

**Isaiah 49:1-6**

Islands, listen to me, pay attention, remotest peoples. The Lord called me before I was born, from my mother's womb he pronounced my name. He made my mouth a sharp sword, and hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me into a sharpened arrow, and concealed me in his quiver.

He said to me, 'You are my servant (Israel) in whom I shall be glorified'; while I was thinking, 'I have toiled in vain, I have exhausted myself for nothing'; and all the while my cause was with the Lord, my reward with my God. I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, to gather Israel to him: 'It is not enough for you to be my servant, to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel; I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

**Psalms 138(139):1-3,13-15**

*I thank you for the wonder of my being.*

O Lord, you search me and you know me, you know my resting and my rising, you discern my purpose from afar. You mark when I walk or lie down, all my ways lie open to you.

For it was you who created my being, knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you for the wonder of my being, for the wonders of all your creation.

Already you knew my soul, my body held no secret from you when I was being fashioned in secret and moulded in the depths of the earth.

**Acts 13:22-26**

Paul said: 'God deposed Saul and made David their king, of whom he approved in these words, "I have selected David son of Jesse, a man after my own heart, who will carry out my whole purpose." To keep his promise, God has raised up for Israel one of David's descendants, Jesus, as Saviour, whose coming was heralded by John when he proclaimed a baptism of repentance for the whole people of Israel. Before John ended his career he said, "I am not the one you imagine me to be; that one is coming after me and I am not fit to undo his sandals."

'My brothers, sons of Abraham's race, and all you who fear God, this message of salvation is meant for you.'

**Next Week: Sunday of Week 13 in Ordinary Time**

Scripture readings: *Wisdom 1:13 - 15; 2:23 - 24 / Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 / 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13 - 15 / Mark 5:21 - 43*

**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> <i>2nd and 4th Sundays of the month</i>
<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> <i>1st Friday of the month</i>
<b>Friday</b> 1930—2000	<b>Exposition and prayer for priests</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 1700—1740	<b>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</b>



**Gospel Acclamation**

*Alleluia, alleluia!* As for you, little child, you shall be called a prophet of God, the Most High. You shall go ahead of the Lord to prepare his ways before him. *Alleluia!*

**Luke 1:57-66,80**

The time came for Elizabeth to have her child, and she gave birth to a son; and when her neighbours and relations heard that the Lord had shown her so great a kindness, they shared her joy.

Now on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child; they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother spoke up. 'No,' she said 'he is to be called John.' They said to her, 'But no one in your family has that name', and made signs to his father to find out what he wanted him called. The father asked for a writing-tablet and wrote, 'His name is John.' And they were all astonished. At that instant his power of speech returned and he spoke and praised God. All their neighbours were filled with awe and the whole affair was talked about throughout the hill country of Judaea. All those who heard of it treasured it in their hearts. 'What will this child turn out to be?' they wondered. And indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.



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Meanwhile the child grew up and his spirit matured. And he lived out in the wilderness until the day he appeared openly to Israel.



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**In The Light Of The Master**

*Pope Francis' reflections on the Beatitudes:*

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God**

This Beatitude makes us think of the many endless situations of war in our world. Yet we ourselves are often a cause of conflict or at least of misunderstanding. For example, I may hear something about someone and I go off and repeat it. I may even embellish it the second time around and keep spreading it... And the more harm it does, the more satisfaction I seem to derive from it. The world of gossip, inhabited by negative and destructive people, does not bring peace. Such people are really the enemies of peace; in no way are they "blessed".

Peacemakers truly "make" peace; they build peace and friendship in society. To those who sow peace Jesus makes this magnificent promise: "They will be called children of God" (Mt 5:9). He told his disciples that, wherever they went, they were to say: "Peace to this house!" (Lk 10:5). The word of God exhorts every believer to work for peace, "along with all who call upon the Lord with a pure heart" (cf. 2 Tim 2:22), for "the harvest of righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace" (Jas 3:18). And if there are times in our community when we question what ought to be done, "let us pursue what makes for peace" (Rom 14:19), for unity is preferable to conflict.

