

2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunammite. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

Psalm 88:2-3,16-19

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
by your favour it is that our might is exalted;
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.



St Paul Outside the Walls

Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.'

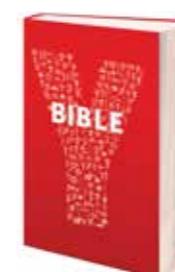
'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.'

'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward.'

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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Next Sunday is 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time.
Scripture readings: Zechariah 9:9-10 / Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9,
10-11, 13-14 / Romans 8:9, 11-13 / Matthew 11:25-30

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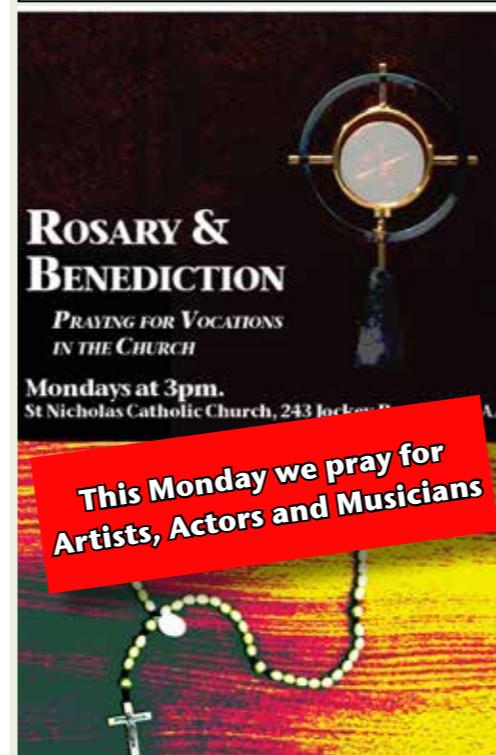
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If anyone is interested in taking the course in parish catechesis, or other courses of direct value to the parish please do speak with Fr Allen, who may be able to offer assistance with fees.



Our lived relationship with Jesus

Baptism is our commitment to Jesus and his commitment to us.

He makes the commitment first. Most of us were too young to consciously choose Jesus when we were baptised. And he chose us, called us before then: He has chosen and loved us from before all time.

Now it's our turn. Get to know him better through praying with the Sunday Gospel during the week.

Would you like to help join with other parishioners helping to move things forward with music at our Sunday Masses? If so, have a look at page 2 of this newsletter!

Liturgy and Prayer 13th Week in Ordinary Time

S	1	Sunday of 13th Week in Ordinary Time	1700 1800	Exposition and Confession Mass: Mrs Murphy (Lordan)
Su	2	Psalter Wk 1	0900 1100	Mass: For the people of the Parish Mass: Eileen Roberts RIP (Lawlor)
M	3	St Thomas	1000* 1500	Eileen Roberts RIP (Lawlor) Rosary and Benediction
T	4		1000*	Ints Johnson Chukwuemeka and family
W	5		1900*	Chris Hickey RIP (Hickey)
Th	6			
F	7		1100 1900*	Exposition and Anointing of the Sick Private Intention
S	8	Sunday of 14th Week in Ordinary Time	1700 1800	Exposition and Confession Ann Kennedy RIP
Su	9	Psalter Wk 2	0900 1100 1800	For the parish The Garcia Family Exposition and Evening Prayer

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/

Please pray for sick parishioners including Betty Sawbridge, Ray Finn, Diane Jukes, David Freeman, Tim and Brenda Davies; 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 Austin McTaff, David Finnegan, Tony Prescott 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.**

Parish

Rosary and Benediction Each Monday from 3-4pm - praying for parishioners and for faithfulness in our various vocations.

Fresh Heart - a gathering for those who are grieving. Theme for this week - what 'helps' / what 'hinders' the grieving. 2pm in the Benedict Room

Service for the Sick and their Carers - followed by refreshments. Friday at 11am.

Parish Outing to Harvington Hall - Sunday 2nd July. Leaving Boldmere immediately after the 11am Mass. Transport is available for all who have signed up as of 23rd June. If you have not signed up and still wish to come, please see Fr Allen

St Nicholas World Development Group

Thank you to everyone who helped with or supported our recent Pots & Pots event. We raised an amazing £1,012. It was lovely to see so many people from St Nicholas parish there.



Ministers of the Word.

As previously advised there is a meeting for all readers and ministers of the word in the church at 4pm on Sunday 16th July.

All parish musicians are warmly invited

to meet with Jo Boyce at 4.30pm on Saturday next, 8th July in the Benedict Room as we move forward with the music project - and enjoy making music together.

