

Using the Sunday Scriptures to prepare for Sunday Mass, and to bring to prayer in the days after is one of the most best ways of ensuring that our faith is nourished by the Mass.

- The readings for next Sunday, the 7th Sunday of Easter, are
- Acts 1:15-17, 20- 6
 - Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20
 - 1 Jn 4:11 - 16
 - Jn 17:11b - 19



Parish Repository: Cards and gifts for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and much more. *Open before or after all Saturday/Sunday Masses*

Sutton Coldfield Catenians invite parishioners to join them to test their knowledge in a quiz about Sutton Coldfield on Mon 13 May at Moor Hall Hotel 7-30pm with a 3- course meal for £25-00. Bookings to Steve Broom thebroomies@hotmail.com or 07879002551

Please pray...

Children of our parish or of St Nicholas Primary School will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time at a number of the Sunday Masses over the first three Sundays of May.

Please do keep these children, their sponsors and godparents and families in your prayer that these celebrations will help them to take fresh hold of their Christian lives and vocations, and deepen their communion with Jesus in his Church.



Celebrating our communion in Christ.

As last year we have a parish celebration for Corpus Christi. This will include the celebration of the 11am Mass that Sunday, 2nd June, which will conclude with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The youngsters who have been confirmed this year, those who have received Holy Communion for the first time this May, are invited to lead that procession. And the procession will be followed by a BBQ and social in the Newman Centre, led by members of the Sutton Coldfield Action Unit @ St Nicholas.

Do make a note in your diary!

And come enjoy some relaxed time with fellow parishioners.

A Year of Encounter so as to vote well

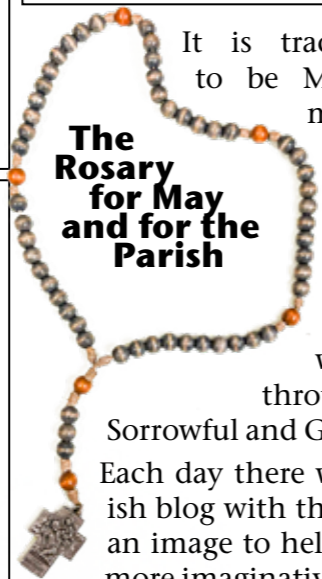
With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice.

Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies.

A Year of Encounter is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments.

Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online session on Saturday 4th May to learn more.

Parish Women's Group Next meeting on Friday 24 May at 7.30pm in Benedict Room.



The Rosary for May and for the Parish

It is traditional to consider May to be Mary's month. During the month of May this year, you are invited to pray the Rosary with the parish. The invitation is, beginning on Monday 6th May, to pray one decade of the Rosary. That way, over the four weeks, we will pray our way through the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries together.

Each day there will be a posting on the parish blog with the details of the Mystery, and an image to help us engage with it, perhaps more imaginatively.

You might pray the decade alone, but why not try to find a time in the day when you might ask others to join you - perhaps other family member, work colleagues, friends and neighbours. It is a particularly easy way for parents to introduce their children to the Rosary - or vice versa! In addition to any other intentions you may have, please pray also for our parish, and the others of Catholic Sutton Coldfield.

Parish groups meeting during these weeks are also asked to find time during their meeting to pray a decade of the Rosary together.

ALSO on 25th May Archbishop Bernard will be taking part in the Men's Rosary in the City initiative, at 12noon in Victoria Square, Birmingham. All are welcome to take part.

Newman Community Centre is home for a variety of activities for local people. For details go to www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/newman-centre.html



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Our Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

MAY 2024: PARISH MASSES

Sa	4	6pm	6th Sunday of Easter	Caroline Maynard RD (Mooney)
Su	5	9am		John, Kathleen & Madge McGrath RIP
		11am		For the parish
M	6	10am		
T	7	10am		Caroline Maynard RD (Pitt)
W	8	10am		Ints Sue Gill (Lawlor)
Th	9	10am	ASCENSION DAY	
		7pm		Larry and Joan Cullinan RIP
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Sa	11	6pm	7th Sunday of Easter	For the parish
Su	12	9am		Joseph Drozd RIP (D)
		11am		Bernard Martin Ints (Clinton)

Anointing of the Sick: Next celebration is 31st May at 11am

Sacrament of Confession: Friday 18.30-18.55; 19.30 (after Mass), until 20.00; and Sat 5.30-5.45 — and by appointment

RESOURCES FOR PRAYER.

