

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Come along to the Benedict Room on Thursday 13th June at 7pm.

Come and hear how you can be helped for the next steps you wish to take on the journey in faith.



Poetry, Wine and Cheese! At Holy Trinity Catholic Church on Saturday 15th June at 7.30pm in the form of a Poetry Evening—Join us for an evening of shared Poetry! Or just sit back and enjoy. Bring a classic or modern favourite or hear other people share theirs. There will be wine and cheese, feel free to bring your own refreshments. All are welcome.

CATENIANS AND TABOR HOUSE Staff from the Tabor Project (an offshoot of Fr. Hudson's Homes) will talk about their work in looking after the homeless in Birmingham. Some Catenians visited their base and were very impressed with their facilities and work. All parishioners are most welcome. There will be time allowed for questions from those attending. Monday, 10th of June, at 7.30 at Moor Hall Hotel. Cost £25 includes a 3- course meal. Details at www.suttoncoldfieldcatenians232circle.com/events or phone Peter Westbrook on 07710811249.

Meetings for parents whose children are beginning to prepare to receive Confirmation, Reconciliation & Holy Communion for the first time in 2025

Parents will want to give the very best support to their children as they prepare for these key moments in their young lives, and in their developing their lives in faith.

However parents will know the value of receiving some help and support to help them play their part as best they can. There are all sorts of reasons for this. The first of course is that parents are often hungry for help to do their best in all things. But others are that parents of families are not always themselves Catholic or even if they are, they may well not feel secure in their faith, and so can feel quite challenged in speaking about things of faith, or helping their children feel confident in exploring the various things they are being introduced to. Catechists, Schools and Parish will all do the best they can to support children, but no-one can have the impact on the children that their parents can.

As a parish we try to support parents through a booklet which contains a 'refresher' for parents offering some reflections on key aspects of Christian Life and, especially, the Mass. It also includes suggestions of activities for families and children to broaden the scope of the preparation. Copies of this are available for parents following the meeting below.

There is an on-line meeting for parents to learn more about this and ask questions about how the parish can support parents/families over the coming months at 5pm on Sunday 9th June.

Link for Zoom meeting: <https://bit.ly/3yAQbCM>

A NEW TRANSLATION of the Bible for use at Mass is on its way

Hopefully by now everyone does know that a new translation of the Bible - the anglicised *English Standard Version* - is going to be used at Sunday Mass from the First Sunday of Advent.

The new Lectionary is being published by the Catholic Truth Society. They are also publishing new *Sunday Missals*.

There are 3 editions of the Sunday Missal.

The content of the first two is the same, and each are hardbacks, but the quality of the binding/finish varies according to price. The contents are:

- Readings for Sunday and major feasts.
- Order of Mass with all Eucharistic prayers, prefaces, concluding rites and blessings
- Masses for special occasions and needs
- Comprehensive appendix of prayers and devotions for all occasions
- Introductions for major feasts & seasons

1. *CTS Sunday Missal - Standard* £19.95

2. *CTS Sunday Missal - Presentation* £29.95

The third volume is a paperback and contains the readings and prayers only for the Liturgical Year beginning in Advent 2024, and ending on Christ the King 2025.

1. *CTS Sunday Missal for 2024-5* £9.95

These various volumes will not be published until 14th October. And they will be in stock in the Repository as soon as they are available.

However if you wish to order a volume BEFORE 8th June, you will get a 15% discount on the above prices. You do not need to pay now, but you do need to give your order to the volunteers in the Repository so we can add your order to our parish order and secure your discount!

Making your mind up

Guidance from the bishops on some key issues for us to consider before we cast our vote in the forthcoming General Election.

www.cbcew.org.uk/election24/



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JUNE 2024: PARISH MASSES

Sa	8	6pm		Mary Callaghan RIP (Kenny)
Su	9	9am	10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Jessie Mary Redmond RIP (R)
		11am		For the parish
M	10	10am		Angela Davies RIP (Bird)
T	11	10am	St Barnabas	Jean Lawlor - 90th Birthday
W	12			
Th	13			
F	14	7pm		Patrick O'Sullivan RIP
Sa	15	6pm		Caroline Maynard RIP (McGonigle)
Su	16	9am	11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	For the parish
		11am		Private Intention (Evans)

Anointing of the Sick: Next celebration is Friday 30th August at 11am

Sacrament of Confession: Friday 18.30-18.55; 19.30 (after Mass), until 20.00; and Sat 5.30-5.45 — and by appointment

RESOURCES FOR PRAYER.

