



# St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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## Parish

No **Tea and Coffee after Mass** this weekend due to half term break.

**Boldmere Night Shelter** begins this weekend - please pray for all volunteers and the Shelter's guests.

**Shrove Tuesday (28 Feb)** Burning of Palms service for First Communion Children and their families at 5pm

**Bigger Picture Group** Ash Weds at 8pm. 1 & 2 Maccabees

**Women's World Day Of Prayer** 3rd March, 2.00pm at Methodist Church, Boldmere. *Am I Being Unfair to You?*

**Travelling Solo** The next gathering of the Travelling Solo Group is in the Sutton Park Hotel after 11am Mass next Sunday, 5th March.

**World Development Group** The new Feed My Lamb school in Uganda is now open. Please come to Carpenter's Arms, Sun 12 March 12-2pm, presentation giving update on project at 12.30pm. With drinks and canapés as a thank you from the group to all supporters.

**Any parish group wish to lead Stations of the Cross during Lent? Please see Fr Allen.**

## Diocese

**Nurses for Lourdes.** Available to assist with the Diocesan pilgrimage in May? If interested please write to lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org Full details of

**ROSARY & BENEDICTION**  
PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS IN THE CHURCH  
Mondays at 3pm.  
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**This week: Prayer for those preparing for baptism**

## Ash Weds

- At 6.30am a 30 minutes service with imposition of ashes
- At 10am and 7pm Mass with imposition of ashes

Diocesan Pilgrimage are in the porch and are available from 0121 236 4585 or lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org

## Other

**Fairtrade Fortnight** at Wylde Green URC. Sat 4 March 1030-12 Cake Bring and Buy; 12-2pm Soup and Roll lunch.

**Sutton Coldfield Churches Together.** *Mental Health: the right approach.* Andrew Mitchell MP. March 3rd, 7.30pm at Sutton Coldfield Baptists.

**40 Days for Life** Prayerful Witness Weds 1 March - Sun 9 April. Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic in Arthur Road, Edgbaston from 8am to 8pm daily. People are never left praying alone. For info please email izzyvs@gmail.com

**Pope Francis' Prayer intentions for March** - that persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.



## Stories from Zimbabwe and Zambia

Friday 10 March  
Following 7pm Mass  
St Nicholas parish, Boldmere (B73 5US)



**CAFOD Lent Fast Day**  
Come to the talk and enjoy homemade bread & soup too.

Join us to hear about CAFOD's work in Zimbabwe and Zambia and how you can get involved.  
Speaker: Elizabeth Wignall (CAFOD Birmingham)

For more information please contact Elizabeth Wignall at [ewignall@cafod.org.uk](mailto:ewignall@cafod.org.uk) or on 01922 722944.

## Masses Eighth week in Ordinary Time

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| <b>S</b>  | <b>25</b> | 1800         | <b>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> | Mary Agnes Jones RIP (Shiel)  |
| <b>Su</b> | <b>26</b> | 0900<br>1100 | <i>Psalter Wk 4</i>                   | Gwen Lavelle RD (O'Gorman)<br>Bert Power RIP                        |
| <b>M</b>  | <b>27</b> | 1000         |                                       | Noel Moffit RD (Ord)  |
| <b>T</b>  | <b>28</b> | 1000         |                                       | Joseph and Mary Enright RIP (Ord)                                   |
| <b>W</b>  | <b>1</b>  | 1000<br>1900 | Ash Wednesday                         | Tony and Mary Lawlor INts (Lawlor)<br>Debbie Stoddart - healing (S) |
| <b>Th</b> | <b>2</b>  | 1000         | St Chad                               | Holy Souls  |
| <b>F</b>  | <b>3</b>  | 1900         |                                       | Agnes Galligan RIP  |
| <b>S</b>  | <b>4</b>  | 1800         | <b>1st Sunday in Lent</b>             | John Banks RIP (5th Anniv) (Banks)                                  |
| <b>Su</b> | <b>5</b>  | 0900<br>1100 |                                       | <i>Psalter Wk 1</i>   |

**Morning/Evening Prayer** 15 mins before weekday Mass.

**Exposition & Vespers** 2nd & 4th Suns, 6-7pm

**Rosary and Benediction** Mondays at 3pm

**Reconciliation** Sat. 1700-1730 (Exposition until 1740) and by arrangement.

**Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick:** by arrangement

**Nourishing prayer at home:** [livingeucharist.wordpress.com/](http://livingeucharist.wordpress.com/)

**Please pray for sick parishioners** including Betty Lordan, Sara Gallagher, Ray Finn, Viv Everitt, Diane Jukes, David Freeman, Peggy Gallagher, Margaret Knowles, Brenda Davies; Tony Lawlor, Leah Burke, Tess Carnero, Joan James, Sarah Johnston, Bridie Moffatt, Bernie Morton, Danuta Evans, Michael McDermott - and also for Fr Gabriel Maguire, our Dean, who is not well.  
**Please pray for all who have died**, including Timothy O'Leary whose funeral is here at 11.15am on Friday 3rd March, and for Roy Simmonds, John Banks, Margaret Farrell, Christopher Coxall and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.**

# Readings for Mass today

## Isaiah 49:14-15

Zion was saying, 'The Lord has abandoned me, the Lord has forgotten me.'

Does a woman forget her baby at the breast, or fail to cherish the son of her womb?

Yet even if these forget, I will never forget you.

## Psalm 61:2-3,6-9

*In God alone is my soul at rest.*

In God alone is my soul at rest; my help comes from him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm.

In God alone be at rest, my soul; for my hope comes from him. He alone is my rock, my stronghold, my fortress: I stand firm.

In God is my safety and glory, the rock of my strength. Take refuge in God, all you people. Trust him at all times. Pour out your hearts before him.

## 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

People must think of us as Christ's servants, stewards entrusted with the mysteries of God. What is expected of stewards is that each one should be found worthy of his trust. Not that it makes the slightest difference to me whether you, or indeed any human tribunal, find me worthy or not. I will not even pass judgement on myself. True, my conscience does not reproach me at all, but that does not prove that I am acquitted: the Lord alone is my judge. There must be no passing of premature judgement. Leave that until the Lord comes; he will light up all that is hidden in the dark and reveal the secret intentions of men's hearts. Then will be the time for each one to have whatever praise he deserves, from God.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!*  
Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. *Alleluia!*

## Matthew 6:24-34

Jesus said to his

disciples: 'No one can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

'That is why I am telling you not to worry about your life and what you are to eat, nor about your body and how you are to clothe it. Surely life means more than food, and the body more than clothing! Look at the birds in the sky. They do not sow or reap or gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not worth much more than they are? Can any of you, for all his worrying, add one single cubit to his span of life? And why worry about clothing? Think of the flowers growing in the fields; they never have to work or spin; yet I assure you that not even Solomon in all his regalia was robed like one of these. Now if that is how God clothes the grass in the field which is there today and thrown into the furnace tomorrow, will he not much more look after you, you men of little faith? So do not worry; do not say, "What are we to eat? What are we to drink? How are we to be clothed?" It is the pagans who set their hearts on all these things. Your heavenly Father knows you need them all. Set your hearts on his kingdom first, and on his righteousness, and all these other things will be given you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow: tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.'



Sparrow in the Alhambra Palace, Granada.

## Next Sunday is the 1st Sunday in Lent

The readings are Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 / Romans 5:12-19 / Matthew 4:1-11

## The Ordinary of the Mass is found on p200 ff of Laudate.

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