

Retreat: Steadfast Peacemaking

Archdiocese of Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission
St Pauls' Convent Selly Park Road B29 7LL

Tuesday 29th June 2024
10am for 10:30am start. Until c. 4:30pm

Led by: Ann Farr, Pax Christi UK

'Sumud', is the Palestinian concept of steadfastness, resilience, persistence and non-violence. We will share our experiences of responding to the Gospel call to work for justice and peace in times of brokenness, violence and conflict; and have time for quiet reflection and prayer.

- Opening prayer and ritual
- Input by Ann Farr
- Private time
- Shared reflection
- Emmaus walk (x 2 people chatting)
- Closing ritual and prayer

Light refreshments will be provided. Bring your own lunch. Donations on the day towards the cost of room hire etc. would be much appreciated.

More details at <https://bit.ly/JandP2024>

Poetry, Wine and Cheese!

At Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Saturday 15th June at 7.30pm in the form of a Poetry Evening—Join us for an evening of shared Poetry! Or just sit back and enjoy. Bring a classic or modern favourite or hear other people share theirs. There will be wine and cheese, feel free to bring your own refreshments. All are welcome.

19-26 JUNE MISSION AT ERDINGTON ABBEY.

See parish blog or notice in porch for details

SHARING IN HIS LIFE

Just before the COVID pandemic parish groups were briefly established to help us have opportunities to reflect on faith together and find support and encouragement in living as Catholics in a world that quite often does not know the Gospel and is often antagonistic towards Christians. The opportunity was welcomed by many.

Parish groups will be launched again in September.

It would be great if those who have already experienced the benefit of such groups would give serious thought to being the conveners of the new groups - drawing on their experience to help build up the community of the Church. **Do please bring this request to prayer!** More details to follow.

Mission Appeal next weekend

Fr Stephen Kariuki will be visiting the parish next weekend to make the annual missionary appeal.

Fr Stephen is the Director of Promotions for the St Patrick's Missionary Society, (The Kiltegan Fathers). Ordained in 2009, he has worked in Zambia, Malawi and Kenya.

More information about the St Patrick's Missionary Society will be found in *Africa*, the Society's magazine, and at www.spms.org

THE NEW BIBLE TRANSLATION

Copies of the new translation of the Bible, which will be used at Mass from the 1st Sunday of Advent, are now on sale in the repository and they cost £17.99.

If you are ordering a copy of the ESV Bible from elsewhere, do make sure that you order a copy of the *English Standard Version - Catholic Edition* which has English spellings, and includes our full bible (not the shorter Bible used by protestant churches).

Sunday Missals are being published for October, and we will have copies in stock in the Repository.

Thanks to those who have ordered early. Your discounted copies will be available as soon as they are delivered.

Gift Aid helps your parish

If you are a tax-payer, the parish is able to claim back from the Government 25p for every £1 you donate to the parish. And it will not cost you any extra.

The scheme makes a big difference to our parish finances. If you are able to help the parish in this way, please (1) complete a Gift Aid declaration form, (available in the porch) and (2) make your future donations either by Standing Order, or by the Gift Aid envelopes we can provide you with, on request.



Preparing for Holy Communion and for Confirmation

Thank you to all those parents who joined the Zoom meeting on Sunday to be introduced to the parish preparation programme.

Details and application forms can also be found on the parish website under the 'Join Us' tab or at <https://bit.ly/3VIL01e>

Completed application forms should be returned to Fr Allen by 17th July.



