

Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40

Moses said to the people: 'Put this question to the ages that are past, that went before you, from the time God created man on earth: Was there ever a word so majestic, from one end of heaven to the other? Was anything ever heard? Did ever a people hear the voice of the living God speaking from the heart of the fire, as you heard it, and remain alive? Has any god ventured to take to himself one nation from the midst of another by ordeals, signs, wonders, war with mighty hand and outstretched arm, by fearsome terrors – all this that the Lord your God did for you before your eyes in Egypt?

'Understand this today, therefore, and take it to heart: the Lord is God indeed, in heaven above as on earth beneath, he and no other. Keep his laws and commandments as I give them to you today, so that you and your children may prosper and live long in the land that the Lord your God gives you for ever.'

Psalms 32(33):4-6,9,18-20,22

*Happy the people
the Lord has chosen as his own.*

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

By his word the heavens were made,
by the breath of his mouth all the stars.
He spoke; and it came to be.
He commanded; it sprang into being.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Romans 8:14-17

Everyone moved by the Spirit is a son of God. The spirit you received is not the spirit of slaves bringing fear into your lives again; it is the spirit of sons, and it makes us cry out, 'Abba, Father!' The Spirit himself and our spirit bear united witness that we are children of God. And if we are children we are heirs as well: heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, sharing his sufferings so as to share his glory.

Next Week: Sunday of 6th Week in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Genesis 3:9 – 15 / Psalm 130:1 – 8 / 2 Corinthians 4:13 – 5:1 / Mark 3:20 – 35

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come. *Alleluia!*

Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus... we must pray to Jesus to give us the tenderness of the Eucharist.
St Teresa of Calcutta.

Exposition and Benediction at St Nicholas

Sunday 1800—1900	Exposition and Evening Prayer <i>2nd and 4th Sundays of the month</i>
Monday 1500—1600	Exposition and Rosary
Friday 1100—1130	Exposition and Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick
Saturday 1700-1740	Exposition and opportunity for Sacrament of Confession



Additional times of Exposition are arranged from time to time. Details are printed in the parish newsletter (available in the church and www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk)

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The Ordinary of the Mass is found on p200 ff of Laudate.

This week's Musical settings of Gloria, Holy, Memorial Acclamation and Lamb of God are 1013 ff in Laudate.



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In The Light Of The Master

Over the coming weeks this column features Pope Francis' reflections on the Beatitudes.

There can be any number of theories about what constitutes holiness, with various explanations and distinctions. Such reflection may be useful, but nothing is more enlightening than turning to Jesus' words and seeing his way of teaching the truth. Jesus explained with great simplicity what it means to be holy when he gave us the Beatitudes (cf. Mt 5:3-12; Lk 6:20-23). The Beatitudes are like a Christian's identity card. So if anyone asks: "What must one do to be a good Christian?", the answer is clear. We have to do, each in our own way, what Jesus told us in the Sermon on the Mount. [In the Beatitudes, we find a portrait of the Master, which we are called to reflect in our daily lives.

The word "happy" or "blessed" thus becomes a synonym for "holy". It expresses the fact that those faithful to God and his word, by their self-giving, gain true happiness.

Going Against The Flow

Although Jesus' words may strike us as poetic, they clearly run counter to the way things are usually done in our world. Even if we find Jesus' message attractive, the world pushes us towards another way of living. The Beatitudes are in no way trite or undemanding, quite the opposite. We can only practise them if the Holy Spirit fills us with his power and frees us from our weakness, our selfishness, our complacency and our pride.

Let us listen once more to Jesus, with all the love and respect that the Master deserves. Let us allow his words to unsettle us, to challenge us and to demand a real change in the way we live. Otherwise, holiness will remain no more than an empty word. We turn now to the individual Beatitudes in the Gospel of Matthew (cf. Mt 5:3-12).

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Parish Lunch...

All are invited to a shared parish lunch in the Carpenters Arms on Sunday 10 June, directly after the 11am Mass. *The social opportunities for members of the parish to meet together and get to know other parishioners and their families are few and far between, so please make good use of this opportunity*



...with Children's National/Fancy Dress parade with prizes, including Best Costume in age groups Under 4; Under 6; Under 10.

Celebrate our diversity... It would be lovely at our celebration to taste something of the national or regional foods associated with the various areas and nations from which our community comes. It would be good, too, to have live or recorded music for the celebration - again regional and national flavours would be especially welcome.

Happy to sing, play instruments or provide 'ethnic' CDs (including English!)? please sign up in porch today.

