

**"Be strong
and take heart
all who HOPE
in the Lord"**
(Psalm 31:24)

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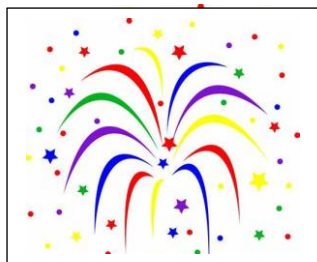
Welcome to our Parish Newsletter

Hello everyone! We have now begun that journey back to a 'more normal' parish life, though the journey needs to be taken cautiously, but optimistically! Thank you for your generosity in patience with all the emails, attachments, and instructions. It is the only way I can think of in communicating information to you – apologies though if it fills up your in-box – if it's any consolation, mine is also pretty full as well!

Throughout the New Testament, Jesus's presence and the words he spoke were appealing, enthralling, and mesmerising to so many. He spoke of the mysteries of heaven using parables, not to convince minds so much as to open and change hearts. He invites us to recognize him in his Lordship not as a wielding or forceful commander, but as a gentle, hidden, and quiet presence within the recesses of our hearts. We understand, "To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away" (Mt 13:12) as the seed of his Word dwelling within us.

With every blessing for this coming week!

Fr James



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY! This anniversary celebration is for..... **our Church here in Aston le Walls**, for it was opened for the first time on 11th July 1827. Of course, this year is every more poignant for, after many, many weeks of closure to the public, our Church re-opens again for the public celebration of Mass – 193 years later to the day!! May the Lord bless this Church, the Parish, and all it has been for its many parishioners and visitors alike down the decades....

For the younger members The Parish website has "child-friendly" bulletins and worksheets for you to either download (visit <https://sacredheart.btck.co.uk/> and scroll down "Main News Page"), or contact Fr James for an electronic copy to be sent to you, by email.

Warmest Congratulations! Last Sunday saw the diaconate ordination of Andrew Coy at the Cathedral, and this Sunday Liam Castle will also be ordained as a deacon at the Cathedral. Please keep these two people in your prayers, in thanksgiving and hopeful anticipation of future ordination to the priesthood! *Ad multos annos!*

Sacrament of Reconciliation If you wish to celebrate this Sacrament, then please contact Fr James and together we can establish how and when best this wonderful Sacrament can be celebrated.

Mass Intentions Just to remind you that if you would like a Mass to be said for any intention, please either telephone or email Fr James with your request or put an envelope with the request and any Mass offering in the post or through the Presbytery door.

Windows Update The replacement and refurbishment of the top-floor windows on the Presbytery which began just before lockdown, and then had to cease, will resume, and be completed, hopefully this Thursday/Friday - Hurray!

Parish Finances Many people are facing an uncertain future, both socially and financially, because of the Covid-19 Pandemic. That said, many people have still enquired as to how they can continue to support the ministries and the good work that happens within their local parishes. As always, we

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are extremely grateful for all that you can give - we can only continue the work given to us by Jesus Himself with your prayers and your generosity. We continue to be grateful for the financial support received by bank transfer, standing order or other online facilities. For those who are able to give, there are a number of ways in which this can be done: If you wish to send a cheque donation, please make the cheque payable to the Parish, not Fr James. There are online facilities to make individual donations through *Virgin Money giving*, or an online standing order direct from your bank account. Please see the "Money Matters" section of the Parish website for more information. If you don't use online banking, then there is another way – called 'Giving Tuesday'. All you need to do is phone 01604 712065 and donate to our Parish. You will need a credit or debit card to hand and you will be able to make a one-off donation to cover missed Sunday offerings or simply call each week to make an offering. Patience may be needed, as only one person will be taking these calls, but if you leave details on the answer machine someone will get back to you!

Thank you to those who donated to parish offertory or mass intention income this past week either when coming for private prayer, or generally through the presbytery letterbox: £160 was received

Please pray for: Jeffrey & Terence H, Rev Stevie C, Fr Euan OP, Tess K, Tony B, Carmel R, Sarel S, Averil M, Bernard B, Paul C, Herman L, Colm E, Joy B, Catherine R, Joan T, Alan and Jean R, Josie M, Eileen E-L, Michael B. We enfold in prayer all who are ill, those suffering with COVID-19 and those working within the NHS, Care Homes, hospices, our schools and all key workers.

**MAY THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP
YOU AND YOUR FAMILY SAFE AND WELL.**

**His Presence among
us Always...**

Christ be with me,
Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and
restore me,



Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ in quiet,
Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of
all that love me,
Christ in mouth of
friend and stranger.

**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.

(Prayer of St Alphonsus)



**Thought for
the week...**

"We must regain the conviction that we need one another, that we have a shared responsibility for others and the world, and that being good and decent are worth it." (Pope Francis)