It is not easy to "make" this evangelical peace, which excludes no one but embraces even those who are a bit odd, troublesome or difficult, demanding, different, beaten down by life or simply uninterested. It is hard work; it calls for great openness of mind and heart, since it is not about creating "a consensus on paper or a transient peace for a contented minority", or a project "by a few for the few". Nor can it attempt to ignore or disregard

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**DATA PROTECTION**

Along with other organisations the Church has to comply with new *General Data Protection Regulations*, designed to safeguard the personal data that is entrusted to her. We are bringing our practices into line with the new requirements, so as to be more transparent about how we use information held, and to guarantee that the information is held securely.

Some changes will take a little getting used to - for example the new process for requesting copies of sacramental records, and how to add people's names to the list of people who are sick and ask for prayers. The procedures are being finalised and will be in place very shortly. As soon as they are ready, details will be made available in the newsletter and on the parish website.



**PRAYER FOR PRIESTS AND EUCHARISTIC DEVOTION**

Do take home a copy of the card of prayer for priests. Also why not arrange a regular time each week to come to church for quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament?



**Masses Week 12 in Ordinary Time**

<b>Su</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Nativity of St John the Baptist</b> <i>Psalter Wk4</i>	1700	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i>
			1800	Tommy Quinlisk RIP (Gill)
<b>Su</b>	<b>24</b>		0900	For the parish
			1100	William Hempenstall - Birthday (H)
			1800	<i>Exposition and Evening Prayer (4th Sunday)</i>
<b>M</b>	<b>25</b>		1000 *	John Endley RIP
			1500	<i>Expositon of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary</i>
<b>T</b>	<b>26</b>		1000 *	John Brennan RIP (Brennan)
			1430	<i>Mass with St Nicholas School - all welcome.</i>
<b>W</b>	<b>27</b>		1000	Mrs Garratt RIP (Bartlett)
<b>Th</b>	<b>28</b>	Vigil Ss Peter & Paul	<b>1900 *</b>	Sean Finn RIP (O'Sullivan)
<b>F</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>Ss Peter and Paul Holyday of Obligation</b>	<b>0930 *</b>	For the parish
			1900 *	Mr O'Hora RD (Drozd)
			1930	<i>Exposition and Prayer for Priests (30 mins)</i>
<b>S</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>Sunday of 13th Week in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Wk1</i>	1700	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i>
			1800	Ann McGrath RD (Lavelle)
<b>Su</b>	<b>1</b>		0900	For the parish
			1100	Tom Smith RIP

**The church is open daily (except Thursdays) from 8am to 6pm**

**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/](http://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 Hugh Middleton, Brigid Pryor and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

**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.**

# Living Theology

## Revelation

This two day course will interest anyone who would like to learn about theology and Christian life, or who enjoys thinking about their faith.

There is one course of three talks which everyone attends, and then each person has a choice from each of two groups of topics.

All can attend ▼

▶ The Parables of Jesus James Crampsey SJ

and choose one of ▼

▶ B1 Religion and Peacebuilding Theodora Hawksley CJ

▶ B2 Practical Theology Michael Smith SJ

and choose one of ▼

▶ C1 Introduction to the Psalms James Crampsey SJ

▶ C2 Teilhard de Chardin: his life and work. Michael Smith SJ

■ The course takes place on Saturday July 21st and Sunday July 22nd 2018, starting at 10.15am and ending by 4.30pm each day.

■ It will be held at St Paul's Convent, 94 Selly Park Road, Selly Park, Birmingham B29 7LL.

■ There is a suggested donation of £40 if you can manage it for the two days, including refreshments and a light lunch each day.

■ Full details are available at [www.living-theology.uk](http://www.living-theology.uk)

■ Please book at [secretary@living-theology.uk](mailto:secretary@living-theology.uk) stating your choices for courses B and C

### Olive Wood Carvings from the Holy Land

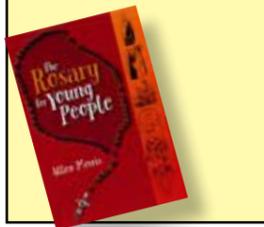
Our parish today hosts a stall run by the Good Shepherd Company from the Holy land (Bethlehem) which works alongside the St. Vincent De Paul Society in the Holy Land supporting orphans and the elderly.