1. **Parish Morning Prayer:** Mon-Sat, at 8.30am (Zoom link on website)

2. **Readings of the day** and much more at Universalis.com

3. **Getting more from the Sunday Scriptures** Reading and praying with the readings of Sunday Mass before the Sunday (and again after the Sunday) is one of the most best ways of ensuring that our faith is nourished by the Mass. The readings for next Sunday, 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time, are: Ez 17:22 – 24 • Ps 92:2 – 3, 13 – 14, 15 – 16 • 2 Cor 5:6 – 10 • Mk 4:26 – 34

Please pray for those who are sick including Rita Rhodes, Peggy Dalloway, Sue Gill, Mary Daniels, Lucy Szambir, Betty O'Connor; Theresa Monteiro; Brenda Davies; Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin & Jean Lawlor. **Please pray** for Lesley Willis, Elizaabeth Doyle, Herbert Roberts, Anne Masterson, & all whose anniversary occurs at this time.

WEEKDAY SOCIAL. Tuesdays after 10am Mass. All are welcome.

PARISH CAR PARK Free parking for 1 hour is available for anyone at anytime in our carpark. Automatic free parking permits are issued to cover all parking on **Sat** from 5.30 to 7.30pm; on **Sunday** from 8am to 2pm; on **Mon, Tues, Weds** from 9.30 to 11.30am and **Fri** from 6.30 to 8.30pm. *At other times, if on site for parish meetings and the like - to park for more than 1 hour, please scan the QR poster in the church or Benedict Room to extend your 'free' parking time.*

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory **Safeguarding** Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mary Rose. She can be contacted at: sg.stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Interested in becoming Catholic?

Perhaps preparing for Baptism?

Perhaps by being received from another Christian church?

Or perhaps you are baptised Catholic but have never been Confirmed or received Holy Confirmation or Eucharist.

For more information see the back page of this newsletter.

SUNDAY FRIENDS

Our parish 'Sunday Friends' group welcomes all to join in activities on Sunday 9th June from 1-3pm in the Newman Centre, celebrating the Sacred Heart of Jesus. At the heart of the group are people with learning disabilities and autistic people of all ages, faiths or none and their families/carers - but all are welcome. And it's free!

THE NEW BIBLE TRANSLATION

Copies of the new translation of the Bible, which will be used at Mass from the 1st Sunday of Advent, are now on sale in the repository and they cost £17.99.

If you are ordering a copy of the ESV from elsewhere, do make sure that you order a copy of the *English Standard Version – Catholic Edition* which has English spellings, and includes our full bible (not the shorter Bible used by protestant churches).

Sunday Missals are being published for October, and you can reserve a discounted copy in the repository **until the 8th June**. Details on the back page of the newsletter.

Our parish is part of the Catholic Sutton Coldfield Cluster of Parishes, along with the parishes of Holy Cross and St Francis, Walmley; Sacred Heart, Four Oaks; and Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield.

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

Gloria

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.

Glory to God...

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.

Glory to God...

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.

Glory to God... Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

Genesis 3:9-15

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this, 'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts. You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life. I will make you enemies of each other: you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring. It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

Psalm 129(130)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading.

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you.

My soul is waiting for the Lord. /
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak /
and Israel on the Lord.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity.

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal. For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made by human hands, in the heavens.

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!*

Mark 3:20-35

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him' and, 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divid-

ed against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

All: Through our lives and by our prayers,
your kingdom come.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory NB Our next collections for the Bethany Food Bank is NOT June 16th but is July 7th

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

The mystery of faith

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

Concluding Rites

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