

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)

With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

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 divided 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.'

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 <i>1st Friday of the month</i>
Friday 1930—2000	Exposition and prayer for priests
Saturday 1700—1740	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession



Next Week: Sunday of 11th Week in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Ezekiel 17:22 - 24 / Psalm 92:2 - 3, 13 - 14, 15 - 16 / 2 Corinthians 5:6 - 10 / Mark 4:26 - 34

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

The settings of Gloria, Holy, Memorial Acclamation and Lamb of God for Ordinary Time are 1013 ff in Laudate.



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In The Light Of The Master

Pope Francis' reflections on the Beatitudes:

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted

The world tells us exactly the opposite: entertainment, pleasure, diversion and escape make for the good life. The worldly person ignores problems of sickness or sorrow in the family or all around him; he averts his gaze. The world has no desire to mourn; it would rather disregard painful situations, cover them up or hide them. Much energy is expended on fleeing from situations of suffering in the belief that reality can be concealed. But the cross can never be absent.

A person who sees things as they truly are and sympathizes with pain and sorrow is capable of touching life's depths and finding authentic happiness. He or she is consoled, not by the world but by Jesus. Such persons are unafraid to share in the suffering of others; they do not flee from painful situations. They discover the meaning of life by coming to the aid of those who suffer, understanding their anguish and bringing relief. They sense that the other is flesh of our flesh, and are not afraid to draw near, even to touch their wounds. They feel compassion for others in such a way that all distance vanishes. In this way they can embrace Saint Paul's exhortation: "Weep with those who weep" (Rom 12:15).

Knowing how to mourn with others: that is holiness.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled

Hunger and thirst are intense experiences, since they involve basic needs and our instinct for survival. There are those who desire justice and yearn for righteousness with similar intensity. Jesus says that they will be satisfied, for sooner or later justice will come. We can

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PARISH PARTY

After 11 am Mass in the Carpenter's Arms.

All are welcome.

Please bring a plate of food to share!!

PRAYING FOR PRIESTS AND DEEPENING EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

You will remember Archbishop Bernard's Pastoral Letter from last week urging us to pray for priests during the coming year, and to respond generously to the invitation to deepen our devotion to the Lord's presence in the Blessed Sacrament.

We already have a range of opportunities to gather together for prayer before the Blessed Sacrament - see p4 of this newsletter. However for the time being there will also be exposition and prayer for priests immediately following the Friday 7pm Mass. All are welcome - but those attending the 7pm should not feel obliged to remain for the exposition also.

All parishioners are asked to take a copy of the Diocesan prayer card home for use during the year.



Masses Week 10 in Ordinary Time

Su	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)
M	11	St Barnabas	1000 * 1500	Rachel Upham - heath (Burke) Expositon of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
T	12		1000 * 1430	Kathleen Mulhern RIP (Brennan) Mass with St Nicholas School - all welcome.
W	13	St Anthony of Padua	1000 *	Eilish Kearney RD (Devane)
Th	14			
F	15		1900 * 1930	Annie McGrath (Hempenshall) Exposition and Prayer for Priests (30 mins)
S	16	11th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Psalter Wk3	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Winnie Bannister RIP (Gill)
Su	17		0900 1100	Marcella Kiloy - Ints (Byrne) For the parish

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 James O'Riordan, Margaret Knowles, Lesley Willis, Elizabeth Doyle, Herbert Roberts, Mary Belinger and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Parish

SVP Returning collection at Mass today.

Monday Rosary for Vocations. The Rosary group meets each Monday at 3pm to pray for all vocations in the Church.

Churches Together. AGM at Chester Rd Baptist Church. Weds 13 June, 7.30pm

Travelling Solo Next meeting is July 1st and outing to Baddesley Clinton.

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.



Details on p3. 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.

May 505/50 draw. Winners were: 1st prize Mrs C. Brookes; 2nd prize Mrs A. Redmond; 3rd prize Mrs L. Binns.

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 relatively free for those who most need to use it.

Refreshments in Benedict Room after Sunday 9 and 10am Masses (and 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 or 01926 428255.

Other

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.

