

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.

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	27	6pm		Mark and Jeremy Foster RIP
Su	28	9am	17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	David Booth RIP (Keegan)
		11am		For the parish
M	29	10am	Ss Martha and Mary	D'd of Wise, Gough & Webster families
T	30	10am		Fr Brendan Carrick Ints (Foster)
W	31	10am	St Ignatius of Loyola	Funeral Mass of Bridget Cuddy
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F	2	7pm		Josie Harries RIP (Leese)
Sa	3	6pm		Olwyn and Peter Foster RIP
Su	4	9am	18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	For the parish
		11am		Tony Lawlor RIP (Lawlor)

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 Martin Malpas, 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 Irene McSheffrey, Brian Boyle, Michael McInerney, Frances Bryan & 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.

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

The Funeral Mass will be at St Michael's, Penn (at Fr. Brendan's request) on Friday 2nd August at 12.00 noon.

There will also be a Mass with the reception of the body on Thursday 1st August at 7.00pm August.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord. And let perpetual light shine upon him.

May he rest in peace. Amen.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

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

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.
*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

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

2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

Psalm 144(145):10-11,15-18

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.
They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

Gospel Acclamation

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

John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal

of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

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 Aug 4th and 18th

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

The Eucharistic Prayer Sanctus

The mystery of faith

The Communion Rite Communion thanksgiving Concluding Rites

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, Sunday 28 July

Catholics around the world are invited to take time to reflect on the great heritage and wisdom passed on by their grandparents and the elderly.

Pope Francis has proposed the theme: "Do not cast me off in my old age" (cf. Psalm 71:9).

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne. Look with love on grandparents the world over. Protect them!

They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society. Support them!

As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardian of noble domestic ideals, living treasuries of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and roles of grandparents. May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end.

Amen!