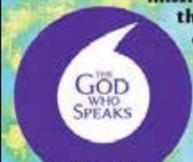


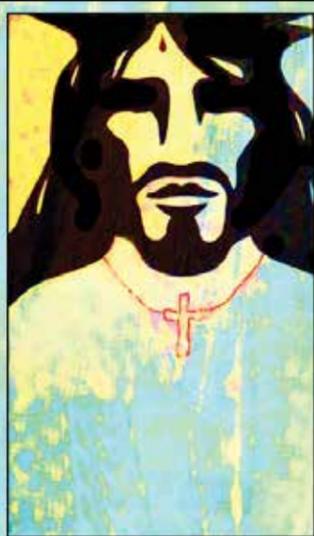
Owning our Faith and Calling

An opportunity to deepen faith and build up community.

A series of small group monthly meetings to reflect on Scripture, on the person and mission of Jesus Christ, and how they connect with our own experience and desires.



For more information see the parish newsletter or email stnicholasrc@btinternet.com



Owning our Faith and Calling groups start up this weekend.

Who has helped you understand the importance of Jesus in our lives?

What is important about Jesus, for you?

What was important for them?

Check time and meeting place for your chosen group and come along. It will be good for you — and good for the parish!

Sacrament of the Sick

Time was, and it is a view which lingers long in some people's understanding, when this sacrament was known as the Last Rites, and if you saw the priest coming to anoint you pretty much knew you were at your last hour!

But 50 years ago the Church recognised how far this practice was from what is intended by the Sacrament. The Sacrament is for the (seriously) ill, not only for the dying. It is a Sacrament to be repeated as necessary to sustain us through the experience of such sickness and through the physical and mental disabilities that can come with old age.

If you are struggling with sickness then know you are welcome to our monthly service - next one is on Friday 6 March at 11am, followed by refreshments.

If you are others are too frail to attend Fr Allen is very happy to visit to celebrate the Sacrament with you at home.

like to attend the Mass are welcome! Extra parking has been arranged in Bishop Vesey's car park opposite Holy Trinity church in Boswell Road. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

Birmingham Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 23 -29 May. Details in porch and at www.tangney-tours.com.

Thanksgiving Masses for Marriage take place at 12noon on Sat May 9 and Sat May 16 at St Chad's Cathedral followed by refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. *The invitation is open to all married couples as*

Parish Drawing Group

Last summer parishioners came together under the leadership of Tony Sawbridge and Geraldine Foster to learn a little about portraiture and join in the Holocaust Memorial Day project.

People enjoyed the experience so the Drawing group is starting up again. The plan is to meet on Tuesdays after the post-Mass social - on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month. All welcome!! No previous experience necessary!!!

All altar servers are invited to this year's Guild of St Stephen Thanksgiving Mass.

The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday 7 March by Bishop David McGough in St Chad's Cathedral at 12noon. Followed by refreshments in the Grimshaw Room. *If servers wish to attend please sign up in the sacristy by end of Sunday.*

well as those preparing to marry in 2020.

- To register to attend, email Lianne Pap – lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org
- If you have a milestone anniversary this year, (1st anniversary or every 5th year up to 60th (and every year after 60), please email Fr Allen by end of Feb so your anniversary can be listed in the Mass booklet.

St Joseph's, Coleshill, offers residential care to older people and those with dementia in a Catholic setting, (Mass said daily by resident priests). 01675 434500

CAFOD Are you able to volunteer with CAFOD and help young people in local Catholic schools learn about global poverty, and help them to take action? Contact Sylvester Mutsigwa at CAFOD Birmingham: 01922 722944 or birmingham@cafod.org.uk

Other

Lifeline for Marriages Is your marriage 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 may be what you need! Info from 0788 729 6983 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Lent lecture for Churches Together by MP Andrew Mitchell: *What can government and residents of Sutton*

Coldfield do about the climate change crisis? 7.00pm, 28 Feb, Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church B72 1TA.

Catholic People's Weeks A volunteer lay-led organisation founded in 1945 which runs residential events and holidays for families/single people along with some adults' only events. You will find weekends or week long events that nourish your faith, ignite your intellect, inspire social action, invite you to laugh and create and enrich you with friendships old and new. A walking week and a cycling week are included in this year's programme. *Pick up this year's brochure in the porch or visit www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org*

Race Night

Bishop Walsh School are holding a Race Night to raise funds for students going on the Lourdes Pilgrimage as helpers for sick pilgrims. Carpenters Arms, Saturday 14 March. Tickets - which can be booked in advance from colettegould42@gmail.com are be £7 per person and £20 for a family ticket. This will include fish and chips.

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for February is that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

More information at www.popesprayer.va



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<http://faithinpolitics.org.uk/apply/>
 Closing date: 28 Feb 2020



SVP appeal Members of the parish SVP group visit Reach House (formerly the DePaul Trust) which up to now helped with the resettlement of young offenders. As of this weekend they are moving out and fourteen high dependency women are moving in.

As many of the women have been sleeping rough they have nothing. Reach House have asked us for bed linen.

Please bring any donations of linen for single beds and towels to Mass next Sunday, and leave in bags in the porch.

Parish

Readers' Meeting 4.30-7pm this Sunday (meeting for an hour - in part to look forward to Lent/Easter, and then a Holy Hour honouring Jesus' real presence in Scripture and the Eucharist)

Teas & Coffees after Sun morning Masses.

Preparation for Baptism of Infants The next preparation programme starts on Saturday 7 March from 11am-12 noon in the Benedict Room. Please see Fr Allen beforehand for an application form.