Sacred Heart Pilgrimage to Shrine of the Sacred Heart of Jesus at Maryvale Institute. Sun 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 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

ACTA retreat 'Finding God in the mess' - Ignatian Spirituality with Margaret Holland, university chaplain. Sunday 24th June at St Paul's Conference Centre, Selly Park, B29 7LL. 10.30 for 11, till 4pm. Pl bring packed lunch. Tea/coffee provided. Mass starting at 3.15pm. All welcome. Please book if possible: email Jean at mjrjordan@hotmail.co.uk

St Edmund Campion Catholic School, Erdington, is seeking to appoint a Raising Achievement Assistant to support students with social, emotional and mental health needs, 32.5 hours pw, term time only. Salary £19,819 - £25,463 (Grade 3) paid pro rata. Application from school on 464 7700 or email beckettj@stedcamp.bham.sch.uk to request an application pack. Closing Date: 22 June 2018.

Groundsman needed at Bishop Walsh School. 3 days per week x 6hours (or equivalent) Very flexible with working hours. If you are interested please contact John Carroll Site Manager at the school on 0121-351-3215 Ex2252

Modern slavery and hand car-washes

Drivers are encouraged to join an national information-gathering campaign headed by the Catholic Church and the Church of England, aimed at eradicating modern slavery in hand car washes.

The Safe Car Wash app can be downloaded for free on to Apple and Android devices. Users can open the app when they are at the car wash and pinpoint their exact location using GPS. They will be then taken through a series of indicators of modern slavery. They range from practical details - such Data from the app will be anonymised and shared with the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA).

I welcome this very helpful and timely initiative in an area of real exploitation. As we learn to see this example of forced labour and modern slavery in our midst, we will also become more aware of the presence of this evil scourge in other sectors in our neighbourhood. Cardinal Vincent Nichols

The App helps drivers to spot the possible signs of slavery including whether workers have access to suitable clothing such as gloves and boots. If there are concerns, people are invited to call the Modern Slavery Helpline on 08000 121 700. Do not confront anyone at the hand car wash and make sure you are in a safe place before making the call. If someone is in immediate danger then call 999.

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

An update on building work and adjustments to the Benedict and McEvilly Rooms.

As previously advised design for the new entrances to both rooms, some new storage space and a tea bar for the Benedict Room have been approved by the Finance Committee. Design drawings are displayed in the main porch.

Tenders are shortly to be invited for this work. Once these are received we apply to the Archdiocese for permission to proceed.

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cooperate to make that possible, even if we may not always see the fruit of our efforts.

Jesus offers a justice other than that of the world, so often marred by petty interests and manipulated in various ways. Experience shows how easy it is to become mired in corruption, ensnared in the daily politics of quid pro quo, where everything becomes business. How many people suffer injustice, standing by powerlessly while others divvy up the good things of this life. Some give up fighting for real justice and opt to follow in the train of the winners. This has nothing to do with the hunger and thirst for justice that Jesus praises.

True justice comes about in people's lives when they themselves are just in their decisions; it is expressed in their pursuit of justice for the poor and the weak. While it is true that the word "justice" can be a synonym for faithfulness to God's will in every aspect of our life, if we give the word too general a meaning, we forget that it is shown especially in justice towards those who are most vulnerable: "Seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow" (Is 1:17).

Hungering and thirsting for righteousness: that is holiness.

Pope Francis
Gaudete et Exsultate, 75-79

A Future for All...



Implementing the Christian imperative to care for our World

ECO CHURCH
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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.
Register at: centralenglandquakers.org.uk/futureforall

Parish Scripture Study Group

The next session of the **Wednesday Scripture and Cake group** is at 7pm on Wednesday 25th July. We are beginning to read the Gospel of Luke - the Gospel that we will hear on Sundays and Feast days beginning in Advent this year. Those coming to the meeting are asked to read Chapters 1 and 2 of the Gospel in preparation for the meeting - and *if they can* to bring along a piece of music or art associated with the chapters...

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.



Parish Book Clubs.

1. 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*.
2. 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.

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 July 6th

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for June is that social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

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 11am 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



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.