Jo will also be here on 16th July and all the musicians are invited to meet with her after the 9am Mass this morning. If you would like to sign up to be kept up to date with developments please fill in the form below and give to Jo next week.



PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY Expression of Interest

Please complete this form if you are interested in the music for our Parish Sunday Masses. Completing this form does not indicate a committent or obligation at this stage—just an expression of interest...

Name:

Email:

Tel:

Which Mass do you attend?: Sat 6pm Sun 9am Sun 11am

Do you sing?: Yes No

What instrument(s) do you play? (If any):

Have you been involved in Parish Music Yes No

Age: under 18 19-25 26-35 36-45 46-55 Over 55

Availability?: Weekly Twice a month Monthly Easter/Christmas etc.

Travelling Solo This month's Travelling Solo 'outing' is this Sunday - and we are joining the parish outing to Harvington Hall. Please note spaces are only guaranteed for those who have already signed up. The next meeting after that will be after the 11am Mass on 6th August - more details next week. All who 'travel alone' - single, the divorced or separated, widows and widowers - are welcome.

Baptism Preparation. The next preparation programme begins on Sat

For the sick and those who care for them

A simple and brief service of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayer for the sick and for carers, and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Followed by light lunch.

Need help to get to the service? Let Fr Allen know.

11am on First Fridays.
Next service is this Friday

Fresh heart

A new parish group to which all are warmly invited who are bereaved and all who suffer from loss (eg children leaving home, divorce, losing a job) who are bereaved or grieving.

1st Mondays in the Benedict Room at 2pm for a cup of tea and cake - and a chance to receive and give support and encouragement.

through
listening
and care

Next meeting
is on Monday
3rd July

First Communion and Confirmation



Application forms for the programmes are available in the porch.

The timetable for the programmes are available on the website and from Fr Allen

Preparation for children NOT at Catholic schools

8 July from 11-12noon, in the Benedict Room. Parents should see Fr Allen before hand and complete an application form.

Planning to get married? A reminder that a minimum of six month's notice is required for those who intend to marry in the paperwork. Giving 12 months notice, makes it much easier to take part in a marriage preparation course etc.

Parish Scripture Study Group;

Next meeting: Weds 19 July at 7.30pm. 'Homework' for the meeting is to read St Paul's Letter to the Galatians. *Questions to bear in mind as you read.* • What strikes you about the letter? • How does Paul's message relate to your relationship with Jesus and the Church? All are welcome - especially Parish ministers of the word (Catechists, readers, etc). The group will help us deepen our knowledge of the Scriptures.

Diocese

Have you bookmarked the Diocesan website? <http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/> or do you follow their Tweet feed: @RCBirmingham

Other

You Can Help Your Marriage – Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ... or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. This programme has helped 10s of 1000s of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriage. email info@retrouvaille.org.uk; call or text 0788 729 6983 or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Vacancy at St Paul's School for Girls

Learning Hub Co-ordinator £17,419 Term Time only. St Paul's School for Girls, Vernon Rd, Edgbaston, B16 9SL. Applications can be downloaded from our website: www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk

Ready to give a hand?

Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent night shelter, is opening in September 2017

Could you help as a:

Hospitality volunteer (shift based) to help guests feel welcome

Shift leader to oversee the Hospitality volunteers

Volunteer mentor to work one-to-one with guests

To find out more, come along to the Open Evening on Thursday 13 July, 6pm-9pm, St Anne's Catholic Church, 96 Bradford Street, Birmingham B12 0PY or call Christy Acton on 01675 434064



Hudson's Care

iShelter

Tea and Coffee after Mass

in Carpenter's Arms (access from right side of church), after 9 and 11am Masses.

Come and meet with other members of the parish and help build up the community of the parish.



Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention this month is that our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.

To find the Pope's other current prayer intentions please visit <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

'Junior' ministers of Holy Communion needed!

Those who are aged 16 or older, and who have been confirmed, are invited to volunteer for service in the parish as a Minister of Holy Communion. If you would be interested in assisting in this way please see Fr Allen as soon as possible or come along to the training session being held after the 7pm Mass on Weds 5th July.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

A morning to introduce the role of leaders of Children's Liturgy of the Word - and to begin to prepare the Liturgies for the autumn.

This form of Liturgy is a valuable way in which our parish can help children from Reception to Year 2 to learn how to pray the Liturgy of the Word.



Would your child like to join the team of parish servers?

Any child who has made their first Holy Communion is warmly invited to come to a first training for servers which will be held at 10am on Saturday 8th July



On sale this weekend!
£1.00