

**Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7**

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

Now the serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death." ' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

**Psalms 50:3-6,12-14,17**

*Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.*

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence. O wash me more and more from my guilt and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them; my sin is always before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned; what is evil in your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me, O Lord, open my lips and my mouth shall declare your praise.

**Romans 5:12-19**

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam



to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift. The results of the gift also outweigh the results of one man's sin: for after one single fall came judgement with a verdict of condemnation, now after many falls comes grace with its verdict of acquittal. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

**Gospel Acclamation**

*Glory and praise to you, O Christ! Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!*

**Matthew 4:1-11**

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: 'He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

**The Ordinary of the Mass is found on p200 ff of Laudate.**  
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**Next Sunday is the 2nd Sunday of Lent**  
The readings are Genesis 12:1-4a / Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 / 2 Timothy 1:8b-10 / Matthew 17:1-9



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**Birmingham Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2017**



**Air 27 May-2 June;**  
**Coach 27 May - 3 June**

Booking forms from 0121 236 4585 or lourdesadmin@rc-birmingham.org

**Bethany Food Bank**

Orphanage Road, Erdington, B24 9HX

**Opening Times:** Tues 1130am -1pm; Weds 11am - 12noon; Thurs 1130am to 1pm

Thank you to everyone who regularly supports the Food Bank through the monthly collection of non-perishable foodstuffs on the first Sunday of the month.

Please leave your donation in the porch.

**ROSARY & BENEDICTION**  
*PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS IN THE CHURCH*  
**Mondays at 3pm.**  
St Nicholas Catholic Church, 243 Jockey Rd, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5US

**We do not live by bread alone...**

We live by every word that comes from the mouth of God. And The word that comes from God is his Son, who is God and who took flesh among us, was crucified, killed and is risen. He continues to give himself to us in the sacraments of Scripture and Eucharist.

Regularly we reflect on scripture together - listening to it proclaimed at Mass, and considered in the homily - and in our private prayer, reading the Bible, and using the Sunday readings to prepare for Mass, or continue or drawing nourishment from our Sunday Mass.

It seems to be less common for us to look to what is probably the principal prayer of the Mass for help in reflecting on our faith and our living our faith.

Yet the Eucharistic Prayers are powerful witnesses to the faith of the Church, and they repay our careful reflection outside of the Mass, as well as our carefully praying during the Liturgy.. They each offer their insights in to faith, Church, salvation, vocation. To encourage a fresh awareness of these prayers we will use a different prayer each Sunday during Lent - including the more rarely heard Eucharistic Prayers for Reconciliation. Today we start with the first of those Prayers for Reconciliation.

**Masses Week of the first Sunday in Lent**

<b>S</b>	<b>4</b>	1800	<b>1st Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Psalter Wk 1</i>	John Banks RIP (5th Anniv) (Banks)
<b>Su</b>	<b>5</b>	0900 1100		Patsy Smith RIP (Collumb) Noel Moffitt RD (Brennan)
<b>M</b>	<b>6</b>	1000	Lent feria	Thomas Small RIP (Jenkins)
<b>T</b>	<b>7</b>	1000	Lent feria	Tommy Small RD (Brennan)
<b>W</b>	<b>8</b>	1900	Lent feria	Gerard Brady RIP (O'Sullivan)
<b>Th</b>	<b>9</b>			
<b>F</b>	<b>10</b>	1900	Lent feria	Fr Paul Chavasse - health (Wilkinson)
<b>S</b>	<b>11</b>	1800	<b>2nd Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	Noel Moffitt RD (Burke)
<b>Su</b>	<b>12</b>	0900 1100		Carmel Doherty RIP (O'Sullivan) Pat and Kathleen Connolly Ints (H)

**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:** [liveingeucharist.wordpress.com/](http://liveingeucharist.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 David Meade whose funeral is here at 11am on Monday 13th March at 11am, and for John Banks, Margaret Farrell, Christopher Coxall and Ronald Matthias 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.**



**Mass Texts** During Lent/Easter we will be using the Apostles Creed at Sunday Mass - *Laudate* p205. ; and in Lent we will be singing the Mass XVIII setting of the Eucharistic Acclamations, *Laudate* no. 505a, 506.1; 509

**Parish**

**Tea and Coffee after 9 am and 11 am Mass on Sunday** morning. *Would you be willing to volunteer to be 'trained' to open up the Carpenter's Arms as they are letting us open up/lock up. It would be good to have a group of four or more people willing to do this. It would mean opening up in good time before the end of 9am Mass and*

**Pray with Pope Francis**

The Pope's prayer intention for February is: That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

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



then at 1pm after the 11am Mass. If you can help please let Fr Allen know.

