

Using the Sunday Scriptures to prepare for Sunday Mass, and to bring to prayer in the days after is one of the most best ways of ensuring that our faith is nourished by the Mass.

The readings for next Sunday, the 5th Sunday of Easter, are

- Acts 9:26 – 31
- Ps 22:26 – 27, 28, 30, 31 – 32
- 1 Jn 3:18 – 24
- Jn 15:1 – 8



Parish Repository: Cards and gifts for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and much more. *Open before or after all Saturday/Sunday Masses*

Parish Women’s Group

Next meeting on Friday 24 May at 7.30pm in Benedict Room.

Please pray..

This coming Friday children of the parish or of St Nicholas Primary school or Bishop Walsh Secondary School are being confirmed by Bishop David Evans this coming Friday evening .

And children of the parish or of St Nicholas Primary School will be receiving Holy Communion for the first time at a number of the Sunday Masses over the first three Sundays of May.

Do please keep these children, their sponsors and godparents and families in your prayer that these celebrations will help them to take fresh

hold of their Christian lives and vocations, and deepen their communion with Jesus in his Church.



Thank you to our parish master locksmith who managed to fix the lock on the tabernacle. All is working again.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

There’s still time to sign up for this year’s Thanksgiving Mass at St Chad’s Cathedral on Sat 4 May, to be celebrated by Archbishop Bernard Longley.

Please register if you are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024 or are engaged to be married this year. Or if you would simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings.

Register this weekend at: www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

World Development Group Auction

Saturday June 29th 12-3pm at 21 Goldslie Rd.

For more details see notice on WDG board or go to Facebook.com/StNicholasWDG

The Way of Communion

I invite the whole Church to rediscover, to safeguard, and to live the truth and power of the Christian celebration.
Pope Francis

Liturgy and Worship

is one of the four priorities singled out in Archbishop Bernard’s Pastoral Vision to inform and guide the work of preparing more solid foundations for the Church in Birmingham in coming decades.

It is also the focus of the **Prayer and Liturgy** Directory recently issued for Catholic Schools, Academies and Colleges in England and Wales.

The Way of Communion

offers a new opportunity for guided learning about Liturgy, Worship, Prayer. It makes use of two recent publications coming from our Bishops’ Conference – the *Prayer and Liturgy Directory* and *Catholic Liturgy*, a study guide written by pastoral and academic liturgists that covers the history, content and debates around the use of Liturgy in the Catholic Church. Each was written with a broad and non-specialist readership in mind.

The course runs from May to December (with August off!) with a on-line meeting from 7.30 – 8.30pm on the first two Mondays of each month – with those who wish welcome to stay on beyond the hour to continue and broaden the conversation, with nothing off limits!

The course is FREE. Participants will only need access to Zoom, and their own copies of *Catholic Liturgy* and the *Prayer and Liturgy Directory* – and are asked to read the relevant chapters in advance of each on-line meeting.



The Way of Communion

has been prepared for members of the parishes, schools and communities of ‘Catholic Sutton Coldfield’ but is open to all members of the Archdiocese of Birmingham.

It is led by Fr Allen Morris, parish priest of St Nicholas, Boldmere, a member of the Birmingham Liturgy Commission, and former Secretary of the Department for Christian Life and Worship of the Bishops Conference of England and Wales.

To register for the course please contact Fr Allen directly at stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk

Please apply before 29th April to receive details of the reading and the Zoom link.



