

### Exodus 24:3-8

Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, 'We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.' Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, 'We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.' Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. This' he said 'is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.'

### Psalm 115(116):12-13,15-18

*The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.*

How can I repay the Lord  
for his goodness to me?

The cup of salvation I will raise;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

O precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;  
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;  
I will call on the Lord's name.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil  
before all his people.

### Hebrews 9:11-15

Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than the one made by men's hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.

### Next Week: Sunday of 10<sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Genesis 3:9 - 15 / Psalm 130:1 - 2, 3 - 4, 5 - 6, 7 - 8 / 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:1 / Mark 3:20 - 35

He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

### Mark 14:12-16,22-26

On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, 'Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?' So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, 'Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, "The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?" He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.' The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.

And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. 'Take it,' he said 'this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks

he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, 'This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.'

After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.

**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**

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

*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

*Continuing Pope Francis' reflections on the Beatitudes:*

**Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth**

These are strong words in a world that from the beginning has been a place of conflict, disputes and enmity on all sides, where we constantly pigeonhole others on the basis of their ideas, their customs and even their way of speaking or dressing. Ultimately, it is the reign of pride and vanity, where each person thinks he or she has the right to dominate others. Nonetheless, impossible as it may seem, Jesus proposes a different way of doing things: the way of meekness. This is what we see him doing with his disciples. It is what we contemplate on his entrance to Jerusalem: 'Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey' (Mt 21:5; Zech 9:9).

Christ says: 'Learn from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your souls' (Mt 11:29). If we are constantly upset and impatient with others, we will end up drained and weary. But if we regard the faults and limitations of others with tenderness and meekness, without an air of superiority, we can actually help them and stop wasting our energy on useless complaining. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux tells us that 'perfect charity consists in putting up with others' mistakes, and not being scandalized by their faults'.

Paul speaks of meekness as one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit (cf. Gal 5:23). He suggests that, if a wrongful action of one of our brothers or sisters troubles us, we should try to correct them, but 'with a spirit of meekness', since 'you too could be tempted' (Gal 6:1). Even when we defend our faith and convictions, we are to do so 'with meekness' (cf. 1 Pet 3:16). Our enemies too are to be treated 'with meekness' (2

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## Corpus Christi

Mass today will end with a brief time of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament and with Benediction.

The Blessed Sacrament is exposed at the end of the distribution of Holy Communion. Please kneel together with the priest in adoration of Jesus' presence in the Sacrament.

The time of adoration (2-3 minutes) will conclude with

- A brief litany. (We respond to each phrase with 'Pray for us')
- A prayer of thanksgiving
- Benediction

Please remain kneeling until after Benediction, and the Blessed Sacrament is reposed in the Tabernacle. We then stand together and end Mass by singing together the first two verses of hymn 833, *O Thou who at thy Eucharist didst pray.*



### Masses Corpus Christi and week 9 in Ordinary Time

Su	2	Corpus Christi (From Monday: 9th Week of Ordinary Time, Psalter Wk1)	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)
M	4		0800 1500	Annie McGrath RD (Wilkinson) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
T	5	St Boniface	1000 *	Peter Fitzpatrick RD (Devane)
W	6		1000 *	John Gallagher RD (Lawlor)
Th	7			
F	8	Sacred Heart of Jesus	1900 *	Elish Kearney RD (James)
S	9	10th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Psalter Wk2	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Margaret Evans - health
Su	10		0900 1100 1800	For the parish Ints of Keaney Family Exposition and Evening Prayer (2nd Sunday)

**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.

**Travelling Solo** Next meeting is with the parish lunch - Carpenter's Arms, Sunday

10th June after the 11am Mass. All who 'travel alone' - single, divorced, 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 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.

## Diocese

**Archdiocese of Birmingham Historical Commission** Monday 25 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](mailto:jjs_lspa@btinternet.com) or 01926 428255.

**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.

## Other

**Art, Beauty & Inspiration from a Catholic Perspective.** A study day led by Dr. Mary Beal. Art: The Light versus the Dark. A challenging look. (Luke 21:5-6, John 2:19). £15, including lunch. 10am-4pm, 9th June 2018. Please book in advance: Email: [feadmin@maryvale.ac.uk](mailto:feadmin@maryvale.ac.uk) Phone: 0121 360 8118

**Prodigal Daughter** Rachel McKenzie as *The Prodigal Daughter*. Thursday 14th June, 8.00pm. One woman's journey from abuse, abortion and despair back into the Father's arms. Entry free.

**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](http://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. Sun 10 June, 3.00 pm Mass and Blessed Sacrament Procession.

**A Lifeline for Marriages** Is your marriage stressed, unloving,

**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)



## 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.



## A Future for All...



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Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> 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](http://centralenglandquakers.org.uk/futureforall)

## Prayer before the Blessed Sacrament

A new guide to introduce or re-introduce us to the practice 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.



## Year for Priests

Please take a copy of the Prayer card for the year.

Archbishop Bernard asks that you pray the prayer for the priests of the Archdiocese (and others working here?!) and for vocations to priesthood.

## Parish Book Clubs.

1. 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.
2. 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*.

## 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 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/>



## Out'n>About group and Travelling Solo Trip Sunday July 1st

*All parishioners and friends welcome!*

Visit to the National Trust property at Baddesley Clinton - a moated house owned by Catholics during the years of persecution - with priest holes and chapel, and lovely garden and places to sit and relax too.

We will leave after the 11 am Mass on Sunday 1st July. You could go by train - either to Lapworth or Birmingham International (1.5 and 9 miles from the house respectively); and some might like to cycle (it's 20 miles from Boldmere) - but easiest is to travel by car. Hopefully many of those driving will be able to offer lifts to those who have no car. Admission to the house and gardens is £11.45 for adults, £5.70 for children, (free to members of the National Trust.)

Good food is available on site, but you feel free to bring a picnic lunch!



'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.worldmeeting2018.ie](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie)



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Tim 2:25). In the Church we have often erred by not embracing this demand of God's word.

Meekness is yet another expression of the interior poverty of those who put their trust in God alone. Indeed, in the Bible the same word - anawim - usually refers both to the poor and to the meek. Someone might object: 'If I am that meek, they will think that I am an idiot, a fool or a weakling'. At times they may, but so be it. It is always better to be meek, for then our deepest desires will be fulfilled. The meek 'shall inherit the earth', for they will see God's promises accomplished in their lives. In every situation, the meek put their hope in the Lord, and those who hope for him shall possess the land... and enjoy the fullness of peace (cf. Ps 37:9.11). For his part, the Lord trusts in them: 'This is the one to whom I will look, to the humble and contrite in spirit, who trembles at my word' (Is 66:2).

Reacting with meekness and humility: that is holiness.

Pope Francis  
*Gaudete et Exsultate, 63-70*

## 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.