**Welcoming Team** New Rota available on web and in porch.

**Lenten Charity** Our parish charity this Lent is the *Mary's Meals* special appeal for feeding children in Aleppo and Lebanon. Donations to this charity are welcome at any time - together with the Collection on Maundy Thursday at the Mass of the Lord's Supper will be sent to *Mary's Meals*.

**Clergy Training Fund** Thank you to all those who contributed to the £1279 raised for this fund in 2016. If anyone would like to contribute regularly to the fund - using monthly envelopes, please see Philip Redmond or Fr Allen

**National Dementia Week: 12-19 March.** There will be a simple service in the church at 11am on Friday 17th March for people suffering from dementia and their carers, followed by tea and biscuits. All are welcome.

**Readers** Please sign up as soon as possible if you are available to help on Palm Sunday and during the Triduum, so the most helpful rota can be prepared.

**Knit and Natter** 2pm on Thursday.

**First Communion Group.** A reminder of the pilgrimage to Lichfield Cathedral on Saturday 11th March. Please meet in front of the great west door of the Cathedral at 1pm.

**Bigger Picture Group;** Next meeting: Weds of Easter Week at 7.30pm. We have completed our 'bigger picture' overview of the Old Testament and the 'homework' for the next meeting is to read a Gospel, in the light of the vision seen in the Old Testament. There will be one more meeting after this to consider the image of the Church and faith in the Acts of the Apostles. Then the decks are clear for a new focus for a regular scripture group. Any suggestions as to what might be helpful? See Fr Allen.

**Baptism Preparation.** The next preparation programme begins on Sat 29th April from 11 to 12noon, in the Benedict Room. Parents are asked to complete an application form and see Fr Allen before hand.

**Travelling Solo** The next gathering of the Travelling Solo Group will take place in the Sutton Park Hotel on corner of Jockey Rd/Boldmere Rd after the 11am Mass today. All who 'travel alone' - single, the divorced or separated, widows and widowers - are welcome.

**Guild of St Stephen's** Mass of Thanksgiving on Sat 25th March takes place at St Chad's Cathedral at 12 noon.

**Diocese**

**A date for the diary:** The Chism Mass will be celebrated at St Chad's Cathedral,

11am Weds 12 April. All are welcome to this important celebration where the oils for Baptism, Confirmation and Ordination, and the Anointing of the sick are blessed and consecrated by Archbishop Bernard for use in the the coming year.

**Remembering the Church in your will** The Diocese has made a new leaflet available in all its 227 parishes to assist people who may want to consider leaving a legacy to the Church. At the back of the Church you will find copies of the new leaflet. Please do take one for yourself and consider whether you, or someone you know, may wish to support the Church in this way.

**Cathedral Flower Festival, 9-11 June** It would be nice to have a parish display at the Cathedral this year. Would you be interested in joining a group to prepare something? The themes are Blessed Dominic Barberi and Blessed John Henry Newman. If you are interested please let Fr Allen know as soon as possible so we can register...

**Prayer Ministry Workshop** on prayer and prayer ministry. With inspirational speakers Canon John Udris and Deacon David Palmer. We shall also have some testimonies on prayer and the opportunity for prayer ministry. Saturday 18th March 3pm-5pm at Oscott College. To register an interest and book a place please contact Natalie Orefice on 0121 3608118 or email [parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:parishevang@maryvale.ac.uk)

**Diocesan Pilgrimage To The Holy Land, 11-19 September 2017.** This year the pilgrimage will be led by Bp Kenney and will include visits to all the major Holy Places and Mass every day in one of the Shrines. It is all-inclusive so although it seems expensive it contains no hidden extras. Five nights in Bethlehem and 3 nights in Galilee. Flights from Heathrow. Full price: £1740.00 per person. For booking forms and more details please contact Gill at Tangney Tours - tel: 01732 886666; email: [Gill@tangney-tours.com](mailto:Gill@tangney-tours.com).

