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

St Joseph's, Coleshill, offers residential care in a Catholic setting to older people and those with dementia (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.

Catholic People's Weeks A volunteer lay-led organisation founded in 1945

In Hospital or going there?

Catholic Chaplains are appointed to all of the local hospitals.

Patients, and relatives of patients, are urged to make sure that Catholic patients 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 when they experience serious ill health. If you would like to receive the Sacrament, please let Fr Allen know.

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!!!

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.



One of the questions considered by those taking part in these groups last week was about what Jesus meant to them. One way of considering the question is to think, when I 'see' Jesus in my mind's eye, what is he doing?

Is he, for example, teaching or healing? Performing a miracle? As a baby in the manger? As a man tempted in the desert? Do you see him nailed to the cross or standing in the garden risen from the dead?

There are countless alternatives. Why do you think this or particular image or images have 'stuck' with you? In other words, what matters to you about Jesus?

Did you manage to get to an Owning our Faith and Calling group when they started?

- **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.**

which runs residential events and holidays for families/single people along with some adults' only events. *Pick up this year's brochure in the porch or visit www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org*

Faith in Politics is a Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs

internship scheme which began in 2003. It uniquely offers a foundation of Catholic faith and spiritual formation for those who believe they may have a vocation to public service in politics or public affairs. *Closing date: 28 Feb 2020 <http://faithinpolitics.org.uk/apply/>*

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.

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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Parish

Retiring Collection today. The annual for the charity *Life* is held today. *Life* saves lives and advances the Gospel of *Life* by lovingly supporting those in crisis pregnancy in a way that upholds the utmost respect for human life. Their support includes giving counselling, housing, free mum and baby supplies, and financial assistance to anyone affected by abortion or pregnancy loss in any way. Their *Pregnancy Matters* service helps 70 people every single day.

Teas & Coffees after Sun am Masses.

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

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.

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
- 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.

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

MASS AND OTHER LITURGIES 6th Week in Ordinary Time

Sa	15	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1715 1800	Sacrament of Confession Pat Connolly (Hempenstall)
Su	16	<i>Psalter Week 2</i>	0900 1100	For the parish John and Elizabeth Reilly RIP
M	17		1000* 1500	Anne Gallagher RIP (Evans) <i>Rosary for Vocations</i>
T	18		1000*	Bridget Broom (O'Gorman)
W	19		1000*	Marie Cullo RIP (Regan)
Th	20			
F	21		1900*	Mike Moran RIP (Moran) w. <i>Exposition and prayer for victims of abuse</i>
Sa	22	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1715 1800	Sacrament of Confession Francisca Phil Ebosie (Ani)
Su	23	<i>Psalter Week 3</i>	0900 1100 1800	Bridget Broom RIP (Mooney) For the parish <i>Exposition and Evening Prayer</i>

Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18 / Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 / 1 Cor 3:16-23 / Mt 5:38-48

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 Mary McEvoy, David Meade, Emily Zytkevicz and all whose anniversaries of death are at this time: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Help others keep Lent well...

Came up in one of the Faith Group meetings... What one book would you recommend as a book to read in Lent and why? Email suggestions to stnicholasrc@btinternet.com and suggestions will appear on a notice board near you very soon.

...and to love the word of God

And this came up too. What verse of scripture inspires you? Again - please email your favourite verse so these too can be pinned up and shared...

Whole Community Catechesis:

6th 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

- **Q4Children:** How do you feel when someone tells you a lie?
- **Q4Youth:** When do you find it easiest 'to do what you are told'?
- **Q4Adults:** When you see a gap between what you believe (or like!) and what the Church teaches, do you try to resolve the tension? If so, how? If not, why not?

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their heart is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens,
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their King.

Still to the lowly soul
He does himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooses the pure in heart.

Lord, we thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for Thee.

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

Ecclesiasticus 15:16-21

If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

Psalm 118(119):1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34 (sung by all)

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts.

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You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may see
the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart.

1 Corinthians 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life. *Alleluia!*

Matthew 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven.

'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven.

'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly,

you will not get out till you have paid the last penny.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell.

'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

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

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love:
taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken; words of one who died:
Take my body, take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.

Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
as He promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.'

Through the Father, with the Spirit,
one in union with the Son,
for God's people, joined in prayer,
faith is strengthened by the food we share.

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

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be;
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
so shall I never, ever part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
in death's dread moment make me only thine;
call me, and bid me come to thee on high,
when I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Concluding Rites

Jesus, Name above all names,
Beautiful Saviour, Glorious Lord;
Emmanuel, God is with us,
Blessed Redeemer, Living Word.