.

Beginning this autumn, the parishes of our Deanery will be visited.

Now our Deanery has recently expanded quite considerably as it has merged with what was previously the Birmingham (South) Deanery and taken on parishes a little further afield: Redditch, Bromsgrove and Studley, Halesowen, Warley, Oldbury and Blackheath.

There is to be an important Opening Gathering for the Visitation at The Oratory Church, Hagley Road, Edgbaston on **Wednesday 12th October at 7pm**. It would be really good for our parish to be well represented on that occasion. Individual Parish Visitations will follow.

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

Maura Greene, Mary Levell, John McManus *(please let Fr Tim know if there is anybody who needs prayers and who has given their permission for their name to be listed here)*.

**Prayers for those who have died:** Iris Mee, Mary Williams, Mary Kate Moore, Donovan Dawes (West Indian Chaplaincy), Jacqueline Finnegan. During this, our Centenary Year, let us remember all those who have lived in our parish and all those who have prayed in our Church and who are now with God. May they rest in peace.

**Diocesan Justice & Peace Commission Zoom Evenings:** <https://bit.ly/OurAssembly2022>

**Second Collection this weekend** for CAFOD, following last Friday’s Harvest Fast Day.

**New Candle Stands:** You will have noticed that we have invested in two new candle stands in front of the altar. They are plastic-free, so better for the environment. The wax sits within glass. You never need to touch or move the glass. Either light a candle that is already in the stand or place on in an empty glass holder and light it.