Travelling Solo lunch All who 'travel solo in life' (eg widowed, divorced, separated or 'just' single) are invited to join with others after the Sunday 11am Mass for lunch at a local pub. *Next lunch: Feb 2.*

Book Club. The book for our next meeting is George Eliot's masterpiece, *Middlemarch*. Read the book and come to discuss. The Presbytery, 8pm, 24 Feb.

Scripture Group. The group continues its gentle reading of the *Acts of the Apostles*. New people always welcome. Next meeting is 7.30pm on 21 Feb, in the Benedict Room — read Chaps 12 & 13 and just come along...

MASS AND OTHER LITURGIES 4th Week in Ordinary Time

Day	Time	Event	Minister
Sa 1	1715 1800	Presentation of the Lord	Sacrament of Confession Pat Connolly (Kennedy)
Su 2	0900 1100 1800	Psalter Week 4	Christina (Birthday) Redmond For the parish Exposition and Evening Prayer
	1000* 1500		Peace in the Middle East Rosary for Vocations
M 3	1000* 1500		
T 4	1000*	St Agatha	Olwyn Foster RD (Brennan)
W 5	1000*		Bridget Broom RD (Redmond)
Th 6		St Paul Miki & Companions	
F 7	1215 1900		Funeral service: Wendy Vargus Rita Wilson RIP (Middleton) w. Exposition and prayer for victims of abuse
	1715 1800	5th Sunday in ordinary time	Sacrament of Confession Luke Gill RIP (Gill)
Su 9	0900 1100 1800	Psalter Week 1	Jerry Harrington RIP -8th Anniv (Harrington) For the parish Exposition and Evening Prayer

Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday

Is 58:7-10 / Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / 1 Cor 2:1-5 / Mt 5:13-16

Morning/Evening Prayer 20 mins before weekday Masses, as indicated above *

Exposition: & Vespers 2nd and 4th Suns of month, 6-7pm; **& Rosary** Mon at 3pm

Reconciliation Sat. 1715-1740 and by arrangement. **Anointing of the Sick:** 1st Friday at 11am and by arrangement.

Baptism, Matrimony, by arrangement.

Nourishing prayer at home: *Living Eucharist:* <https://livingeucharist.wordpress.com/> Also universalis.com or <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

Please pray for sick parishioners including Gerry Coyle; Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; Lea Burke, Peggy Gallagher, Hazel Kemp. **Please pray** for Wendy Vargus who died recently; and for Briget Kelly, Rosemary Ribinson, Raymond Jones and all whose anniversaries of death are at this time: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Whole Community Catechesis: Presentation of the Lord

1. Listen to the word: What do you hear in today's readings that encourages or challenges you?

2. Look into Your Life

- Q4Children:** What made Simon and Anna so happy and excited about Jesus?
- Q4Youth:** What is the peace, the light, that Jesus brings? How do you receive it?
- Q4Adults:** What excites you about Jesus? Who else do you know that Jesus would be good news for? How could you share the goodness with them?

Rosary for Vocations. The Rosary group meets in church on Mondays at 3pm to pray for vocations. All welcome.

Diocese

Mass for Canon Gerry Breen Holy Trinity Sutton Coldfield hosts a Memorial Mass for Canon Gerry on Tues 4 Feb at 7.00pm. All those who would

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

*The light of Christ has come into the world,
the light of Christ has come into the world.*

We must all be born again to see the kingdom of God; the water and the Spirit bring new life in God's love.

God gave up his only Son out of love for the world so that ev'ryone who believes in him will live for ever.

The light of God has come to us so that we might have salvation;
from the darkness of our sins we walk into glory with Christ Jesus.

Gloria

*Glory to God, (x3) in the highest, and on earth peace,
peace 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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Malachi 3:1-4

The Lord God says this: Look, I am going to send my messenger to prepare a way before me. And the Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple; and the angel of the covenant whom you are longing for, yes, he is coming, says the Lord of Hosts. Who will be able to resist the day of his coming? Who will remain standing when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire and the fullers' alkali. He will take his seat as refiner and purifier; he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and then they will make the offering to the Lord as it should be made. The offering of Judah and Jerusalem will then be welcomed by the Lord as in former days, as in the years of old.

Psalms 23(24):7-10 (sung by all)

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is he, the king of glory?

He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory.

Hebrews 2:14-18

Since all the children share the same blood and flesh, Christ too shared equally in it, so that by his death he could take away all the power of the devil, who had power over death, and set free all those who had been held in slavery all their lives by the fear of death. For it was not the angels that he took to himself; he took to himself descent from Abraham. It was essential that he should in this way become completely like his brothers so that he could be a compassionate and trustworthy high priest of God's religion, able to atone for human sins. That is, because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to Israel, your people. *Alleluia!*

Luke 2:22-40

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised;
because my eyes have seen the salvation
which you have prepared for all the nations to see,
a light to enlighten the pagans
and the glory of your people Israel.'

As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

At the following words, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayer of the Faithful

We pray to the Lord. Through our lives and by our prayers, Your kingdom come.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Song

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.
Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.

Make us your living voice.
Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.
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Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

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

Memorial Acclamation

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

Communion Rite

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. (x2)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Communion Song

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,
Christ be above me, never to part.
Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,
Christ in my rising, light of my life.
Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,
Christ be in all tongues telling of me.
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

Concluding Rites

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas,
Deus ibi est
(Where there is charity and love, there is God.)

