

**Acts 1:1-11**

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

**Psalm 46:2-3,6-9**

*God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.*

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise.



Anglican parish church, Bungay, E. Anglia

God is king of all the earth,  
sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne.

**Ephesians 1:17-23**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!* Go, make disciples of all the nations. I am with you always; yes, to the end of time. *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.'

**A REMINDER**

Sunday and Weekday Missals are on sale in the Parish shop. A Missal is a helpful companion to Mass. It can help us prepare for Mass, and to continue to reflect and pray with the Scriptures and prayers afterwards.

**Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday.**

The readings are Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11 / Psalm 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 / John 20:19-23

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**For the sick and for those who care for them**



**A new monthly gathering for prayer & social time. 11am First Fridays, from 2nd June.**

A simple and brief service of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayer for the sick and for carers, and with the offer of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick followed by tea and sandwiches.

If you would like to offer help to those who cannot get to the service under their own steam, or with refreshments, please see Fr Allen as soon as possible.

**THE GENERAL ELECTION 2017**  
A letter to Catholics in England and Wales from their Bishops

Just a reminder of the letter sent to us by the Bishops of England and Wales to help us prepare to cast our vote in the General Election next week, on June 8th. A copy of the letter can be found on our parish blog, and also in the porch of the church.

A copy of the letter and the questions it posed was sent to the candidates standing locally. To date the only responses received have been from the Independent candidate: Dr Sophie Hanna, and Rob Pocock, the Labour Candidate. These are both published on our parish blog. No response has been received from the other two candidates.

**There is a Sutton Coldfield Public Hustings involving all candidates, at 7pm on Monday 5th June in the Town Hall**

**L**ord grant us wisdom to act always with integrity, seeking the protection and flourishing of all, and building a society based on justice and peace.

For more information from the Bishops' Conference please go to [catholicnews.org.uk/election17](http://catholicnews.org.uk/election17)

Masses Seventh Week of Easter				
Sa	27	1800	Ascension Sunday <i>Psalter Wk 3</i>	Richard Burke RIP Anniv. (Burke)
Su	28	0900 1100		For the parish Peace in Syria
M	29	1000		Ints of Cynthia, Leisha and Glen (Butler)
T	30	1000		Theresa Maynard Ints (Brennan)
W	31	1000	Visitation of BVM	
Th	1			
F	2	1900		Fr David Doran - Ints (Corkery)
S	3	1800	Pentecost Sunday <i>Psalter Wk 4 for Office beginning on Monday</i>	Christine Dowd RIP (Pocock)
Su	4	0900 1100		Stephen Calderbank RIP (May) Mr Les Murley RIP (Reilly)

**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 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 Margaret Knowles (Lesley Devlin's mother) whose funeral is on Weds 7th June at 11am, and Zachariah Rutherford, James Dougherty, Sharon Timperley, James O'Riordan 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.**

**ROSARY & BENEDICTION**  
PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS IN THE CHURCH  
Mondays at 3pm.  
St Nicholas Catholic Church, 243 Jockey Road

**No service this Monday. But back as usual next week!**

## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2017 WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY

*World Communications Day* gives an opportunity to note the very valuable work being done on behalf of the Church by the communications office of the Bishops' Conference. In a world steeped in violence and conflict, we have a great opportunity to promote the values of the Gospel that speak of the dignity of the person and the priorities of building peace and prosperity, in justice, for all. Please assist this crucial work by your generosity to the collection which is taken today, enabling the Church to continue this work of communication.

In his message for *World Communications Day*, Pope Francis says: "...we have to break the vicious circle of anxiety and stem the spiral of fear resulting from a constant focus on "bad news" (wars, terrorism, scandals and all sorts of human failure). This has nothing to do with spreading misinformation that would ignore the tragedy of human suffering, nor is it about a naive optimism blind to the scandal of evil." In our task as "Missionary Disciples" we all have our part to play and a mandate to both live and communicate the Gospel to all people using all the means at our disposal. In this digital age of immediate communication, never before has it been so necessary that we "...contribute to the search for an open and creative style of communication that never seeks to glamourise evil but instead to concentrate on solutions and to inspire a positive and responsible approach..."

with every blessing,



+ John Arnold, Bishop of Salford

The CCN website contains updated news and information on this mission.  
Please visit and encourage others to visit [catholicnews.org.uk](http://catholicnews.org.uk)

During Lent/Easter at Sunday Mass we use the Church's Baptismal Creed, the Apostles Creed - *Laudate p205*. On Trinity Sunday we return to the Nicene Creed.

