Message from Aid to the Church in Need Across the world, countless men, women and children suffer simply because of the faith they hold dear. In their need, they look to us to be their voice. Aid to the Church in Need has launched its first-ever global petition on religious freedom, calling on governments and the United Nations to do more to defend the right to believe, and to ensure that those responsible for persecution are held to account.

We warmly invite you to stand in solidarity with the persecuted Church by signing this petition and giving witness to the importance of religious freedom for all. Please consider putting your faith into action and adding your voice by scanning the QR code and adding your voice.

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.

This Sunday, 21 June, we mark **THE DAY FOR LIFE** under the theme "The Wonder of the Child in the Womb." The theme also recognises the loss of children who died before birth and the grief of their parents. The bishops' message and prayers can be found on the Day for Life website: www.dayforlife.org. The second collection will go towards *the Day for Life* Fund, which distributes grants to organisations that promote respect for life from conception until natural death. You can also donate online via the Day for Life website.

Pilgrimage for Life: A pilgrimage for reparation and prayer for the sanctity of life will take place on 1 August 2026 at the Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. There is more information at: https://prolifepilgrimage.org/ *The pilgrimage will commence with the 12 noon Pilgrim Mass, celebrated by Bishop Peter Collins. The remaining outline of the day includes Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Litany of Life a*nd Benediction. Coaches leave from various parts of the country.

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**

There's now a 33% discount on day-tickets using the code 'BIRMINGHAM-DISCOUNT' at checkout.

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	**20**	6pm	**12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	For the parish
Su	**21**	9am		Ints of Bob & Marie Dippue
		11am		Christopher Hickey RIP (H)
M	**22**	10am	Ss Jn Fisher and Thos More	
T	**23**	10am		
W	**24**	10am	**NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST**	Eugeniusz and Janina Mikula RIP **Mass with anointing of the Sick**
Th	**25**			
F	**26**	7pm		
S	**27**	6pm	**ST PETER AND PAUL**	Tommy Quinlisk RIP (Gill)
Su	**28**	9am		For the parish
		11am		Margaret Ward RIP (Ward)

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: Anne O'Brien; Elsie Wilkinson, Stephen Gateley, Rita Rhodes, Mary Daniels, Brenda Davies, Lesley Devlin, Margaret Reeves. **Please pray** for Nora Kenny who died recently, and for Bridget Cuddy, and Sheila Duckworth 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 Acts 12:1–11 / Psalm 34:2–3, 4–5, 6–7, 8–9 / 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 17–18 / Matthew 16:13–19

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.
This cluster of Parishes is made up of the parishes of Holy Cross & St Francis, Walmley; Sacred Heart, Four Oaks; Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield; and St Nicholas , Boldmere.

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

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

Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: 'I hear many whispering. Terror is on every side! 'Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' say all my close friends, watching for my fall. Perhaps he will be deceived; then we can overcome him and take our revenge on him.'

'But the LORD is with me as a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble; they will not overcome me. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten.'

'O LORD of hosts, who tests the righteous, who sees the heart and the mind, let me see your vengeance upon them, for to you have I committed my cause.

Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hand of evildoers.

Ps 69(68):8-10. 14, 17. 33-3

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame has covered my face.
To my own kin I have become an outcast,
a stranger to the children of my mother.

Zeal for your house consumes me,
and taunts against you fall on me.
But I pray to you, O LORD,
at an acceptable time.

In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your faithful salvation.
LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad, /
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the LORD attends to the needy, /
and does not spurn his own in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the seas and everything that moves in them.

Romans 5:12-15

Brothers and Sisters: Just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned — for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for many.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. **The Spirit of truth will bear witness about me, says the Lord, and you also will bear witness.** ***Alleluia.***

Matthew 10:26-33

At that time: Jesus instructed his Apostles: 'Have no fear of them, for nothing is covered that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the dark, say in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father knowing. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven.'

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

The mystery of faith

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

Blessing and Dismissal

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A Synod for Priests

Over three days this week a meeting of priest took place to explore developing patterns of parish life and ordained ministry. A report will be available soon. Our open parish meeting on 5th July will give an opportunity to consider some of this together - as will the Parish Council meeting taking place a week on Monday.

Baptism Preparation

The next series of preparation meetnigs for parents of infant to be baptised begins on 27th June. To take part please contact Fr Allen this week. Next baptism preparation will begin in September.