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

APRIL 2024: PARISH MASSES

Sa	20	6pm		Gino Mastroianni RIP
Su	21	9am	4th Sunday of Easter	For the parish
		11am		Caroline Maynard RD (Leese)
M	22	10am		Ints of Mary Green and family (Rhodes)
T	23	10am	ST GEORGE	
W	24	11.30am	Funeral Mass of Caroline Meynard	
Th	25		St Mark	
F	26	7pm	Confirmation Mass	
Sa	27	6pm	4th Sunday of Easter	Mary Callaghan RIP (P Morrissey)
Su	28	9am		For the parish
		11am	Caroline Maynard RD (Rhodes)	

Anointing of the Sick: Next celebration is 26th April at 11am

Sacrament of Confession: Friday 18.30-18.55; 19.30 (after Mass), until 20.00; and Sat 5.30-5.45 – and by appointment

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. Resources for the Year of Prayer: <https://bit.ly/47kMBYS>

Please pray for those who are sick including Peggy Dalloway, Sue Gill, Mary Daniels, Lucy Szambir, Betty O’Connor; Theresa Monteiro; Craig Brooks, Brenda Davies; Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin & Jean Lawlor. **Please pray** for Caroline Maynard who died recently, and for Betty Lordan, Gino Mastroianni, Don Tomlinson, Mary Cosgrove, Patricia Gallagher & all others whose anniversaries occur at this time.

WEKDAY 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

Society of St Vincent de Paul: a reminder of the opportunity to learn more about the Society and how you might be able to support its work: Open Meeting in the Benedict Room at 7.30pm on 23rd April.

Living and sharing in Communion

We hear regularly of how isolated people can become when they are housebound. Many lack family living close, many find they see friends much less often - and those people who are housebound and Catholic can feel especially separated from the Church when — as is often the case — their friends and families are not practicing.

One way in which their connection with the Church can remain real and vital is when more able members of the parish can bring spiritual support to those presently housebound. We surely do this for those for those we know personally. But there are many who are in our community who are relatively ‘anonymous’ Catholics. If we are to offer support to all of those who seek it we need to organise some things centrally too.

Probably high on that list is support in prayer and the opportunity to receive Holy Communion regularly.

The hope is that our parish can offer to all who are housebound the opportunity to receive this care and support weekly (fortnightly from Fr Allen, and fortnightly from a lay minister). But to do this we need more ministers willing to offer half an hour or so twice a month to support to complement what Fr Allen can do.

On Sunday 27/28 April after each Mass there will be a 20 minute meeting in the Benedict Room for anyone who is interested in learning what would be involved in helping take part in this parish support of some of our ‘less visible’ members.



The Introductory Rites

ly healthy, here in your presence, today. This is the stone rejected by you the builders, but which has proved to be the keystone. For of all the names in the world given to men, this is the only one by which we can be saved.'

Psalm 117(118):1,8-9,21-23,26,28-29

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

It is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in men;
it is better to take refuge in the Lord
than to trust in princes.

I will thank you for you have answered /
and you are my saviour.

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord;

You are my God, I thank you. My God, I praise you.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good;/
for his love has no end.

Penitential Act

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

Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter said: 'Rulers of the people, and elders! If you are questioning us today about an act of kindness to a cripple, and asking us how he was healed, then I am glad to tell you all, and would indeed be glad to tell the whole people of Israel, that it was by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, the one you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by this name and by no other that this man is able to stand up perfect-

1 John 3:1-2

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my own sheep and my own know me. *Alleluia!*

John 10:11-18

Jesus said: 'I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd is one who lays down his life for his sheep.

The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and the sheep do not belong to him, abandons the sheep and runs away as soon as he sees a wolf coming, and then the wolf attacks and scatters the sheep; this is because he is only a hired man and has no concern for the sheep.

'I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for my sheep.

And there are other sheep I have that are not of this fold, and these I have to lead as well. They too will listen to my voice, and there will be only one flock, and one shepherd.

'The Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.No one takes it from me; I lay it down of my own free will, and as it is in my power to lay it down, so it is in my power to take it up again; and this is the command I have been given by my Father.'

Homily

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 collections for the Bethany Food Bank are today and May 5th*

The mystery of faith

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving



R Egína caéli * laetáre, alle-lú-ia : Qui- a quem me-
ru- ísti portáre, alle-lú-ia : Resurréxit, sic-ut dixit, alle-
lú-ia : Ora pro nó-bis Dé-um, alle-lú- ia.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

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