### Parish

**Retiring Collection** today for the Catholic Communications Service. (See above)

**No teas and coffees** in Carpenters Arms until after the schools' half term, ie 11/6

**NEXT SUNDAY: Ecumenical Pentecost service** 4th June, 6.30pm at Chester Road Baptist Church. Come and build on the good experience of our working together to support Taize: Birmingham

**Prayer with and for those who are sick, and those who care for them.** Each first Friday, beginning this Friday, 2nd June. A simple prayer service followed by tea and sandwiches.

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

**Travelling Solo** The next lunch is after the 11am Mass on 4th June, Pentecost Sunday. All who 'travel alone' - single, the divorced or separated, widows and widowers - are welcome.

**Parish Scripture Study Group;** Next meeting: Weds 21 June at 7.30pm.

### Bethany Food Bank

#### Who was helped last month?

229 people received food parcels through the voucher system

In addition food parcel equivalents were provided to -

- 100 people in need in Handsworth 160 people in need in the Lyndhurst
- 40 people in need through the YMCA
- 48 people in need through the Jesus Fellowship
- 35 people in need through Tipton/Bilston Assembly of God
- 75 people in need through Beauty Behind the Gospel in Birmingham

**The next monthly collection of food for the Food Bank takes place next weekend, 3-4 June.**

**All dry foods welcome.**



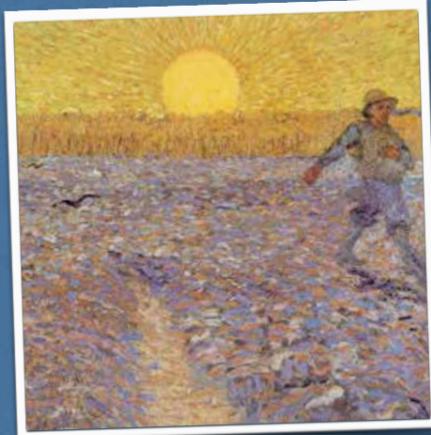

**CELEBRATE BIRMINGHAM**  
CHILDREN & YOUTH STREAMS AVAILABLE  
1-2 JULY 2017  
**SEEK FIRST HIS KINGDOM**  
Matthew 6:33 (NIV)  
SPEAKERS: CHARLES WHITEHEAD, FR PAUL KEANE, MARIA RODRIGUES  
A CATHOLIC CATHARIC MIXING CONFERENCE

**For more details, please go to [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org)**

'Homework' for the meeting is to read Chapters 16-28 of the Acts of the Apostles. All are welcome - especially Parish ministers of the word (Catechists, readers, etc). The group will help us deepen our knowledge of the Scriptures. **The Group is growing in size - so we will meet in the Benedict Room**

**Baptism Preparation.** The next preparation programme begins on **Sat 10 June** from 11-12noon, in the Benedict

### MARYVALE INSTITUTE ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM ANNUAL DAY FOR CATECHISTS



#### Developing Catechesis in the Diocese

Speakers include: Fr Eddie Clare - Director Maryvale Institute  
Dr Birute Brillute - Leader of catechetical degrees, Maryvale Institute  
Sr Gillian Murphy - Advisor for Parish Catechesis

To be held at Maryvale on Saturday 17th June 9.30 for a 10am start finishing with Mass at 4pm.

Lunch included. There is no charge for the day.

To reserve your place please contact Sr Gillian: [parishes@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:parishes@maryvale.ac.uk) 07811957375 (stating any dietary or other requirements)

## In Hospital or going into Hospital?

Roman Catholic Chaplains are appointed to all of the local hospitals.

Patients, and relatives of patients, are urged to make sure that Catholic patients admitted to hospital are registered as Roman Catholic on admission. If they wish to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain, they should ask the ward nurse to arrange this.

Data protection legislation means that unless this is done your details will not be passed to the Chaplain.

If you wish to be visited by Fr Allen as well as the hospital chaplain then please let him know. It is very helpful if you can give details of the ward the patient is on.

Many people find it helpful to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick as they prepare to go to hospital, especially if they are going for a more serious operation. If you would like to receive the Sacrament, please let Fr Allen know.