1. Parish **Morning Prayer:** Mon-Sat, at 8.30am (Zoom link on website)
2. Readings of the day and much more at Universalis.com
3. Resources for the Year of Prayer: <https://bit.ly/47kMBY5>

Please pray for those who are sick including Rita Rhodes, Peggy Dalloway, Sue Gill, Mary Daniels, Lucy Szambir, Betty O'Connor; Theresa Monteiro; Brenda Davies; Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin & Jean Lawlor. **Please pray** for John Connolly who died recently and for Mary Burgess, Pauline Handsome, Joseph Drozd, Monica Brugger, Eileen Bartropp & all others whose anniversaries occur at

WEEKDAY SOCIAL. Tuesdays after 10am Mass. All are welcome.

PARISH CAR PARK Free parking for 1 hour is available for anyone at anytime in our carpark. Automatic free parking permits are issued to cover all parking on **Sat** from 5.30 to 7.30pm; on **Sunday** from 8am to 2pm; on **Mon, Tues, Weds** from 9.30 to 11.30am and **Fri** from 6.30 to 8.30pm. *At other times, if on site for parish meetings and the like - to park for more than 1 hour, please scan the QR poster in the church or Benedict Room to extend your 'free' parking time.*

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory **Safeguarding** Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mary Rose. She can be contacted at: sg.stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Living and sharing in Communion

Thank you to all those who came to meet after last Sunday's Masses to help us all work together to strengthen the way in which our parish offers spiritual care and support to current parishioners - and to new parishioners who are moving into one of the many Care homes here in Boldmere.

A follow-up meeting for all these — and any others who were not able to make last week end's meetings — is being held at 4pm on Saturday 8th June. Copies of a new book by Bishop Robert Barron, *This is my Body*, have been ordered for ministers - and is now available to collect from the sacristy this weekend. Reflection on that book will form the matter for the meeting on 8th June, together with the practicalities of ministering Word and Communion in people's homes and in Care homes.



Can you help?

Can you offer a night's accommodation to a visiting missionary priest on Saturday 22nd June. He will be here to preach at that weekend's masses, and appeal for our support of St Patrick's Missionary Society.

If you can act as his host for the weekend - offering B&B accommodation over the Saturday night/Sunday morning and an evening meal on Saturday it will make arrangements for the weekend much more straightforward for all concerned.

If you can help, please speak with Fr Allen.

Celebrating Corpus Christi
Our annual parish celebration concluding with BBQ in the Newman Centre.
Sunday 2nd June, beginning with the 11am Mass. A date for the diary

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

Penitential Act

Gloria

We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Glory to God...

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;
You are seated at the right hand,
of the Father, have mercy on us.

Glory to God...

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God... Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

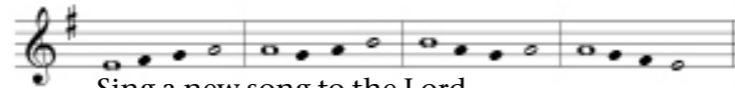
Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.'

While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages

and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

Psalm 97(98):1-4



Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,
ring out your joy.

1 John 4:7-10

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love.

God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' *Alleluia!*

John 15:9-17

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.

This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

All: Through our lives and by our prayers,
your kingdom come.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory *NB Our next collections for the Bethany Food Bank are today and May 19th*

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

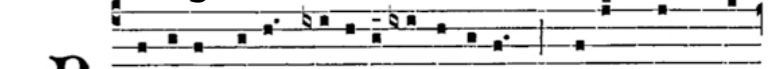
The mystery of faith

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

Concluding Rites

Final Song



R Egina caeli * laetare, alle-lu-ia : Qui- a quem me-
ru- isti portare, alle-lu-ia : Resurrexit, sic-ut dixit, alle-
lu-ia : Ora pro no-bis De-um, alle-lu- ia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia. / For He whom you did

merit to bear, alleluia. / Has risen, as he said, alleluia. / Pray for us to God, alleluia.

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A NEW TRANSLATION of the Bible is on its way

Hopefully everyone does know by now that a new translation of the Bible - the anglicised *English Standard Version* - is going to be used at Sunday Mass from the First Sunday of Advent.

The passages of Scripture being read on particular days will not be changing, but the translation of those passages will.

Those who use Sunday or Weekday Missals at home or in church are likely to want to buy a new volume so as to have the version of the readings and psalms that will be read in church.

Others will want to order a new Bible.

Orders will be taken shortly for the new volumes. If you wish to register an interest to get the information as soon as it is available please email stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk