SUMMER SUNDAYS Building up links across

CATHOLIC SUTTON COLDFIELD

Sunday 18th August

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.

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.

Do Justice

is an invitation to members of the parishes of Catholic Sutton Coldfield to deepen their commitment to being, as Pope Francis said at the end of the synod in Rome in October 2023, "a more synodal and missionary Church, a Church that adores God and serves the women and men of our time, going forth to bring everyone the consoling joy of the Gospel"

Do Justice is a process promoted by Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN), an agency of the Bishops' Conference dedicated to addressing poverty and injustice in England and Wales.

Inspired by the love of God for all people, CSAN operates as a member of *Caritas International*, the global expression of charity within the Catholic Church, spanning over 160 countries.

Do Justice is grounded in the Christian principles embodied by the first Christians, motivated by the love of the risen Christ to become ambassadors of reconciliation and strive for a world of peace and justice.

The *Do Justice* process for our Cluster is based around 3 meetings to be held in The Newman Centre at St Nicholas parish, Boldmere, B73 5US from 4.30pm to 6pm on Sundays 29th September and 6th and 13th October.

All are welcome...

For more information go to https://catholicsuttoncoldfield.wordpress.com/

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.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

JULY 2024: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK				
Sa	13	6pm	15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Bridget Quinlisk RIP (Gill)
Su	14	9 _{am}		For the parish
		11am		Freda Gately RIP (Ord)
М	15	10am	St Bonaventure	Canon John Gunn RIP
		11am	Funeral Liturgy of June Murnane	
T	16			Ordination of bishops (see below, right)
w	17	10am		Fr Bernard Garratt RIP
Th	18			
F	19	7pm		John Philips RIP (Leese)
Sa	20	6pm	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Michael Kenny RIP (Kenny)
Su	21	9 _{am}		Kathleen Geoghegan RD (O'G)
		11 _{am}		For the parish

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, Krzyztof 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: Jeremiah 23:1 6 Psalm 23:1 3, 3 + 4, 5, 6 Ephesians 2:13 18 Markk 6:30 34

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

have already indicated that they wish their children to receive these first Sacraments at St Nicholas in 2025.

Details and application forms

can also be found on the parish website under the 'Join

Us' tab or at https://bit.ly/3VlL01e

Completed application forms should be returned to Fr Allen by 19th July.



New auxiliary bishops for Birmingham —16th July

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 the event by watching the live stream at 12noon on 16/7 on the Cathedral website: www.stchadscathedral.org.uk/

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

Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their heart is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens, our life and peace to bring, to dwell in lowliness with men, their pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul he does himself impart, and for his dwelling and his throne chooses the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek; may ours this blessing be; give us a pure and lowly heart, a temple meet for 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 Amos 7:12-15

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer;' get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

Psalm 84(85):9-14

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

Ephesians 1:3-10

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ.

Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence, determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins.

Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight.

He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Mark 6:7-13

Jesus made a tour round the villages, teaching. Then he summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, 'Do not take a spare tunic.' And he said to them, 'If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.' So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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 July 21st and Aug 4th**

The Eucharistic Prayer Sanctus

The mystery of faith

The Communion Rite Communion thanksgiving

Be still and know that I am God...
I am the Lord that healeth thee...
In thee, O Lord, I put my trust...

Concluding Rites

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Prayer for the new Bishops-Elect

Loving God, we thank you and praise you for giving the Sacrament of Holy Orders to your Church.

You have blessed us with many loving bishops to care for the Church throughout the world.

Pour out your grace on Monsignor Timothy and Canon Richard as they prepare for their ordination as Bishops.

Give them the Spirit of joy to lift them, the Spirit of hope to inspire them, the Spirit of love to surround them and the Spirit of truth to guide them.

Grant, O Father, that these, your servant, whom you have chosen for the office of bishop may be faithful shepherds of your holy Church. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ministers of Holy Communion

Thank you to the ministers who have begun taking Holy Communion to the sick in their homes.

There is a meeting at 4pm on Saturday 27th July for further parishioners who



have expressed interest in this ministry but could not attend the previous introductory meeting.

All other ministers who are taking communion to the sick are welcome to this meeting also, if they are free. It will give an opportunity to catch up on how things are working out for them.

Newman Community Centre: home for a variety of activiities for local people - and a convenient location for family parties. Details at www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/newman-centre.html