



# St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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## Walking with him who walks with us...

In Holy Week we have the privilege twice of accompanying Jesus in his Passion. On Palm Sunday each Year we hear the Passion from the Gospel of the Year, from one of the Synoptic Gospels, Matthew, Mark and Luke. In the Synoptics there is a focus on the suffering of Jesus and his agony, of the Son of Man revealed in all of the limitation of his humanity.

This year as we hear the Passion according to Matthew we will pause to sing a simple chant the children have been using during Lent as they pray the Stations of the Cross. It is #610 in our hymnbook and we will practice it before Mass begins.

***Behold the Lamb of God; behold the Lamb of God, he takes away the sin, the sin of the world.***

On Good Friday we hear the Passion according to John. The events related are largely the same, of course. But for John it is in his Passion that Jesus' 'time' comes. In John's Passion, Jesus is powerful: God, willingly going to the Cross but entirely able to overthrow his enemies by force should he wish. But his will is for a victory won by love not violence. His kingdom

is one of love and Christ reigns from the Cross.

On Friday, during the reading we will pause and to help our prayer and reflection sing the familiar Taizé chant:

***Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom.***

These simple songs introduce an opportunity during the long reading to pause and reflect on the word of God, and consider its meaning for us and our response to it. That sort of quiet reflection or meditation is what should characterise our celebration of the Liturgy of the Word always, but it is especially important in this week when we focus so intensely on the saving events of the Lord's Passion and Death.

This year the Passion will generally be read by three readers as previously. However when it is, it will be divided up in a different way. This is partly to help the readers and to highlight the scriptural text itself. And also, again, to help our hearing.

May your keeping of Holy Week help you enter more deeply into knowledge of God's saving love for you.



*Fr. Allen*

## Triduum Services

<b>Maundy Thursday</b> Thursday 13th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Morning Prayer &amp; Office of Readings</li> <li>7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. <i>Then watching at the altar of repose until 11pm</i></li> </ul>
<b>Good Friday</b> Friday 14th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11am Stations of the Cross led by students of Bishop Walsh School, beginning at Holy Trinity CofE church, Sutton Coldfield</li> <li>3pm Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</li> <li>7pm Quiet prayer at the Cross, and Night Prayer</li> </ul>
<b>Holy Saturday</b> Saturday 15th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10am Morning Prayer and Office of Readings</li> <li>8pm Easter Vigil</li> </ul>
<b>Easter Sunday</b> Sunday 16th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mass at 9am and 11am</li> <li>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Evening Prayer 4.30pm</li> </ul>

## Masses Holy Week

<b>S</b>	<b>8</b>	1800	<b>Palm Sunday</b>	Chris O'Connor
<b>Su</b>	<b>9</b>	0900 1100	<b>6th Sunday in Lent</b> <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	Tony Lawlor RD (Redmond) Paul and Maria Nguyen RIP (Nguyen)
<b>M</b>	<b>10</b>	1000		Brenda O'Neill
<b>T</b>	<b>11</b>	1000		Tony Lawlor RD (Lawlor)
<b>W</b>	<b>12</b>	1900		Thanksgiving (Tom Kelly)

**For full details of the Masses and other Liturgies of the Triduum please see table to the right.**

<b>Th</b>	<b>13</b>	1900		Audrey Gregory RIP Anniv (Gregory)
<b>Su</b>	<b>16</b>	0900 1100	<b>Easter Sunday</b> <i>Psalter Wk 1</i>	Tony Lawlor RD (Banks) Private Intention

**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, Margaret Knowles, Brenda Davies; Leah Burke, Tess Carneron, 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 Ciaran Halpin who died recently, and for Attilio Bisso, Breda Corbett, Almenice O'Brien, Anne Murphy, Audrey Gregory, Bernard Murphy 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.**

## Lent Services of Reconciliation

**7.30pm, Tuesday 11 April:**  
Erdington Abbey

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Holy Cross & St Francis, Walmley

## Mass Texts

**During Lent/Easter we use the Apostles Creed at Sunday Mass - Laudate p205.**

**During Lent we will sing the Mass XVIII setting of the Eucharistic Acclamations, Laudate no. 505a, 506.1; 509**

## Parish Library

A small library of books on our faith and the life of faith



has been set up in the Martyrs' Chapel (by the font). If you take a book please return it when you have finished it.

And if you have suitable books at home you would like to donate, please feel free (maybe include a note saying how you responded to the book).

