

Ezekiel 17:22-24

The Lord says this:
 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain.
 I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar.
 Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green.
 I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.'

Psalms 91(92):2-3,13-16

It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night.

The just will flourish like the palm tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar.

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just.

In him, my rock, there is no wrong.

2 Corinthians 5:6-10

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight - we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you



Next Week: Nativity of St John the Baptist

Scripture readings: Isaiah 49:1 - 6 / Psalm 139:1b - 3, 13 - 15 / Acts of the Apostles 13:22 - 26 / Luke 1:57 - 66, 80

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

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| Sunday 1800—1900 | Exposition and Evening Prayer 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month |
| Monday 1500—1600 | Exposition and Rosary |
| Friday 1100—1130 | Exposition and Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick 1st Friday of the month |
| Friday 1930—2000 | Exposition and prayer for priests |
| Saturday 1700—1740 | Exposition and Sacrament of Confession |

friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. *Alleluia!*

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said to the crowds: "This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time: he starts to reap because the harvest has come."

He also said, "What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade."

Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

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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 the merciful, for they will receive mercy

Mercy has two aspects. It involves giving, helping and serving others, but it also includes forgiveness and understanding. Matthew sums it up in one golden rule: "In everything, do to others as you would have them do to you" (7:12). The Catechism reminds us that this law is to be applied "in every case", especially when we are "confronted by situations that make moral judgments less assured and decision difficult".

Giving and forgiving means reproducing in our lives some small measure of God's perfection, which gives and forgives superabundantly. For this reason, in the Gospel of Luke we do not hear the words, "Be perfect" (Mt 5:48), but rather, "Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you" (6:36-38). Luke then adds something not to be overlooked: "The measure you give will be the measure you get back" (6:38). The yardstick we use for understanding and forgiving others will measure the forgiveness we receive. The yardstick we use for giving will measure what we receive. We should never forget this.

Jesus does not say, "Blessed are those who plot revenge". He calls "blessed" those who forgive and do so "seventy times seven" (Mt 18:22). We need to think of ourselves as an army of the forgiven. All of us have been looked upon with divine compassion. If we approach the Lord with sincerity and listen carefully, there may well be times when we hear his reproach: "Should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?" (Mt 18:33).

Seeing and acting with mercy: that is holiness.

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Happy Father's Day to the Dads of the parish



Dads are invited to come and have a pint and bite with Fr Allen in the Benedict Room 8-9pm on Monday 25th June. Meeting to enjoy each other's company and to explore whether interest in establishing parish Dad's group for mutual support and encouragement

PRAYING FOR PRIESTS AND DEEPENING EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION

Do please continue to consider how you can best respond to Archbishop Bernard's invitation to prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Regular parish opportunities for public worship are listed on p4 of this newsletter. The church is generally open for private prayer 8 to 7pm each day (apart from Thursdays)



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



Masses Week 11 in Ordinary Time

| Su | 16 | 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Psalter Wk3 | 1700 | Exposition and Sacrament of Confession |
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| | | | 1800 | Winnie Bannister RIP (Gill) |
| Su | 17 | | 0900 | Marcella Kiloy - Ints (Byrne) |
| | | | 1100 | For the parish |
| M | 18 | Dedication of the Cathedral | 1000 * | Tony Lawlor RIP (Lawlor) |
| | | | 1500 | Expositon of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary |
| T | 19 | | 1000 * | For CTS on occasion of 150th Anniversary |
| | | | 1430 | Mass with St Nicholas School - all welcome. |
| W | 20 | | | |
| Th | 21 | St Aloysius Gonzaga | | |
| F | 22 | Ss John Fisher and Thomas More | 1900 * | Helen Gillespie Ints |
| | | | 1930 | Exposition and Prayer for Priests (30 mins) |
| S | 23 | Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist, Psalter Wk4 | 1700 | Exposition and Sacrament of Confession |
| | | | 1800 | Tommy Quinlisk RIP (Gill) |
| Su | 24 | | 0900 | For the parish |
| | | | 1100 | William Hempenstall - Birthday (H) |
| | | | 1800 | Exposition and Evening Prayer (4th Sunday) |

Morning/Evening Prayer 20 mins before weekday Masses, as indicated above *.
Exposition: & Vespers 2nd & 4th Suns, 6-7pm; **& Rosary** 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 Josphine Garvey, 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 Paul Barry, Daniel Murray, Percy Bartrop and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Parish

Retiring Collections Today is the Church's annual **Day for Life**, the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. Today's 2nd collection today goes to support Day for Life. Proceeds of the collection will go to a full range of work that supports life in all its forms. This includes the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other Church supported life activities. **The SVP** thanks parishioners for the £567.47 raised in last week's collection, and for additional donations since.

Travelling Solo is a parish group for those who 'travel alone' - single, divorced, separated, widows and widowers. Next event is the parish outing to Baddesley Clinton. Details on p3.

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.

Rosary for Vocations. The Rosary group meets in church on Mondays at 3pm to pray for vocations. All welcome.

THANK YOU
to all who helped with last Sunday's Parish party - and those who came to enjoy it. It was a lovely event, and there have been requests for a repeat soon!