The parish will provide drinks, but parishioners are all invited to bring a plate of food to share. (NB Please bring plenty to share! Families might like to cooperate and, for example, bring a particular course)

Masses Trinity Sunday and week 8 in Ordinary Time

Su	26	Holy Trinity <i>(From Monday: 8th Week of Ordinary Time, Psalter Wk 4)</i>	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Terence Devenney RIP (Devenney)
Su	27		0900 1100 1800	For the parish Michael Ward RIP (Ward) Exposition and Evening Prayer (4th Sunday of month)
M	28	Mary, Mother of the Church	1000 * 1500	May Kerins (Devane) Expositon of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
T	29	Sol. of Dedication	1000 *	Mairead Knowles RIP Anniv (Devlin)
W	30			
Th	31	Visitation of BVM	0800	Sean McGreal (Health) Sterling
F	1	St Justin	1100 1900 *	Exposition and anointing of the sick Annie McGrath RD (Ord)
S	2	Corpus Christi <i>(From Monday: 9th Week of Ordinary Time, Psalter Wk1)</i>	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession For the parish
Su	3		0900 1100 1800	Jessie Mary Redmond RIP (Redmond) Annie McGrath RD (Sterling) Exposition and Evening Prayer (Corpus Christi)

Morning/Evening Prayer 20 mins before weekday Masses, as indicated above *.
Exposition: & Vespers 2nd & 4th Suns, 6-7pm; **& Benediction** Mon 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/

Please pray for sick parishioners including Gino Mastroianni, Margaret Stroud, Philip Redmond, Jude Turner, Margaret O'Gorman, Peter & Olwyn Foster, Mary Gavin, Frank Kemp, Brenda Davies; Leah Burke, Tess Carnero, Joan James, Sarah Johnston, Bridie Moffatt, Bernie Morton, Danuta Evans, Michael McDermott - and Fr Gabriel Maguire, our Dean. **Please pray for all who have died** including Leslie Stuchbury, Zacariah Rutherford, James Dougherty, Sharon Timperley and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Parish

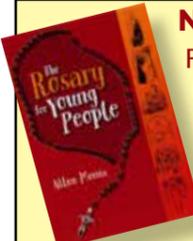
Monday Rosary for Vocations. The Rosary group meets each Monday at 3pm to pray for all vocations in the Church. *This week we pray for vocations to the Religious life*

Travelling Solo Next meeting coincides with the parish lunch - Carpenter's Arms, Sunday 10th June after the 11am Mass. All who 'travel alone' - single, the divorced or separated, widows and widowers - are welcome.

Preparation for Baptism of Infants. The next preparation programme begins Sat 23 June from 11-12noon, in the Benedict Room. Pl see Fr Allen before hand and complete an application form.

Do you drive to church on Sunday morning? If so - and if you can - please use the school car park, accessible at the

New for May 2018
Fr Allen's guide to the Rosary for the young and the young at heart! On sale now in the Repository for £2.50



Parents & children's choir

Parents and children (any age!) are invited to a brief get together after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 16th June to help form a new parents and children's choir, (indeed possibly even three groups, one for each of the Sunday Masses.) To start with their role would be simply to lead the singing of a Communion song once a month. They would join with the existing musicians - where they exist. Children in the choir need to be accompanied by one or more parent/guardian.) At the meeting on 16th June we will look how best to support the group and when would be the most convenient time for a monthly rehearsal.



In Hospital or going there?

Roman Catholic Chaplains are appointed to all of the local hospitals.

Patients, and relatives of patients, are urged to make sure that Catholic patients admitted to hospital 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.

Thank you to the parish's Commissioned ministers of Holy Communion. They perform a very important role, assisting with our reverent reception of the Lord of Life in Holy Communion.

At Sunday's meeting we did some valuable work in reflecting on our relationship to the Eucharist outside of Mass - for example in services of Exposition and Benediction, and in private prayer before the Sacrament reserved in the tabernacle. This was in preparation for September's *Adoremus* Eucharistic Congress in Liverpool where these matters will be at the heart of what is being considered and encouraged.



Next Sunday is Corpus Christi.

- Ministers of Holy Communion will be commissioned for ministry for the coming year.

- Each Mass will conclude with a five minute period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

NB A new guide to how to get the best out of private prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is available from our website and Blog. Printed copies are also available: they cost £1 and are available from the Repository.

end of Wakefield Close, the next turning on the right, away from Boldmere Road. This keeps the church car park is kept relatively free for those who most need to use it.

Refreshments in Benedict Room after Sunday 9 and 10am Masses (also after 10am Mass on Tuesdays). All welcome.

Readers trip to London on 30th May. Joining instructions etc available in porch.

Diocese

Residential and Respite Care St Joseph's Home, Coleshill, offers residential care in a Catholic setting to older people and those living with dementia. Respite available for those who could benefit from a short stay. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered at St Joseph's, please call 01675 434500 for an informal chat or to arrange a visit.