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Parish Blog: www.stnicholasboldmere.wordpress.com

Cluster blog: www.catholicsuttoncoldfield.wordpress.com

Parish Priest: Fr Allen Morris **Deacon:** Rev John Garvey

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

JUNE 2024: PARISH MASSES

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| Sa | 15 | 6pm | 11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Caroline Maynard RIP (McGonigle) |
| Su | 16 | 9am 11am | | For the parish Private Intention (Evans) |
| M | 17 | | | |
| T | 18 | 10am | | Service of Word and Communion <i>followed by refreshments</i> |
| W | 19 | | | |
| Th | 20 | | | |
| F | 21 | 7pm | | Service of Word and Communion <i>followed by Exposition and Benediction</i> |
| Sa | 22 | 6pm | 12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Tommy Quinlisk RIP (Gill) |
| Su | 23 | 9am 11am | | Andy Kean RIP For the parish |

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. **Getting more from the Sunday Scriptures** Reading and praying with the readings of Sunday Mass before the Sunday (and again after the Sunday) is one of the most best ways of ensuring that our faith is nourished by the Mass. The readings for next Sunday, 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time, are: *Jb 38:1, 8 - 11 • Ps 107:23 - 24, 25 - 26, 28 - 29, 30 - 31 • 2 Cor 5:14 - 17 • Mk 4:35 - 41*

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 James Dougherty, Elizabeth Need, Sharon Timpereley, James O'Riordan Margaret Knowles, Lesley Willis & all whose anniversary occurs at this time.

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

#REGISTERTOVOTE

Join the Catholic community in making a difference in the General Election 2024. We encourage everyone who is eligible to register and cast their vote on 4 July. Parishes, schools, colleges, and university chaplaincies will play a vital role in motivating parishioners and students to participate.

Important Dates:

- Register to vote by: 23:59 on Tuesday, 18 June 2024
- Voting day: 4 July 2024
- Register for ID to vote: 17:00 on 26 June 2024

Registration Links:

- Register to vote: gov.uk/register-to-vote
- Apply for photo ID: gov.uk/apply-for-photo-id-voter-authority-certificate

To be eligible to vote in the General Election you must:

- be registered to vote
- be 18 or over on the day of the election ('polling day')
- be a British, Irish or qualifying Commonwealth citizen
- be resident at an address in the UK or living abroad and registered as an overseas voter
- not be legally excluded from voting
- If you are not a British Citizen you may still be able to vote - check if you still can vote here: <https://canivote.org.uk/>

Guidance from the Church:

The Church does not endorse any party, it provides principles to help discern the best choices for advancing the common good.

"All citizens, therefore, should be mindful of the right and also the duty to use their free vote to further the common good "

Gaudium et Spes (75)

Catechism of the Catholic Church #2240: Exercising the right to vote is a moral obligation for the common good.

Our parish is part of the Catholic Sutton Coldfield Cluster of Parishes, along with the parishes of Holy Cross and St Francis, Walmley; Sacred Heart, Four Oaks; and Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield.

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

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

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Psalm 91(92):2-3,13-16

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar.
Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. *Alleluia!*

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come.'

He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.'

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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 collection for the Bethany Food Bank is **NOT June 16th but is July 7th**

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

The mystery of faith

The Communion Rite Communion thanksgiving Concluding Rites

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SUMMER SUNDAYS
Building up links across
CATHOLIC SUTTON COLDFIELD

Sunday 18th August
3pm
at Holy Cross
and St Francis, Walmley

SUMMER SONGS OF PRAISE
followed by time
for refreshments
and socialising.
Enjoy some favourite
hymns, learn more about
them and enjoy some
'down-time' enjoying the
company of others from
Catholic Sutton Coldfield.

Sunday 25th August
3pm
at St Nicholas,
Boldmere

JUST HOW CATHOLIC ARE YOU?
A quiz for all ages - with
questions for all ages
from 6 to 90 plus!
Come with family and
friends and form a team
to compete against
friends old and new from
across the parishes of
Catholic Sutton Coldfield.

All the parishes of the Archdiocese of Birmingham are called to work more closely together in the future.
To help with this our local parishes have joined to form a cluster of parishes Catholic Sutton Coldfield.
In the future we may combine and form a single parish.
Or remain separate but share priests and other ministers.
In the meantime we are working to get used to one another!
Come, enjoy our Summer events, and play your part.