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



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

On sale now in the Repository for £2.50



### Parish

**Retiring Collections** There is the annual collection today for Peter's Pence - the collection which supports the work of Pope Francis. Last week's **Day for Life**, raised £265.88. Thank you to all who supported the collection.

**Dads' Get Together** 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

**Preparation for Baptism of Infants.** The next preparation programme begins Sat 28 July 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.

**Refreshments** in Benedict Room after Sunday 9 and 10am Masses (and 10am Mass on Tuesdays). All welcome.

**Book Club** Next meeting is at 8pm on Monday 17 September and the book *The Diaries of Ety Hillesum 1941-3*, "A story of spiritual growth such as I have seldom seen anywhere... Ety's diaries complete Anne Frank's... a marvelous gift."

**Churches Together** Minutes of AGM are on noticeboard in porch.

### Diocese

**Historical Commission** 25 June, 1045-1600 in the Grimshaw Room, Birmingham. Talks on England Rome: Anglo-papal relationship c1350-1870. Full details in porch.

**Head of Parish Catechetics for the**

**POPPING INTO THE CHURCH TO PRAY BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT?**

In addition to the parish booklet for sale for £1 in the Repository, a one-sheet aid is available for free at the back of the church.

**Archdiocese** Post based at Maryvale Institute. Full description: [maryvale.ac.uk](http://maryvale.ac.uk)

**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. More information: visit <http://bcys.co.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](http://www.brightlights.org.uk) or call 0300 075 0115.

**Sacred Heart Aston.** 8 July 11-30am onwards Parish BBQ. Please join us.

**St Joseph's Home, Coleshill,** offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting. There are vacancies at present. Ring 01675 434500 for a chat or to arrange a visit.

### 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](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/adoremus).

**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,



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...

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

*All parishioners and friends welcome!*

Visit 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.*



for the thirst for power and worldly interests often stands in our way. Saint John Paul II noted that "a society is alienated if its forms of social organization, production and consumption make it more difficult to offer this gift of self and to establish this solidarity between people". In such a society, politics, mass communications and economic, cultural and even religious institutions become so entangled as to become an obstacle to authentic human and social development. As a result, the Beatitudes are not easy to live out; any attempt to do so will be viewed negatively, regarded with suspicion, and met with ridicule.

Whatever weariness and pain we may experience in living the commandment of love and following the way of justice, the cross remains the source of our growth and sanctification. We must never forget that when the New Testament tells us that we will have to endure suffering for the Gospel's sake, it speaks precisely of persecution (cf. Acts 5:41; Phil 1:29; Col 1:24; 2 Tim 1:12; 1 Pet 2:20, 4:14-16; Rev 2:10).

Here we are speaking about inevitable persecution, not the kind of persecution we might bring upon ourselves by our mistreatment of others. The saints are not odd and aloof, unbearable because of their vanity, negativity and bitterness. The Apostles of Christ were not like that. The Book of Acts states repeatedly that they enjoyed favour "with all the people" (2:47; cf. 4:21.33; 5:13), even as some authorities harassed and persecuted them (cf. 4:1-3, 5:17-18).

Persecutions are not a reality of the past, for today too we experience them, whether by the shedding of blood, as is the case with so many contemporary martyrs, or by more subtle means, by slander and lies. Jesus calls us blessed when people "utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account" (Mt 5:11). At other times, persecution can take the form of gibes that try to caricature our faith and make us seem ridiculous.

Accepting daily the path of the Gospel, even though it may cause us problems: that is holiness.

Pope Francis  
*Gaudete et Exsultate*, 87-94

## 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](http://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

ECO CHURCH  
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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.  
Register at: [centralenglandquakers.org.uk/futureforall](http://centralenglandquakers.org.uk/futureforall)



### 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!

### Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for July is for priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work. May they find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and friendship with their brother priests.



To find the Pope's other current prayer intentions please visit <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>