Room. Parents should see Fr Allen before hand and complete an application form.

### Diocese

**Diocesan Vacancies:** Gift Aid/Finance Assistant £22,500 p.a. plus benefits; Press & Media Relations Officer £27,000 to £31,000 p.a.; Head of Communications & Community Engagement £34,000 to £40,000 p.a. For an informal discussion/job description for any role please contact Gerry Dryden, Director of Human Resources via email ([gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org)) or telephone (0121 230 6224). Closing date for applications 2nd June.

**Father Hudson job vacancies:** 2 part-time Project Co-ordinator's at Tabor House (the new night shelter in Digbeth); A full-time Project Manager at New Heights in Kingstanding. Full details at [www.fatherhudsons.org.uk](http://www.fatherhudsons.org.uk)

**Maryvale Novena and Pilgrimage to the Sacred Heart.** Thurs 15 - 23 June.

- Mass, Sermon and Novena each evening at 8.00 pm.
- Sun 25 June 3.00pm Pilgrimage Afternoon with Canon David Oakley. Open air Mass and Procession of the Blessed Sacrament Heart

**CAFOD School Volunteers needed!** Could you talk about the work of CAFOD in local Catholic schools and parish youth groups? CAFOD Birmingham are looking for volunteers to give short presentations

## The Bishop Walsh Award Scheme



Bishop Walsh Award 2017/18

is open to all Catholic pupils going into Year 7 in September, whether or not they are or are going to be in Catholic schools after September.

Those who enrol in the scheme volunteer to two hours of parish service each month for a year (if the service is at Mass the total service time per month will need to include some non-Mass time volunteering. At the end of the year those on the scheme write a short reflection on their experience, and become eligible for the certificate of achievement. There will be two social events for volunteers during the year.

Application forms for the scheme are being circulated to children in Year 6 at St Nicholas, and are also available in the porch. All Year 6 children are welcome.

to children and young people to help them learn about the world and to inspire them to take action on poverty with CAFOD. Full training and resources supplied. [birmingham@cafod.org.uk](mailto:birmingham@cafod.org.uk)

### 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. For confidential information about, or to register for, the next programme commencing with a residential weekend on 9th-11th June email [info@retrouvaille.org.uk](mailto:info@retrouvaille.org.uk); call or text 0788 729 6983 or visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**Poland 2017 Fri 25 Aug - Sun 3 Sept:** A great opportunity for 16-30 year olds to experience faith, new cultures, sight

## Take 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 bereaved or grieving are.

Each first Monday in the Benedict Room at 2pm for a cup of tea and cake - and chance to talk and listen; to receive support and encouragement, and to give support and encouragement.

through your listening and your care

Do you have a connection with a church or mission overseas?



Can you bring a greeting from them to our Ecumenical Pentecost Service?

Are you able to pass on the greeting in their own language as well as English?

It is hoped that many people will be able to bring Christian greetings in English and different languages to our joint Pentecost service.

If you can let Fr Allen know you are bringing a greeting to share that will be helpful: [stnicholasrc@btinternet.com](mailto:stnicholasrc@btinternet.com)

seeing and prayer opportunities with young people from Poland and Israel. The group will stay in Mogilno, Poland and explore the theme of vocation. This opportunity is funded by the Erasmus scheme, so will incur very minimal costs to participants. Deadline for applications 26th May. For an application form please email [Christopher.pell@bcys.co.uk](mailto:Christopher.pell@bcys.co.uk).

**Celebrate Birmingham** is a lively faith-filled weekend (1-2 July) for the whole family. Inspiring talks, children streams, Masses, Reconciliation, workshops. For more information see leaflets at the back of church or go to [www.celebrateconference.org](http://www.celebrateconference.org) Make bookings on website.

**Sutton Street Pastors** - the annual report of this valuable work on Saturday nights in Sutton Town Centre is available on our parish blog. If you would be interested in a taster session please email [suttonpastors@gmail.com](mailto:suttonpastors@gmail.com) or call/text Frank Cole on 09764090954.

**Friends of Footerley Summer Fete.** Sun 4 June, from 1230. Footerley Lane, Shenstone. WS14 OHG

## Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention this month is:

That national leaders may firmly commit themselves to ending the arms trade, which victimizes so many innocent people.

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

