

All EU, EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK are required by the government to apply through its Settlement Scheme to continue living, working and accessing services here. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021. Details and links to the application process can be found at: gov.uk/eusettledstatus

The Catholic Church in England and Wales stands in solidarity with all European citizens who have made their homes here. They are a valued part of our parishes, schools and communities. Please bring this to the attention of friends, family members and fellow parishioners who may need to apply. Information on assistance for those who may have difficulty applying is available at: gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme

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

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.

Faith in Politics is a Catholic Parliamentary & Public Affairs internship scheme. It offers a foundation of Catholic

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.

Owning our Faith and Calling

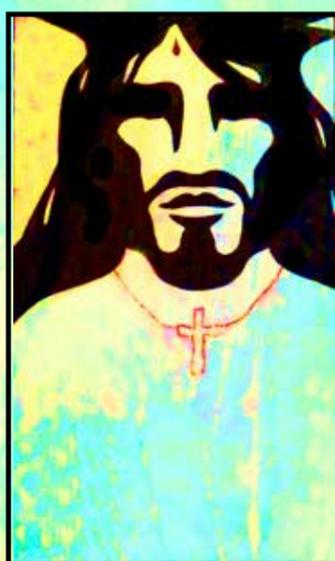
An opportunity to deepen faith and build up community. Monthly small group meetings to reflect on Scripture, on the person and mission of Jesus Christ, and how they connect with our own experience and desires.

During the first meeting people were reminded that the meaning of the name Jesus is 'God saves' and gave some thought to what that salvation might mean.

Some of the suggestions were that Jesus has paid the price of our sins, allowing us to be forgiven for our sins; that Jesus shows what is right to do – and helps us to do it; that Jesus protects us from the devil and our enemies. What would your answer be? And what does it mean to you that this is how Jesus is for you and others?

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 join in - details of next meetings will be confirmed next week (but take place following the first weekend in March)**
- **However one group has its first meeting THIS week. They will meet at 1.30pm on As Wednesday in the upstairs room of the Bishop Vesey pub. What a good way to start Lent! All are welcome.**



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

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/>

Addiction to Freedom (Practical wisdom from a recovering addict) Sutton

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.

C'field Baptist Church, 27 Oct, 7-10pm

Catholic chaplain to HMP Hewell. Applications are invited for this post with is open to either lay or ordained Catholics. Salary £27,021 - £30,415 pro rata. Full details at <https://bit.ly/2vSrDEZ>

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for March is that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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



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Parish

Retiring Collection. Thank you for your support of the *Life* Collection last Sunday, which raised £285.38.

Teas & Coffees after Sun am Masses.

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day on Friday 6 March is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by CAFOD's founding mothers. For sixty years it has been an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope *next* Sunday week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work. **How will you mark this important day with your family and friends?**

SVP annual raffle. Tickets on sale in porch after Mass this weekend.

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 8pm on Fri, 20th March in the Benedict Room – read Chapters 14 and 15 and just come along...

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

Whole Community Catechesis: 7th 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 are you most like Jesus?
- **Q4Youth:** Why might your enemy not love you? What might help overcome that failing in them?
- **Q4Adults:** What encourages you to share what you have? What discourages you?

MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES 7th Week in Ordinary Time

Sa	22	7th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 3</i>	1715 1800	Sacrament of Confession Francisca Phil Ebosie (Ani)
Su	23		0900 1100 1800	Bridget Broom RIP (Mooney) For the parish <i>Exposition and Evening Prayer</i>
M	24		1000 1500	<i>Michael John Kilroy - Ints (Moran)</i> <i>Rosary for Vocations</i>
T	25		1000*	Agnes Byrne RIP (Byrne)
W	26	Ash Wednesday <i>(All liturgies include imposition of ashes)</i>	0700 1000* 1330 1900*	Liturgy of the Word Olwyn Foster RD (O'Gorman) Liturgy of the Word with KS1 from St Nicholas For the parish
Th	27			
F	28		1000 1100 1900*	Mass w. St Nicholas school KS1- all welcome <i>Exposition and Sacrament of the Sick</i> Bridget Broom RD (Sterling) w. <i>Exposition and prayer for victims of abuse</i>
Sa	29	First Sunday in Lent	1715 1800	<i>Sacrament of Confession</i> Joseph & Mary Enright RIP (Ord)
Su	1	<i>Psalter Week 1</i>	0900 1100	Frank Kemp RIP (Redmond) For the parish

Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7 / Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 / Rom 5:12-19 / Mt 4:1-11

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 Bob Perks whose funeral is on Tuesday 10th March at 11am, for Ray Simmonds, Margaret Healy, John Banks and all whose anniversaries of death are at this time: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Diocese

The Sower The Lent edition of this Diocesan publication will be available (free!) next weekend.

Please pray for Bishop-Elect David Oakley to be ordained bishop on Thurs 19 March 2020 at Northampton Cathedral.

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 and those preparing to marry in 2020.*

- 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 CAFOD Birmingham: 01922 722944 or birmingham@cafod.org.uk

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

Tabor House. Brum's permanent night shelter seeks volunteer helpers to assist with hospitality, mentoring and befriending. Detail on noticeboard of open event on 4 March to give more details.

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

*A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.*

By this shall all men know
that you are my disciples
If you have love one for another.

You are my friends
if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.

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

Leviticus 19:1-2,17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: 'Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them:

'Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.

'You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.'"

Psalms 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13 (sung by all)

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

1 Corinthians 3:16-23

Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple.

Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men's thoughts: he knows how useless they are; or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. *Alleluia!*

Matthew 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.'

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

Take my hands and make them as your own,
And use them for your kingdom here on earth,
Consecrate them to your care,
Anoint them for your service where,
You may need your Gospel to be sown.

Take my hands they speak now for my heart,
And by their actions they will show their love,
Guard them on their daily course,
Be their strength and guiding force,
To over serve the Trinity above.

Take my hands I give them to you Lord,
Prepare them for the service of your name,
Open them to human need,
And by their love they'll sow your seed,
So all may know the love and hope you give.

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

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred let me bring your love;
where there is injury your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
where there is darkness only light;
and where there's sadness ever joy.

Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;
In giving to our neighbour we receive;
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Concluding Rites

Be still and know I am with you,
be still I am the Lord.
I will not leave you orphans.
I leave with you my word, be one.

You fear the light may be fading,
you fear to lose your way.
Be still and know I am near you.
I'll lead you to the day, and the sun.

Be glad the day you have sorrow,
be glad for then you love.
The stars shine only in darkness,
and in your need I give my peace.

From Psalm 102 vv1-15

O Lord, hear my prayer,
and let my cry come to you.
Do not hide your face from me
in the day of my distress.
Turn your ear toward me;
on the day when I call, speedily answer me.

For my days are vanishing like smoke;
my bones burn away like a furnace.
My heart is withered and dried up like the grass.
I forget to eat my bread.
Because of the sound of my groaning,
my skin clings to my bones.
I have become like a vulture in the desert,
like an owl among the ruins.
I lie awake and I moan,
like a bird alone on a roof.
All day long my foes revile me;
those who deride me use my name as a curse.

I have eaten ashes like bread,
and mingled tears with my drink.
Because of your anger and fury,
you have lifted me up and thrown me down.
My days are like a fading shadow,
and I wither away like the grass.
But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever,
and your renown is from age to age.
You will arise and take pity on Sion,
for this is the time to have mercy;
yes, the time appointed has come.
Behold, your servants love her very stones,
are moved to pity for her dust.