



The Sacred Heart & Our Lady

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"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and hallelujah is our song." ~
Pope St. John Paul II

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**For the younger members:** On our Parish Website are two sets of "child-friendly" bulletins. One is an older child's Mass leaflet, and the other is an activity sheet for the younger child – or the family!

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Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia
(cf Psalm 65:1-2)

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### Spiritual Communion Prayer

**My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.**

**I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my soul.**

**Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.**

**I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you.**

**Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

### Welcome to our Parish Newsletter

**Fr James writes** "I am sure that we are all discovering new ways of keeping contact with families and loved ones during the lockdown. Equally I hope you have all been able to follow Mass (and other spiritual nourishment) online or finding at least making time for a deepening of your prayer life and ministry for yourself and through prayer for others. As well as enfolding everyone in prayer during my daily celebration of the Mass, I benefitted a great deal on a personal level from the online retreat talks given by Mgr John Armitage in Walsingham last week. Details of how these can be re-viewed/re-listened to can be found on our parish website. If I can be of help in sustaining your spiritual needs then do please give me a telephone call or email me: for example, perhaps aided by social media (eg Zoom), perhaps we can continue our bible reading and reflection group, or meet online or otherwise for a regular time of prayer (eg Evening Prayer). May God continue to bless you and your families in this Easter season. ALLEUIA!"

**Fr James**

**Requiescat in pace** Of your charity please pray for the repose of the soul of the late Mary Bateman, (as was), who died this Saturday morning. For many years Mary was a class teacher for the infants at St Mary's School RC primary school here in Aston le Walls. Please also pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Leo McCarrick, who died on Thursday evening, in St Joseph's home, Birmingham at the age of 94. Bishop Leo was the Bishop of Northampton from 1990 until his retirement in 2001. It was he who accepted Fr James as a student for the priesthood for the Diocese.

**Ubi caritas et amor** Many people are involved in prayer and action campaigns aimed at supporting your local community, fellow parishioners and in the global prayers for an end to this pandemic and in support of those on the front line of this crisis. *Thank you!* It is Fr James's hope that we can continue in faith and support each other in this critical and uncertain time and wherever safely possible he will provide his pastoral support.

**Please pray for the sick:** Fr Euan OP, Tess K, Tony B, Carmel R, Sarel S, Averil M, Bernard B, Paul C, Hester & Herman L, Colm E, Joy B, Kate C, Catherine R, Joan T, Alan and Jean R, Josie M, Eileen E-L, Michael B. Please continue to pray for all suffering with COVID-19 and we remember all those working on the frontline and we remember our wonderful Doctors, Nurses, care professionals and key workers who are helping tackle the coronavirus.

**Offertory Giving** Many thanks to those who have set up standing orders or made donations for their contribution to the church finances and to support Fr James – see parish website for more details on how you can help. The staff of the Diocesan finance office are working from home, and it may be some time before we are able to get a full picture of the parish financial situation, but in the meanwhile many thanks again for your understanding and faithfulness.

**STAY SAFE!**

**STAY WELL!**

**STAY SANE!**