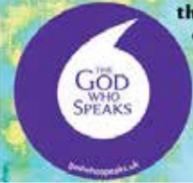


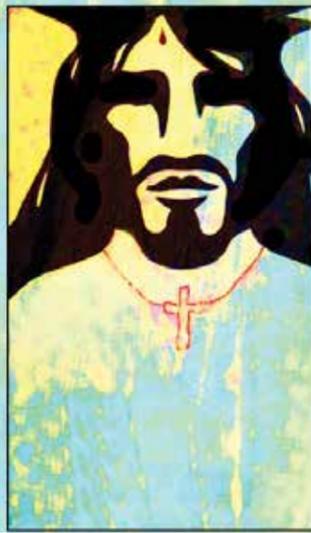
Owning our Faith and Calling

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

One of the questions considered by those taking part in these groups this week was 'What is meant by Jesus saves'? We say and sing such things in our prayers and songs but sometimes our understanding of what we mean by that is very shaky. Maybe our 'old' understanding was something we learnt as children, when maybe the world and faith seemed a lot simpler.

How do we now understand the salvation that Jesus offers? Given that we are asked to spread the good news of that salvation to others - not only little children but teenagers, those in middle age, those who are coming to the end of life here - people in all sorts of different circumstances - it is sort of important that we try to have a secure understanding of what the Church believes and how we understand that.

Our faith and understanding - hopefully - never stand still. What does 'Jesus saves' mean to you know? What has it meant to you when times have been hard? What has it meant to you when times have been easy and good. What difference has that faith made to you and how you are with others>

- **Did you manage to get to a group last week?**
- **If not, it's still not too late to start - Details of groups and their next meetings are on the noticeboard outside the Lady Chapel. Make a note of your preferred group and the time/place of their meeting - and just go along.**
- **You will be made very welcome.**

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 well as those preparing to marry in 2020.*

- To register to attend, email Lianne Pap - lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org

Sacrament of the Sick

Time was, and it is a view which lingers long in some people's understanding, when the sacrament of the anointing of the sick 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 6th 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.

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!!!

- 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.

Getting married? A reminder that a minimum of 6 month's notice is required for those who intend to marry in the Catholic Church.

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

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.

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 **THIS** Sunday, and leave in bags in the porch.

Parish

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.

Teas & Coffees after Sun morning Masses.

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: March 1.*

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...

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

Diocese

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

Please pray for Bishop-Elect David Oakley to be ordained bishop on Thurs 19 March 2020 at the Cathedral Church of Our Lady Immaculate and St Thomas of Canterbury, Northampton.

MASS AND OTHER LITURGIES 5th Week in Ordinary Time

Sa	8	5th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 1</i>	1715 1800	Sacrament of Confession Luke Gill RIP (Gill)
Su	9		0900 1100 1800	Jerry Harrington RIP -8th Anniv (Harrington) For the parish <i>Exposition and Evening Prayer</i>
M	10	St Scholastica	1000* 1500	Philip Cassera RIP and decsd family <i>Rosary for Vocations</i>
T	11		1000*	Nancy King RIP (O'Gorman)
W	12		1000*	Iris Shephard RIP (Parkes)
Th	13			
F	14	<i>Ss Cyril and Methodius</i>	1900*	Marie Cullo RIP (Regan) <i>w. Exposition and prayer for victims of abuse</i>
Sa	15	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	1715 1800	Sacrament of Confession Pat Connolly (Hempenstall)
Su	16		0900 1100	For the parish John and Elizabeth Reilly RIP

Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday

Sir 15:15-20 / Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 / 1 Cor 2:6-10 / Mt 5:17-37

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.

Baptism, Matrimony, by arrangement.

Anointing of the Sick: 1st Friday at 11am and 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 Noel Moffitt, Timothy O'Leary, Chris Palgrave, Maureen Cleary, Mary McEvoy, David Meade 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: Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

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

2. Look into Your Life

- **Q4 Children:** What is good and helpful about light? And about being a follower of Jesus?

- **Q4 Youth:** Whose life can you see that you have made better?

- **Q4 Adults:** What challenges you about being called to be salt of the earth and light of the world?

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;

knock and it shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

You shall not live by bread alone,
But by every word

That proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
allelu, alleluia.

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

Isaiah 58:7-10

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and do not turn from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.

Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'

If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

Psalms 111(112):4-9 (sung by all)

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory.

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. *Alleluia!*

Matthew 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

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

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ for you.
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on the journey,
We are travellers on the road.
We are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will bear the Christ-light for you,
in the night time of your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping.
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joys and sorrows,
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we will find such harmony,
born of all we've shared together
of Christ's love and agony.

Will you let me be your servant,
let me be as Christ for you.
Pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

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

*Bread of life, truth eternal,
Broken now to set us free.*

*The risen Christ, his saving power,
Is here in Bread and Wine for me.*

Lord, I know I am not worthy to receive you.
You speak the words and I am healed.
Here at your table, Love's mystery:
One bread, one cup, one family.

Lord by your cross, you reconciled us to the Father.
We have only to believe.
Your sacrifice, our victory,
Now by your blood we are redeemed.

Lord, you gave your people manna in the desert,
Still you fulfil our every need.
Lord when we hunger, Lord, when we thirst,
We come to you and we receive

Concluding Rites

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to him, do not be afraid,
in him rejoicing: the Lord is near;
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THE GOD WHO SPEAKS



The God Who Speaks is a year promoted by the Bishops to highlight the importance of the Scriptures for the healthy life of the Church and of Christians.

A range of events are being arranged in Birmingham Archdiocese under the auspices of *The God Who Speaks*. These include:

- **4 lectures on the Passion of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew**, by Fr Andrew Robinson at Oscott College. First lecture, 8pm on 12th March.
- **Proud2Profess** an event organised at Oscott College by the Kennelm Trust. Day is suitable for those aged 14+ 4th April, beginning at 11am.
- **Flower Festival** at St Chad's Cathedral. The floral displays will have a focus on St Matthew's Gospel. 9.45am on 12th June to 7pm, 14th June
- **St John Henry Newman and Scripture**. A day to focus on the new saint and the importance of sacred scripture in his life and writings. 7th October at Oscott College

More details at:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/events/category/god-who-speaks-events>

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