Archdiocese of Birmingham Historical Commission Monday 25

For the sick and those who care for them

A simple and brief monthly service of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayer for the sick and for carers, and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Followed by light lunch.

11am on First Fridays. Next service is June 1st

Parish Book Clubs.

- The next book for the **Monday evening Book Club** is the novel *The Cellist of Sarejovo* by Steven Galloway. Read the book and come to parish house at 8pm on Mon 18 June for glass of wine and a chat.
- The first meeting of the new **Wednesday morning Book Club** will meet for coffee and cake and chat after the 10am Mass on Wednesday 13 June. The first book up for discussion is Cardinal Nichol's new book: *Faith finding a voice*.

Parish Scripture Study Group

The next session of the **Wednesday Scripture and Cake group** will look at the Old Testament book of the Prophet of Hosea.: Weds 6 June at 7pm. Pl read through the book and consider what it says about love and relationships between human beings and human beings and God.

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for May is that the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

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



June, 1045-1600 in the Grimshaw Room, Birmingham. Talks on England Rome: Anglo-papal relationship c1350-1870. Full details in porch or from jjs_lspa@btinternet.com or 01926 428255.

Other

Adoremus, the Eucharistic Congress.

You can still buy a ticket for *Adoremus*. Taking place in Liverpool from 7-9 September, tickets are £40 per day for Friday and Saturday, with seminars and speakers including Bishop Robert Barron and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. To find out more and to book a place visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/adoremus.

Sacred Heart Novena & Pilgrimage to Shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Maryvale Institute. Thurs 31 May - 8 June: Sermon and Novena each evening at 8pm; Confession 7-7.45 pm. Sunday 10 June, 3.00 pm Mass and Blessed Sacrament Procession.

A 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

'Does the Family continue to be good news for today's world? I am sure the answer is yes! And this yes is firmly based on God's plan.'

Pope Francis, March 2017

See resources at www.world-meeting2018.ie

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Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven"

The Gospel invites us to peer into the depths of our heart, to see where we find our security in life. Usually the rich feel secure in their wealth, and think that, if that wealth is threatened, the whole meaning of their earthly life can collapse. Jesus himself tells us this in the parable of the rich fool: he speaks of a man who was sure of himself, yet foolish, for it did not dawn on him that he might die that very day (cf. Lk 12:16-21).

Wealth ensures nothing. Indeed, once we think we are rich, we can become so self-satisfied that we

again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need! More info from 0788 729 6983 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Maryvale scholarship for BD course for academic year 2018-19. Details from undergrad@maryvale.ac.uk



leave no room for God's word, for the love of our brothers and sisters, or for the enjoyment of the most important things in life. In this way, we miss out on the greatest treasure of all. That is why Jesus calls blessed those who are poor in spirit, those who have a poor heart, for there the Lord can enter with his perennial newness.

This spiritual poverty is closely linked to what Saint Ignatius of Loyola calls "holy indifference", which brings us to a radiant interior freedom: "We need to train ourselves to be indifferent in our attitude to all created things, in all that is permitted to our free will and not forbidden; so that on our part, we do not set our hearts on good health rather than bad, riches rather than poverty, honour rather than dishonour, a long life rather than a short one, and so in all the rest".

Luke does not speak of poverty "of spirit" but simply of those who are "poor" (cf. Lk 6:20). In this way, he too invites us to live a plain and austere life. He calls us to share in the life of those most in need, the life lived by the Apostles, and ultimately to configure ourselves to Jesus who, though rich, "made himself poor" (2 Cor 8:9).

Being poor of heart: that is holiness.

Pope Francis *Gaudete et Exsultate*, 63-70

A Future for All...



Implementing the Christian imperative to care for our World

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Saturday 14th July 10.00am - 4.00pm
Priory Rooms, Bull Street, Birmingham, B4 6AF

An ecumenical day of worship, speakers, workshops and conversations.

We'll be learning from each other and discovering action we can take: individually and together.

Register at: centralenglandquakers.org.uk/futureforall

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Speakers

Bishop David Atkinson - scientist, theologian and author of "Renewing the Face of the Earth: A theological and pastoral response to climate change"

Paul Parker - Britain Yearly Meeting Recording Clerk: Quaker's commitment to becoming a low carbon community and working for climate justice

Rich Bee - Engagement Director at A Rocha UK: A Rocha's vision of all churches caring for creation as an integral part of loving their neighbours and following God faithfully.

Workshops (TBC)

- Worship and teaching
- Growing children and youth
- A Rocha UK Eco Church Project
- Buildings issues
- Engaging with politicians
- Fossil fuel divestment
- Interfaith opportunities

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