Going to the dogs?

Come and join a parish group going to the racing at Perry Barr Stadium on Saturday 30 June. Either make your own way there or join the group leaving directly after the 6pm Mass.

Tickets are bought on the gate and a range of different options are available at www.lovethe dogs.co.uk The slip for Summer special offer entry for £3.00 including free drink is available in the porch. (NB Under 18s are welcome - if accompanied by parents/adult. Free admission for under 12s; £4 for 13 plus.)

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.
Register at: centralenglandquakers.org.uk/futureforall

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.

Summer Camp dates: 29 July - 2 August and August 5-9 There are places left at both of these summer camps. Do you know anyone NOT in a Catholic School who would benefit from this opportunity? The week is full of high adrenaline activities, inspirational talks, moving times of prayer, making new friends in small groups, a full day at Alton Towers and daily access to the sacraments.



Servers, Supporting Servers, Readers and Serving the Parish

Opportunities for those in Year 3 and above to train to be a server. Saturday 30th June 9-10am or Tuesday 3rd July at 4.30pm

Those in year 4 and above who would like to be readers are invited to attend the same meeting for introduction to their role. Adults willing to help support these junior ministers also welcome!

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. 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/>



For more information about this please visit our website <http://bcys.co.uk/> Or email our camp leader Beccy Roseman on beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Young adults: Brightlights Friday 29th June - Sunday 1st July Are you under 30 and interested in meeting like-minded young adults for a day or weekend of Faith formation, inspiring speakers & live music? For more information visit www.brightlights.org.uk or call 0300 075 0115.

Other

Adoremus, the Eucharistic Congress. Takes place in Liverpool from 7-9 Sept, tickets for Sat 8 remain, at £40. Speakers including Bishop Robert Barron and Cardinal Vincent Nichols. To find out more and to book a place visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/adoremus.

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. Please book if possible: email jean at mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk

St Edmund Campion Catholic School, Erdington, is seeking to appoint a Raising Achievement Assistant to support students

Olive Wood Carvings

Next Sunday our parish will host a stall run by the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy Land (Bethlehem) which works alongside the St. Vincent De Paul Society in the Holy Land supporting orphans and the elderly.

90% of the Christian families in the Holy Land rely on olive wood carving to support themselves and remain in the Holy Land.



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 as Data from the app will be anonymised and shared with the National Crime Agency (NCA) and the Gangmasters and Labour Abuse Authority (GLAA).

Cardinal Nichols writes: 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.

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.

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 feel free to bring a picnic lunch!

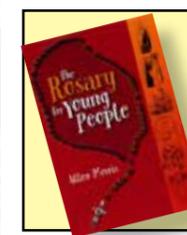
Need a lift? Can you offer a lift? Sign up on the noticeboard in the porch.

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 Closing Date: 22 June 2018.

Groundsman needed at Bishop Walsh School. 3 days pw x 6hrs (or equivalent) Details: John Carroll Site Manager at the school on 0121-351-3215 Ex2252

Recharge & Revive Retreat Day at Maryvale. Saturday 14 July 2018. Details in the porch

Celebrate is a Catholic Charismatic conference for all, young and old, open to individuals and families alike. Oscott College 30/6-1/7. www.celebrateconference.org/birmingham/



Fr Allen's guide to the Rosary for the young and the young at heart!

On sale now in the Repository for £2.50

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Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God

This Beatitude speaks of those whose hearts are simple, pure and undefiled, for a heart capable of love admits nothing that might harm, weaken or endanger that love. The Bible uses the heart to describe our real intentions, the things we truly seek and desire, apart from all appearances. "Man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart" (1Sam 16:7). God wants to speak to our hearts (cf. Hos 2:16); there he desires to write his law (cf. Jer 31:33). In a word, he wants to give us a new heart (cf. Ezek 36:26).

"Guard your heart with all vigilance" (Prov 4:23). Nothing stained by falsehood has any real worth in the Lord's eyes. He "flees from deceit, and rises and departs from foolish thoughts" (Wis 1:5). The Father, "who sees in secret" (Mt 6:6), recognizes what is impure and insincere, mere display or appearance, as does the Son, who knows "what is in man" (cf. Jn 2:25).

Certainly there can be no love without works of love, but this Beatitude reminds us that the Lord expects a commitment to our brothers and sisters that comes from the heart. For "if I give away all I have, and if I deliver my body to be burned, but have no love, I gain nothing" (1 Cor 13:3). In Matthew's Gospel too, we see that what proceeds from the heart is what defiles a person (cf. 15:18), for from the heart come murder, theft, false witness, and other evil deeds (cf. 15:19). From the heart's intentions come the desires and the deepest decisions that determine our actions.

A heart that loves God and neighbour (cf. Mt 22:36-40), genuinely and not merely in words, is a pure heart; it can see God. In his hymn to charity, Saint Paul says that "now we see in a mirror, dimly" (1 Cor 13:12), but to the extent that truth and love prevail, we will then be able to see "face to face". Jesus promises that those who are pure in heart "will see God".

Keeping a heart free of all that tarnishes love: that is holiness.

Pope Francis
Gaudete et Exsultate, 80-86