**Bright Lights: Catholic Festival for Young Adults.** 23-25 June Alton Castle. [www.brightlights.org.uk](http://www.brightlights.org.uk)

**SVP Mass and Gathering, 23 September 2017.** Bishop Robert Byrne will celebrate the annual SVP Mass for SVP members, their spouses, family members and friends on Saturday 23 September this year. The Mass will begin at 12 noon in St Chad's Cathedral. Following the Mass, a light buffet lunch will be served in the Grimshaw Room, followed by the main speaker, the Rt. Hon. Ann Widdecombe. The gathering will conclude at around 3pm.

**Diocesan Pilgrimage to Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, Hednesford** Sunday 2 July More details to follow.

**Other**

**40 Days for Life** - Prayerful Witness Wednesday 1st March to Sunday 9th April. Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic in Arthur Road, Edgbaston from 8am to 8pm daily. People are never left praying alone. To find

**Congratulations!**

Professor Judith Champ, Church History Lecturer and Academic Tutor at Oscott College has become a Dame of the Order of St Sylvester. The award exists to recognise lay Catholic men and women whose professional work is of great service to the Church, to the wider community and to the country.

In his homily at the Mass of Investiture, Archbishop Longley said that Judith had "dedicated her life as a scholar and academic to the pursuit of truth and understanding, ready to subject her work to the scrutiny and criticism of her peers, ready to deepen her understanding and widen the scope of her knowledge."

This academic approach, he said was "what she has sought to share with successive generations of seminarians that she has taught at Oscott and in other seminaries."

The Archbishop also thanked Judith for her "considerable contribution to ecumenical co-operation and dialogue" in the Dioceses of Portsmouth and Birmingham and for the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales.

Becoming a Papal Dame is an honour "given for a purpose", the Archbishop emphasised. "It is not only a recognition of commitment to Christ and to his Church's mission – it should also be an encouragement to Judith to find new ways of deepening the understanding of those she teaches and of extending the scope of their knowledge."



out more or book your slot please contact Isabel on 07773 501721 or by email [izzyvs@gmail.com](mailto:izzyvs@gmail.com)

**A Lifeline for Marriages** for marriages that are stressed, unloving, cold. Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme can help! Contact Frances and Michael. Tel 0788 7296983 website : [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

**The Catenians** is an international social organisation for Catholic men and their families. "Faith, Family, Friendship and Fun" is our motto! As well as organising social events, we meet regularly for a meal together on the first Monday of the month at Lea Marston Hotel, Kingsbury. Next meeting is Monday March 6th. First visit includes free meal! For more details please contact Martin Jackson on 07778 031947 or by email: [martinjackson417@gmail.com](mailto:martinjackson417@gmail.com)

**Holy Cross Catholic Primary School** have a vacancy for a child in years 2 and y6.

**St Vincent de Paul Society National Raffle**  
 Draw 31st March 2017  
 The SVP makes over half a million visits a year to people who are isolated & in need  
 Every ticket sold supports our work  
 Prizes:  
 1st - £3000  
 2nd - £2000  
 3rd - £1000  
 Additional Prizes:  
 10 x £100  
 10 x £50

**YOU DID IT!**  
 The new Feed My Lamb school is open  
 We would love to tell you all about it  
**Carpenter's Arms**  
 Sunday 12th March 2017 12pm - 2pm  
 Presentation at 12.30pm  
 Complimentary drinks + canapes - Our Thank You!

**St. Nicholas Church Boldmere Accounts year to 31st December 2016**

Income	£	Expenditure	£
Collections	52565	Diocesan levies	20361
Gift aid refund	9264	Liturgical/pastoral costs	22732
50/50 club/gift day	8809	Presbytery costs/general	15546
Investment income	6173	Repository, Candles ,other	3828
Repository, Candles, other	6656		
	<b>83467</b>		<b>62467</b>

**surplus 21000 83467**

**Restricted Funds**

Building fund	£16894
Night Shelter	£667
50/50 Club	£3869

**Second collections amounted to £7671**

Detailed accounts are shown at back of church