Look out after Easter for details of a parish Book and Video Club. If you have thoughts of the form it might take, please let Fr Allen know.

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## Parish

**Parish Audit** Thank you to the members of the Parish Finance Committee who helped with the preparation for the recent audit of the parish financial procedures of behalf of the Archdiocese. The final report is awaited but all went well, and we had made progress since the last one in 2012.

**Lenten Alms** A reminder that at Mass on Holy Thursday you are welcome to place your Lenten Alms in the collection and it will be sent to Mary's Meals to support their work in Syria.

**Tea and Coffee after 9 am and 11 am Mass** on Sunday morning resumes on Sunday 23rd April.

**Pilgrimage to ASSISI for the Feast of St Francis Led by Fr Allen Morris  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> - Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Oct 2017**

Full details and application forms are available in the porch and on the website.



## Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for April is:

That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.

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



**Travelling Solo** The next gathering is after the 11am Mass on 7th May. All who 'travel alone' - single, the divorced or separated, widows and widowers - are welcome.

**Rosary and Benediction.** Mony 3-4pm

**Boldmere Night Shelter** Thank you to all of the volunteers who assisted with the Night Shelter this year. Thank you especially to Mary James who led the venture and coordinated all the volunteers. Sadly it seems there will continue to be need for the Shelter next year. So look out for the opportunity to volunteer to help in 2018.

## Ecumenical Dates for the Diary

• **Pentecost service on 4th June, 6.30pm at Chester Road Baptist Church.** It would be good to see a good number from our parish coming to this service. Often attendance at these joint services is difficult for us because they clash with our Sunday morning service. This one doesn't!

• **28th September. Day outing to Liverpool by coach** - including visit to the city's two cathedrals. £15 inclusive of coach. If you are interested in going on the trip please sign up in the porch as soon as possible.

**Bigger Picture Group;** Next meeting: Weds 19 April at 7.30pm. 'Homework' for the meeting is to read a Gospel, in the light of the vision seen in the Old Testament.

**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.

## Diocese

**Birmingham's Pilgrimage to Walsingham 13 May.** Details in porch

**The Chrism Mass** will be celebrated at St Chad's Cathedral, 11.30am Weds 12 April. *If you are coming do try and be there early - the Cathedral gets very full!*

## Other

**Aged 13-29?** The Bishops of England and Wales want to hear from you. Check our parish blog for 21/3 and take part in their poll!

**The Bridgettine Sisters at Maryvale** are hosting a fund-raising concert featuring Fr Francis Maple OFM on Friday 21st April at 6.30 pm. See notice in porch for full details



Plans are well advanced for the exciting 2017 Taizé Birmingham event. Already c700 young Christians are signed up from all over Europe, and more are signing up each day.

If you would like to offer accommodation to pilgrims, and play your part in bringing 40 young Christians to Boldmere for the weekend of 28th April to 1st May please collect a form from the porch and return it to Fr Allen as soon as possible. For more details see the parish Blog for 21st March!

• **If you are aged 16-35 and wish to take a full part in the weekend go to [taize.fr/Birmingham](http://taize.fr/Birmingham) to register you get access to the whole weekend. If you are from Birmingham and do not need a travel pass you get full access for a registration fee of £30**

• **People of any age are welcome to attend the principal Taizé Prayer services. These will all take place at St Martin's in the Bull Ring**

• Friday 28 April 7:30pm. **Prayer around the Cross** with a meditation by Brother Alois.

• Saturday 29 April 7:00pm. **Prayer of the Light of Christ.** *Song practice from 6:30 pm.*

• Sunday 30 April 7:30 pm **Evening Prayer** (Guest preacher: Rowan Williams). *Song practice 7:00 pm.*

**Celebrate the birthday of the Church and pray for her growth in Boldmere**

24 hours for prayer at Pentecost  
Saturday 4th June to Sunday 5th June.  
More details in 2 weeks!

**mary's meals**

Our parish Lenten Charity this year is a Mary's Meals project to feed nearly 1500 children in six of Aleppo's schools.

You are invited to donate your Lenten alms to this good cause.

You can donate by

- by the regular Sunday collection - in an envelope marked 'Mary's Meals'
- adding it to the collection on Holy Thursday - all of which will go to 'Mary's Meals'
- directly via [www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate](http://www.marysmeals.org.uk/donate)

**Next Sunday is Easter Sunday**  
The readings are Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Psalm 118:1f, 16f, 22f / Colossians 3:1-4 / John 20:1-9