



### The Rosary for May and for the Parish

It is traditional to consider May to be Mary's month. During the month of May this year, you are invited to pray the Rosary with the parish. The invitation is, beginning on Monday 6th May, to pray one decade of the Rosary. That way, over the four weeks, we will pray our way through the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries together.

Each day there is a posting on the parish blog with the details of the Mystery, and an image to help us engage with it, perhaps more imaginatively.

You might pray the decade alone, but why not try to find a time in the day when you might ask others to join you - perhaps other family member, work colleagues, friends and neighbours. It is a particularly easy way for parents to introduce their children to the Rosary - or vice versa! In addition to any other intentions you may have, please pray also for our parish, and the others of Catholic Sutton Coldfield.

Parish groups meeting during these weeks are also asked to find time during their meeting to pray a dec-

### Meetings for parents whose children are beginning to prepare to receive Confirmation, Reconciliation & Holy Communion for the first time in 2025

Parents will want to give the very best support to their children as they prepare for these key moments in their young lives, and in their developing their lives in faith.

However parents will know the value of receiving some help and support to help them play their part as best they can. There are all sorts of reasons for this. The first of course is that parents are often hungry for help to do their best in all things. But others are that parents of families are not always themselves Catholic or even if they are, they may well not feel secure in their faith, and so can feel quite challenged in speaking about things of faith, or helping their children feel confident in exploring the various things they are being introduced to. Catechists, Schools and Parish will all do the best they can to support children, but no-one can have the impact on the children that their parents can.

As a parish we try to support parents through a booklet which contains a 'refresher' for parents offering some reflections on key aspects of Christian Life and, especially, the Mass. It also includes suggestions of activities for families and children to broaden the scope of the preparation. Copies of this are available for parents following the meeting below.

There is an on-line meeting for parents to learn more about this and ask questions about how the parish can support parents/families over the coming months at 5pm on Sunday 9th June.

Link for Zoom meeting: <https://bit.ly/3yAQbCM>

### A NEW TRANSLATION of the Bible for use at Mass is on its way

Hopefully by now everyone does know that a new translation of the Bible - the anglicised *English Standard Version* - is going to be used at Sunday Mass from the First Sunday of Advent.

The new Lectionary is being published by the Catholic Truth Society. They are also publishing new *Sunday Missals*- doubtless weekday Missals will follow.

There are three editions of the Sunday Missal.

The content of the first two is the same, and each are hardbacks, but the quality of the binding/finish varies according to price. The contents are:

- Readings for Sunday and major feasts.
- Order of Mass with all Eucharistic prayers, prefaces, concluding rites and blessings
- Masses for special occasions and needs
- Comprehensive appendix of prayers and devotions for all occasions
- Introductions for major feasts and seasons

**1. CTS Sunday Missal - Standard £19.95**

**2. CTSSunday Missal - Presentation £29.95**

The third volume is a paperback and contains the readings and prayers only for the Liturgical Year beginning in Advent 2024, and ending on Christ the King 2025.

**3. CTS Sunday Missal for 2024-5 £9.95**

These various volumes will not be published until 14th October. And they will be in stock in the Repository as soon as they are available.

However if you wish to order a volume BEFORE 8th June, you will get a 15% discount on the above prices. You do not need to pay now, but you do need to give your order to the volunteers in the Repository so we can add your order to our parish order and secure your discount!

Finally, as soon as details of any offers on the full Bible are received, you will be able to learn of them here!

### Making your mind up

Guidance from the bishops on some key issues for us to consider before we cast our vote in the forthcoming General Election.

[www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/)



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### MAY 2024: PARISH MASSES

Sa	25	6pm		For the parish
Su	26	9am	TRINITY SUNDAY	Patrick & Rebecca Keegan RIP
		11am		Caroline Maynard RD (Devane)
M	27	10am	St Augustine	Edita Bas RD (Atkins)
T	28	10am		Ints Sue Gill (Green)
W	29	10am	ANNIV DEDICATION	Angela Davies RIP
Th	30			
F	31	7pm	Visitaton of BVM	Late parents of Mr Gahon
Sa	1	6pm		Caroline Maynard RD (Gill)
Su	2	9am	CORPUS CHRISTI	For the parish
		11am		Caroline Maynard RD (McD)

**Anointing of the Sick:** Next celebration is 31st May 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](http://Universalis.com)
3. Resources for the Year of Prayer: <https://bit.ly/47kMBYS>

**Please pray for those who are sick** including 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 Eileen Hill, Leslie Stuchbury, Zachariah Rutherford, James DOugherty, Elizabeth Need & all whose anniversary occurs at this time.

**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](mailto:sg.stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk) Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

**GREAT MIDLAND FUN RUN** Some brilliant people are pulling on their running gear to support our SVP group. Please give what you can and help them help us to look after local people who need a bit of friendly support. <https://gofund.me/a05140e6>



### Living and sharing in Communion

Thank you to all those who came to meet after last Sunday's Masses to help us all work together to strengthen the way in which our parish offers spiritual care and support to current parishioners - and to new parishioners who are moving into one of the many Care homes here in Boldmere.

A follow-up meeting for all these — and any others who were not able to make last week end's meetings — is being held at 4pm on Saturday 8th June. Copies of a new book by Bishop Robert Barron, *This is my Body*, have been ordered for ministers - and is now available to collect from the sacristy this weekend. Reflection on that book will form the matter for the meeting on 8th June, together with the practicalities of ministering Word and Communion in people's homes and in Care homes.



### Getting more from 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, *Corpus Christi*, are: Ex 24:3 - 8 • Ps 116:12 - 13, 15 - 16, 17 - 18 • Heb 9:11 - 15 • Mk 14:12 - 16, 22 - 26



## 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

### Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth

beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

### Psalms 32(33):4-6, 9, 18-20, 22

For the word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heavens were made,  
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.  
He spoke; and it came to be.  
He commanded; it sprang into being.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

### Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come. *Alleluia!*

### Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

### 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 June 5th and 16th* **The mystery of faith**

## The Eucharistic Prayer

### Sanctus

## The Communion Rite

### Communion thanksgiving

*(Where there is charity and love, there is God.)*

## Concluding Rites

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Do take one of the get well cards from St Nicholas' Reception Class available in the porch

### Could you be a seed of hope?

The Archdiocese invites enthusiastic individuals to create a network of Environment Champions.

Your mission is to be a channel of communication between the Archdiocese and your parish, cluster or deanery, to promote Care of Creation and to entuse others to help in responding to Pope Francis' call in Laudato Si to a spirituality which supports an ecological conversion. *You will receive the full support of the Care for Creation Committee as part of the diocesan effort to act as stewards of creation.* <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/seedofhope>

## Celebrating Corpus Christi

**Celebrating our communion in Christ.** As last year we have a parish celebration for Corpus Christi. It includes the 11am Mass that Sunday, 2nd June, which will conclude with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The youngsters who have been confirmed this year, those who have received Holy Communion for the first time this May, are invited to lead that procession. And the procession will be followed by a BBQ and social in the Newman Centre, led by members of the Sutton Coldfield Action Unit @ St Nicholas. **Do make a note in your diary!**

**And come enjoy some relaxed time with fellow parishioners.**

**Newman Community Centre:** home for a variety of activities for local people. Details at [www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/newman-centre.html](http://www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/newman-centre.html)