

### The Carpenter's Arms

As reported some months ago, the lease on the Carpenter's Arms has been surrendered by the Sutton Churches Trust, and so has reverted to the parish.

Kaye O'Keefe will continue to be the Centre's manager, and is now employed by the parish.

It is proposed to improve the entrance to the Centre from the parish car park, and to tidy up the entrance from Boldmere Road. But there are no other major changes envisaged in the foreseeable future.

Use of the Centre is limited at the moment because of rule of six and social distancing more generally. But hopefully (!) we will soon see the Halls be more fully used by our parish and the wider Boldmere community. Please pray we will make good use of it.

### CAFOD family fast Days this Friday, Oct 9. The CAFOD collection will be on Sun Oct 11.

CAFOD's Family FastDay helps us to solidarity with people facing the worst of the coronavirus crisis - and do something practical to help them.

We've all felt the impact of this terrible disease - let's come together to help the poorest and most vulnerable people in the world survive, rebuild and heal. Please pray for all those affected and donate online at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) or by using one of the envelopes. You can also give easily via text. Text CAFOD to 70085 to donate £10. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message and you'll be opting in to hear more about our work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text CAFODNOINFO to 70085. For more information please see our Privacy Policy: [cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice](http://cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice)*

**G**od, you call us out of darkness.  
May we hear your voice  
in the cry of our brothers and sisters in crisis.  
As you walk alongside us always,  
may we walk beside one another  
listening and responding in love.  
Shine the light of your compassion through us,  
dispelling chaos, fear and despair.  
Breathe hope and courage into all our hearts  
as we work together to rebuild once more.  
Strengthen us, Lord, and keep us steadfast.  
Bring healing and comfort to all  
and lead us renewed into your marvellous light.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Birmingham Justice & Peace Assembly 2020

*The Climate Emergency: Listening to the 'Cry Of The Earth and the Cry Of The Poor'*

This year's Assembly concludes with Evening Prayer with Archbishop Bernard on Sun 4 Oct at 7pm.

For more information: <https://bit.ly/33n38fY>

### Meditation from Anthony de Mello SJ

Soon after the death of Rabbi Moshke, Rabbi Mendel of Kotyk asked on his disciples, 'What did your teacher give the greatest importance to?'

The disciple gave it a moment's reflection, then said, 'To whatever he happened to be doing at the moment.'

*If you have one watch, you know the time.  
If you have two watches you're never sure.*

### The local Catholic Secondary Schools in the St John Paul II MultiAcademy

are unable to invite prospective pupils and parents to visit for Open Evenings this year because of the Covid situation.

So they have made additional materials available on their websites for the benefits of those seeking to know more about them and what they offer.

[www.bishopwalsh.net/open-evening-2020](http://www.bishopwalsh.net/open-evening-2020)  
[www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk](http://www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk)



### Parish Gardening Club

Meeting monthly on second Saturdays at 10:00am in the Church car park to keep the church grounds in good order.

The Club is being coordinated by Teresa Leese and Maggie O'Sullivan (to whom many thanks!)  
All welcome. Please bring hand tools and gloves!



### On-line Support for Prayer

- Weekly parish Zoom prayer meetings - Sun at 4pm for Lectio Divina and Mon at 7pm for Rosary.

*Zoom links are posted on the parish Blog on the day. Do join us - especially if you are not confident in returning to church for Mass.*

- Reflections on the Readings and Prayers of the following Sunday's Mass are posted daily on the parish Blog (Weds to Sun).

*Spending time with the readings and prayers before Mass is a good way of helping Mass be more fruitful for us.*



**Financial support for the Church:** You will appreciate that parish income has been cut right back over the past months, but our bills have not reduced by anything like as much! If you are in a position to help, you might like to consider the following.

- GIFT AID** allows the Church reclaim tax paid on your offering, to raise a further 25% for the church at no further cost to you.
- STANDING ORDERS** are a helpful way of making your offering. *Forms for GA and SO are available from Fr Allen or the parish website.*
- GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** Numbered envelopes are available or those in the Gift Aid scheme who still use the envelopes.



### St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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### Will it get worse before it gets better?

Sorry, I know no more than you about that.

But I am sure that if lockdown tightens again this autumn/winter it will be tougher for those who are most isolated and who have perhaps been isolated since March.

During this time many groups and individuals have offered support and encouragement to people who live alone; or who have caring responsibilities for others, which restricts them in what they can do.

Even so some people slip through the cracks, or have not taken advantage of offers of help, thinking 'it will all be over soon' - but it isn't, and they may feel embarrassed to ask for help - out of the blue as it were. So can I invite you to scratch your heads and think - do you know anyone who fits into that category. If you do would you be so kind as to contact them and ask how things are and ask whether there is anything the parish (or you, if you feel able) can do to help them.

There are a couple of things that come to mind.

- Some people have no experience of using the internet and so miss out on live-streamed prayer and Mass, plus the other resources there. But with a Tablet and a wifi connection things are very easy to manage. If someone needs help with this, please let me know, and help and support can be arranged.
- Some people have no one around to talk too. We can arrange for people to be available to ring weekly (or more often to chat)

If you know anyone who would welcome such help, please let me know.

*Fr. Allen*

### Retiring collection for the Holy Places and for Peter's Pence.

The basket for this week's retiring collection is available as you leave.

If you wish your donation to go to one charity but not the other, or to be divided other than 50/50 between the two, please put your donation in an envelope with your wishes clearly labelled. Donations will be accepted (in envelopes) next week also.

