Parish repair and renewal project 2026-7 Thank you to every one who submitted their view on the various proposals about the church building. A summary sheet has been prepared and is available on the parish website Use QR code to access it quickly!), or see it in the porch. *Firm proposals for the work are now being drawn up. They will be presented at an open parish meeting at 4pm on 5 July . An outline is already available on-line.*

Diary Date: St Nicholas Primary School Summer Fair. Sat 11 July from 1-3pm. *Admission (for Over-4s) £3.00*

Can you help with Sunday Liturgy of the Word for Children Until recently the parish offered this liturgy for children at the 9am parish Mass. Volunteers availability dried up and it is presently on pause, It would be good to re-start from September - but to do so we need help - someone willing to lead the singing of the alleluia and simple songs; someone to help prepare the prayer area before the liturgy, and people ready to help make up our numbers to meet safeguarding requirements. Interested in learning more? Email Fr A so a meeting can be arranged for all those ready to help.

***Magnifica humanitas* : The grandeur of humanity**

Pope Leo's Encyclical on Social Justice and technology is available free on the Vatican website or with this QR code. It is also published by CTS.

In last Sunday's Gospel we were confronted by the in-your-face and challenging language used by Jesus in St John's Gospel to invite his disciples to full communion with him – requiring them to 'eat my flesh and drink my blood'. The language startled and scandalised at least some of Jesus' co-religionists, and John tells us that it caused some of Jesus' disciples choose to separate themselves from him.

With the benefit of 2000 years familiarity with the language and the Eucharist we may find ourselves unable to hear something of the shock and repugnance easily evoked by Jesus' language which seems to speak of cannibalism. Yet in John's Gospel Jesus makes no effort to 'explain away' these apparent allusions or implications.

Maybe our contemporary appreciation of the Eucharist can be deepened and enhanced by a consideration of the darkness that Jesus risks evoking in order to draw us to his always greater light.

One such depiction of that darkness is offered in the musical *Sweeney Todd,* being presented this summer by Birmingham Rep. Stephen Sondheim and Hugh Wheeler's *Sweeney Todd* is considered one of the greatest musicals ever written - a razor-sharp story of retribution, this darkly comic and dramatic musical that is a must-see.

We can of course go any time we can get tickets, but why not book tickets for Tuesday 11th August (date chosen because at present tickets remain available at all prices) and join other parishioners and enjoy the show together.

AND, when ever you go, come to the Benedict Room on Friday evening 14th August at 8pm and join in a book-club type reflection on the show and what we can learn from it about good and evil; revenge and mercy; salvation and damnation. Drinks and snacks will be provided – but maybe we'll avoid red wine and meat pies!

We Believe Festival brings thousands together to encounter Jesus Christ in His Church. It's an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God. Join us from 24th-27th July, 2026 at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. **www.webelievefestival.com**

Parish Pilgrimage

Earlier in the year feelers were put out to see who might be interested in joining a parish pilgrimage to Rome. There were only a few takers, and prices are rocketing at the moment! So plans are being changed. There is still an opportunity to come on pilgrimage - but now not to Rome but to Norfolk.

As last year, the pilgrimage is arranged place during the Autumn half term to make it possible for families with children to take part in any parts that appeal.

All elements of the pilgrimage are optional. Come along for what you want and stay away from what does not appeal. And arrange your accommodation and transport accordingly

More details on the noticeboard in the porch.

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June 2026: Parish Masses This week

Sa	**13**	6pm		Seamus Collins (Satchwell)
Su	**14**	9am	**11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	For the parish
		11am		Rachel Upham RIP (Burke)
M	**15**	10am		Dec'd of Czapiewski family
T	**16**	10am		
W	**17**			
Th	**18**			
F	**19**	7pm		
S	**20**	6pm		
Su	**21**	9am	**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	For the parish
		11am		Richard Hartnett RD (Green)

Anointing of the Sick: Next parish celebration is at 10am on 24th June

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

Please pray for those who are sick Elsie Wilkinson, Stephen Gateley, Rita Rhodes, Mary Daniels, Brenda Davies, Lesley Devlin, Margaret Reeves. **Please pray** for Nora Kenny who died recently, and for Elizabeth Doyle, Anne Masterson, Bridget Cuddy and all whose anniversary occurs at this time. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.***

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. ***The Sunday Scriptures*** are a richer resource for spiritual growth when we read and pray with them before the Sunday (and again after the Sunday). Next Sunday's readings are Jeremiah 20:10–13 / Psalm 69:8–10, 14, 17, 33–35 / Romans 5:12–15 / Matthew 10:26–33

WEEKDAY SOCIAL. Tuesdays after 10am Mass.

PARISH CAR PARK 1 hour's free parking is available for anyone at anytime in our carpark. Automatic free parking is available too on **Sat** 5.30pm to 7.30pm; **Sunday** 8am to 2pm; **Mon, Tues, Weds** 9.30am to 11.30am; and **Fri** 6.30pm to 8.30pm. *At other times, please - if in church or here for meetings - please use the QR code 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

Our parish is part of Catholic Sutton Coldfield.
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FIRST COMMUNIONS, & CONFIRMATION IN 2027

Parents who wish their children to prepare to receive these sacraments in St Nicholas parish in 2027 are asked to email Fr Allen to arrange a meeting with him to discuss the preparation and to apply for their child to join the programme.

15-minute meetings are being arranged for parents to meet with Fr Allen in the Benedict Room on Saturdays and Sundays in June. Please email him promptly on stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk to receive details and give yourselves maximum choice of days/times.

- The Holy Communion programme is for children in Year 3 or older.
- The Confirmation programme is for children in Year 6 or older.

In addition, children aged 6 or older who have not been baptised can be prepared for baptism and the other sacraments through the programme.

The parish programme is open to children whether they attend school (Catholic or not) or are being home-schooled. The provisions of the preparation programme provided for each child will vary according to their various circumstances and needs.

Children's enrolment for the 2026-27 programme will take place at all Sunday Masses on July 11/12.

Under 30? Fancy a monthly parish get together to chat 'n' chill? See Fr Allen and let's see what can be arranged?

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

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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

Exodus 19:2-6a

In those days: The people of Israel came into the wilderness of Sinai, and they encamped in the wilderness. There Israel encamped before the mountain, while Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, 'Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: "You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." '

Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5.

Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.
Know that he, the LORD, is God. /
He made us; we belong to him.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
Indeed, how good is the LORD,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Romans 5:6-11

Brothers and Sisters: While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person — though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die — but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. **The kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.** ***Alleluia.***

Matthew 9:36-10:8

At that time: When Jesus saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.'

And he called to him his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal every disease and every affliction. The names of the twelve Apostles are these: first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot, and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, 'Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And proclaim as you go, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. You received without paying; give without pay.'

Homily

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

Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his altar draw near,
praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at his altar;
let not our sins and transgressions now cause us to falter.
Christ the High Priest, bids us all join in his feast.
Gathered with him at the altar.

Praise to the Lord - O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!

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Let the "Amen!" sound from his people again;
gladly with praise we adore him!

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

The mystery of faith

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

Blessing and Dismissal