

# SUMMER SUNDAYS

## Building up links across CATHOLIC SUTTON COLDFIELD

**Sunday**  
**18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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.

**Sunday**  
**25<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### 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 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.

#### 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.



### St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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**Parish Blog:** www.stnicholasboldmere.wordpress.com

**Cluster blog:** www.catholicssuttoncoldfield.wordpress.com

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

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

#### JULY 2024: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	6	6pm		Ints John and Geraldine Kenny
Su	7	9am	14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	For the parish
		11am		Paddy O'Neill RIP (DeVane)
M	8	10am		Ints Theresa McWilliams (McW)
T	9	10am		Fr David Lloyd RIP
W	10	10am		Colleen Tokalay RIP (Kyi)
Th	11		ST BENEDICT	
F	12	7pm		Fr Anthony Davies RIP
Sa	13	6pm		Bridget Quinlisk RIP (Gill)
Su	14	9am	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	For the parish
		11am		Freda Gately RIP (Ord)

**Penance/Reconciliation:** Friday 7.30pm, Saturday 5pm

**Anointing of the Sick:** Usually on last Friday of month at 11am

**Please pray for those who are sick** including Fr Brendan Carrick, 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 June Murnane whose funeral is here at 11am on 15th July, & Austin McTaff, David Finnegan, Krzytof Starzewski, Teresa Astley & all whose anniversary occurs at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace**

#### 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: *Amos 7:12 - 15 • Psalm 85:9 - 10, 11 - 12, 13 - 14 • Ephesians 1:3 - 14 • Mark 6:7 - 13*

**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



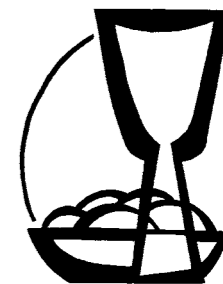
#### Preparing for Holy Communion and for Confirmation

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.**



#### New auxiliary bishops for Birmingham

As the ordination approaches of Mgr Timothy Menezes and Canon Richard Walker to serve as auxiliary bishops, the Archdiocese has advised that not everyone who would want to be there can be accommodated in the Cathedral. As you are probably aware, the Cathedral's capacity is not vast and so for health and safety they must limit the numbers attending.

The Cathedral will not be able to admit anyone without an invitation, and they do not want to have to turn anyone away on the day.

However all are invited to share in the event by watching the live stream on the Cathedral website: [www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/](http://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/)

#### Wednesday Mass

The regular Wednesday morning parish Mass will shortly be moved to Wednesday afternoon. The change is planned to take place at the end of August.

The Wednesday morning Mass has not been particularly well attended, especially during the winter. But my apologies to those to whom this change may be inconvenient. However there are three main reasons for the change.

The first is to offer a weekday Mass at a time that parents with children in St Nicholas school may be able to attend.

The other is to better accommodate the needs of St Nicholas School. On average, twice a month children from the school will attend this afternoon Mass.

Thirdly I need to free up some time in my schedule for additional work outside of the parish - and it will be very helpful to make one morning a week available for this.

In addition, every once in a while I meet people who say that our regular morning time is a bit early for them, especially if they are getting the bus to church.

So hopefully the new arrangements will prove popular, but again apologies to any they may not suit.

**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

#### 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 2:2-5

The spirit came into me and made me stand up, and I heard the Lord speaking to me. He said, 'Son of man, I am sending you to the Israelites, to the rebels who have turned against me. Till now they and their ancestors have been in revolt against me. The sons are defiant and obstinate; I am sending you to them, to say, "The Lord says this." Whether they listen or not, this set of rebels shall know there is a prophet among them.'

### Psalm 122(123)

To you have I lifted up my eyes,  
you who dwell in the heavens;  
my eyes, like the eyes of slaves  
on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant  
on the hand of her mistress,  
so our eyes are on the Lord our God  
till he show us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.  
We are filled with contempt.  
Indeed all too full is our soul  
with the scorn of the rich, /  
with the proud man's disdain.

## 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

In view of the extraordinary nature of these revelations, to stop me from getting too proud I was given a thorn in the flesh, an angel of Satan to beat me and stop me from getting too proud! About this thing, I have pleaded with the Lord three times for it to leave me, but he has said, 'My grace is enough for you: my power is at its best in weakness.' So I shall be very happy to make my weaknesses my special boast so that the power of Christ may stay over me, and that is why I am quite content with my weaknesses, and with insults, hardships, persecutions, and the agonies I go through for Christ's sake. For it is when I am weak that I am strong.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!* The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. *Alleluia!*

## Mark 6:1-6

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, 'Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?' And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, 'A prophet is only despised in his own country, among his own relations and in his own house'; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

## 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 days for the  
Bethany Food Bank are today and July 21st*

### The Eucharistic Prayer

#### Sanctus

### The mystery of faith

### The Communion Rite

#### Communion thanksgiving

### Concluding Rites

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### West Indian Chaplaincy Celebration

Our Lady of the Caribbean West Indian Chaplaincy will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary on Saturday 27 July.

Founded in 1974 to cater to the needs of Catholics arriving from the Caribbean and their families it has been a home for several generations of people of Caribbean heritage and others, and has made a vibrant contribution to the life of the archdiocese.

Archbishop Bernard Longley will be the chief celebrant at the Mass at 12noon at the Chaplaincy Centre which is in the grounds of the Sacred Heart School, Bayswater Road, Birchfield, B'ham B20.

This will be followed by a refreshments. All are welcome to join our celebration.

For more information please ring Tel 0121 551 2084 or email chaplain.olc.bham@rcaob.org.uk

**Newman Community Centre:** home for a variety of activities for local people - and a convenient location for family parties.

Details at [www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/newman-centre.html](http://www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/newman-centre.html)

### Next Sunday we have the annual collection for *Stella Maris*.

When seafarers and fishers arrive in a foreign port, they are strangers, often thousands of miles from home.

*Stella Maris'* chaplains and volunteer ship visitors welcome them, listen to their concerns, and help provide what they need.

*Stella Maris'* chaplains and volunteer ship visitors answer Jesus' call to give hospitality to the stranger.

Our retiring collection goes to support this work.