### Present Arrangements for Mass

**Face coverings:** Regulations require members of the congregation, aged 5 and over, to wear face-coverings over their nose and mouth throughout the time we are in church. *If you have an exemption certificate relieving you of this obligation please confirm in advance with Fr Allen. This will allow appropriate seating to be arranged for you and to safeguard others.*

**Social distancing:** If you are attending Mass with others, then the group you attend with should not exceed more than six people. This group of six can be made up of people from outside your household, but strict social distancing must be maintained between members of different households at all times. *If there is already someone in the bench you choose, please sit in the middle space, and leave any remaining space on the aisle for the next to arrive. Do not make people climb over you to get into the bench.*

**Offertory:** There is no offertory collection at present, but there is a basket for your offerings on the table just inside the church.

**Thank you for your cooperation**

### MASS DURING THE HEALTH CRISIS

*On days when there is no public Mass (because no volunteers for stewarding/cleaning) Fr Allen celebrates Mass 'privately' in the church usually at 0830.*

Day	Time	Location	Notes
Sa 3	4pm	27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Psalter Week 3</i>	Olwyn Foster (1st Anniv) (Foster)
	6pm		
Su 4	9am		For the parish
	11am		Trevor Mall RD (Szmabir)
M 5	10am		Mary Gavin RD (O'Gorman)
T 6	10am		Helen, Tom & Jo Madigan RIP
W 7		Our Lady of the Rosary	
Th 8			
F 9	7pm	St John Henry Newman	Martin Bowers RD (Drozd)
Sa 10	4pm	28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Psalter Week 4</i>	Olwyn & Peter Foster RIP (Foster)
	6pm		
Su 11	9am		Mary Gavin RD (Sterling)
	11am		For the parish

**Sacrament of Reconciliation** The current restrictions make it impractical to celebrate the Sacrament in the Confessional room. However, if you wish to celebrate Reconciliation, please contact Fr Allen who will be happy to arrange a time and place to celebrate this sacrament of mercy with you.

**Please pray for sick parishioners** including Betty Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; Lea Burke. Please pray for Mary Gavin and Phil Hayes who have died; and for Bridget Foster, Val McDonald, Joseph Finnegan, Esther McGovern, Cornelius Lennon and Thomas Calaghan whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

### The Introductory Rites

*The Introductory Rites help the faithful to come together as one, establish communion and prepare themselves properly to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.*

### The Penitential Act

#### The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace to people of good will.

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.

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.

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. Amen.

### The Collect

### The Liturgy of the Word

*By hearing the word proclaimed in worship, the faithful again enter into the unending dialogue between God and the people of the covenant shared in Christ, a dialogue sealed as we share the Eucharistic food and drink. The proclamation of the word is essential to the Mass*

*A brief time of quiet after the readings allows those present to take the word of God to heart and begin to prepare a prayerful response to what we have heard.*

### Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain

no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

### Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
to plant it you drove out the nations.  
It stretched out its branches to the sea,  
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?  
It is plucked by all who pass by.  
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,  
devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,  
look down from heaven and see.  
Visit this vine and protect it,  
the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again;  
give us life that we may call upon your name.  
God of hosts, bring us back;  
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

### Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!* I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. *Alleluia!*

### Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to

a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: 'It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see?'

'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

### Homily

**Prayer of the Faithful** (omitted at the Bishop's request)

### Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,

*At the words that follow, up to and including the Virgin Mary, all bow.*

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.

### The Liturgy of the Eucharist

*The Eucharist is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. It is the vital centre of all that the Church is and does, because at its heart is the real presence of the crucified, risen and glorified Lord, continuing and making available his saving work among us.*

### The Offertory

*There is no offertory collection at this time. Instead, you are invited to place your offerings in the basket at the entrance to the church as you arrive, or as you leave.*

### THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

*The Eucharistic Prayer, the centre and summit of the entire celebration is a memorial proclamation of praise and thanksgiving for God's work of salvation, a proclamation in which the Body and Blood of Christ are made present by the power of the Holy Spirit and the people are joined to Christ in offering his Sacrifice to the Father*

### The Preface Dialogue

*Priest:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right and just.**

### Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### The mystery of faith.

Save us, Saviour of the world,  
for by your Cross and Resurrection  
you have set us free.

### THE COMMUNION RITE

*Eating and drinking together of the Lord's Body and Blood in a Paschal meal is the culmination of the Eucharist. The themes underlying these rites are the mutual love and reconciliation that are both the condition and the fruit of worthy communion and the unity of the many in the One.*

### The Lord's Prayer

### Invitation to Communion

*Please wait in your pew until it is time to move forward to the priest for Holy Communion, always aware of the regulations on social distancing in the orderly queue.*

*As you approach the priest, please do so with arms at "full stretch" to keep a good distance between you and the priest.*

*Communion will be given silently, and in the hand only. (Your hands - palms upwards, one of top of the other - should be extended as flatly as possible.)*

### Prayer after Communion

### The Concluding Rites

*The brief Concluding Rite sends the people forth to put into effect in their daily lives the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection and the unity in Christ which they have celebrated. Their mission is to witness to Christ in the world and to bring the Gospel to the poor.*

### Blessing

### Dismissal

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**The Funeral of Mary Gavin** will take place at 1130 on Friday 9th October at 1130. The family have offered up to 25 places at the funeral Mass to parishioners. If you would like to reserve one of these places, please speak to Fr Allen after Mass.

### Preparing for Mass

Reflections on readings and prayers from next Sunday's Mass are posted daily on the parish Blog (Weds to Sun). *Spending time with the readings and prayers before Mass is a good way of helping our time at Mass to be more fruitful.*

**A New Sunday Mass** is being trialled over 4 weeks on Saturdays at 4pm to see if it might help relieve the pressure of numbers on our regular Sunday Masses at this time when social distancing has to be observed.