

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.

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
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.

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... More info? <https://catholicsuttoncoldfield.wordpress.com/>

SHARING IN HIS LIFE

As mentioned last Sunday Pope Francis has been working hard and relentlessly in recent years to help the Church become more authentically a community that lives faith. Talking with each other and - especially - listening to each other, (and others!) is key to this.

In September I hope that we can again form a number of parish groups meeting once or twice a month to reflect on faith and help each other deepen our Catholic identity.

To do this we need people ready to lead groups. Leaders do not need specialist knowledge or expertise. Basically their job is to help the group start on time and keep on topic! Groups can meet in peoples homes/pubs or parish rooms. Are you ready to help?

Fr. Allen



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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	20	6pm		Michael Kenny RIP (Kenny)
Su	21	9am	16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Kathleen Geoghegan RD (O'G)
		11am		For the parish
M	22	10am	St May Magdalen	Rev John Darley RIP
T	23	10am	ST BRIDGET	Kathleen Geoghegan RIP (Rhodes)
W	24	10am		Rev Keith Enstone RIP
Th	25		ST JAMES	
F	26	7pm	Ss Joachim & Anne	Margaret McDonnell RIP (Gill)
Sa	27	6pm		Mark and Jeremy Foster RIP
Su	28	9am	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	David Booth RIP (Keegan)
		11am		For the parish

Penance/Reconciliation: Friday 7.30pm, Saturday 5pm

Anointing of the Sick: Usually on last Friday of month at 11am. Next celebration is Friday 30th August at 11am

Please pray for those who are sick including Stephen Gateley, 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 Margaret O'Brien, Pauline Butler, Lawrence Breen, Michael McInerney, Josie Garvey, Margaret Stroud, Fred Rhodes, Geoffrey Stirling, Christine Foster, Ron Wilkinson, Irene McSheffrey & 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: 2 Kings 4:42 - 44 • Psalm 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 • Ephesians 4:1 - 6 • John 6:1 - 15

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

FR BRENDAN RIP

Of your charity, please pray for the Repose of the Soul of Father Brendan Carrick, Retired Priest of the Archdiocese, who died in New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton on Wednesday 17th July, 2024, at the age of 80.

Fr Brendan was ordained on 15th March, 1970 and served in Willenhall, Boldmere and Wolverhampton, being appointed dean of Wolverhampton in 2005. He was also chaplain at HMP Featherstone until his retirement in 2015.

Fr Brendan was parish priest here at St Nicholas from 1988 to 2002.

Please pray for Father Brendan's family, his friends, and all who mourn him.

Details of his funeral arrangements will be posted here once they are confirmed.

A WALK & PICNIC

A Sutton Coldfield Catholics Event



You are warmly invited to join members of Holy Trinity parish on Saturday 27th July for a walk and picnic, starting at Holy Trinity Church at 11am, (or if you have mobility needs, meeting at Sutton Park Town Gate at c.11.30).

Essentials: bring refreshments, comfy shoes, and pray for good weather!

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

Jeremiah 23:1-6

'Doom for the shepherds who allow the flock of my pasture to be destroyed and scattered – it is the Lord who speaks! This, therefore, is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says about the shepherds in charge of my people: You have let my flock be scattered and go wandering and have not taken care of them.

Right, I will take care of you for your misdeeds – it is the Lord who speaks! But the remnant of my flock I myself will gather from all the countries where I have dispersed them, and will bring them back to their pastures: they shall be fruitful and increase in numbers. I will raise up shepherds to look after them and pasture them; no fear, no terror for them any more; not one shall be lost – it is the Lord who speaks!

'See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will raise a virtuous Branch for David, who will reign as true king and be wise, practising honesty and integrity in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel dwell in confidence. And this is the name he will be called: The-Lord-our-integrity.'

Psalm 22(23)

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures

where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Ephesians 2:13-18

In Christ Jesus, you that used to be so far apart from us have been brought very close, by the blood of Christ. For he is the peace between us, and has made the two into one and broken down the barrier which used to keep them apart, actually destroying in his own person the hostility caused by the rules and decrees of the Law. This was to create one single New Man in himself out of the two of them and by restoring peace through the cross, to unite them both in a single Body and reconcile them with God: in his own person he killed the hostility. Later he came to bring the good news of peace, peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near at hand. Through him, both of us have in the one Spirit our way to come to the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Mark 6:30-34

The apostles rejoined Jesus and told him all they had done and taught. Then he said to them, 'You must come away to some lonely place all by yourselves and rest for a while'; for there were so many coming and going that the apostles had no time even to eat. So they went off in a boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But people saw them going, and many could guess where; and from every town they all hurried to the place on foot and reached it before them. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd, and he set himself to

teach them at some length.

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 Aug 4th*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of Lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood -
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away,

At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

The mystery of faith

The Communion Rite Communion thanksgiving

Concluding Rites

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.

