

Wisdom 1:13-15,2:23-24

Death was not God's doing, he takes no pleasure in the extinction of the living. To be – for this he created all; the world's created things have health in them, in them no fatal poison can be found, and Hades holds no power on earth; for virtue is undying.

Yet God did make man imperishable, he made him in the image of his own nature; it was the devil's envy that brought death into the world, as those who are his partners will discover.

Psalms 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave.

Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing: O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15

You always have the most of everything – of faith, of eloquence, of understanding, of keenness for any cause, and the biggest share of our affection – so we expect you to put the most into this work of mercy too. Remember how generous the Lord Jesus was: he was rich, but he became poor for your sake, to make you rich out of his poverty. This does not mean that to give relief to others you ought to make things difficult for yourselves: it is a question of balancing what happens to be your surplus now against their present need, and one day they may have something to spare that will supply your own need. That is how we strike a balance: as scripture says: The man who gathered much had none too much, the man who gathered little did not go short.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. *Alleluia!*

Mark 5:21-43

When Jesus had crossed in the boat to the other side, a large crowd gathered round him and he stayed by the lakeside. Then one of the synagogue officials came up, Jairus by name, and seeing him, fell at his feet and pleaded with him earnestly, saying, 'My little daughter is desperately sick. Do come and lay your hands on her to make her better and save her life.' Jesus went with him and

Next Week: Sunday of Week 14 in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: *Is 66:10-14c / Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 / Gal 6:14-18 / Lk 10:1-12, 17-20*

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?



a large crowd followed him; they were pressing all round him.

Now there was a woman who had suffered from a haemorrhage for twelve years; after long and painful treatment under various doctors, she spent all she had without being any the better for it, in fact, she was getting worse. She had heard about Jesus, and she came up behind him through the crowd and touched his cloak. 'If I can touch even his clothes,' she had told herself 'I shall be well again.' And the source of the bleeding dried up instantly, and she felt in herself that she was cured of her complaint. Immediately aware that power had gone out from him, Jesus turned round in the crowd and said, 'Who touched my clothes?' His disciples said to him, 'You see how the crowd is pressing round you and yet you say, "Who touched me?"' But he continued to look all round to see who had done it. Then the woman came forward, frightened and trembling because she knew what had happened to her, and she fell at his feet and told him the whole truth. 'My daughter,' he said 'your faith has restored you to health; go in peace and be free from your complaint.'

While he was still speaking some people arrived from the house of the synagogue official to say, 'Your daughter is dead: why put the Master to any further trouble?' But Jesus had overheard this remark of theirs and he said to the official, 'Do not be afraid; only have faith.' And he allowed no one to go with him except Peter and James and John the brother of James. So they came to the official's house and Jesus noticed all the commotion, with people weeping and wailing unrestrainedly. He went in and said to them, 'Why all this commotion and crying? The child is not dead, but asleep.' But they laughed at him. So he turned them all out and, taking with him the child's father and mother and his own companions, he went into the place where the child lay. And taking the child by the hand he said to her, 'Talitha, kum!' which means, 'Little girl, I tell you to get up.' The little girl got up at once and began to walk about, for she was twelve years old. At this they were overcome with astonishment, and he ordered them strictly not to let anyone know about it, and told them to give her something to eat.

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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:

In the 25th chapter of Matthew's Gospel (vv. 31-46), Jesus expands on the Beatitude that calls the merciful blessed. If we seek the holiness pleasing to God's eyes, this text offers us one clear criterion on which we will be judged. "I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me" (vv. 35-36).

In fidelity to the Master

Holiness, then, is not about swooning in mystic rapture. As Saint John Paul II said: "If we truly start out anew from the contemplation of Christ, we must learn to see him especially in the faces of those with whom he himself wished to be identified". [79] The text of Matthew 25:35-36 is "not a simple invitation to charity: it is a page of Christology which sheds a ray of light on the mystery of Christ". [80] In this call to recognize him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to imitate.

Given these uncompromising demands of Jesus, it is my duty to ask Christians to acknowledge and accept them in a spirit of genuine openness, sine glossa. In other words, without any "ifs or buts" that could lessen their force. Our Lord made it very clear that holiness cannot be understood or lived apart from these demands, for mercy is "the beating heart of the Gospel".

If I encounter a person sleeping outdoors on a cold night, I can view him or her as an annoyance, an idler, an obstacle in my path, a troubling sight, a problem for politicians to sort out, or even a piece of refuse cluttering a public space. Or I can respond with faith and charity,

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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 6th July

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.

In the meantime... please note that hospitals are increasingly unwilling to give ward/bed details to visitors. If you are asking Fr Allen to visit please give a family phone number as well as ward details in case patient has been moved.

Masses Week 13 in Ordinary Time

Su	30	Sunday of 13th Week in Ordinary Time	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Ann McGrath RD (Lavelle)
Su	1	Psalter Wk1	0900 1100	For the parish Tom Smith RIP
M	2		1000 * 1500	Annie McGrath (Hempenstall) Expositon of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
T	3	St Thomas	1000 * 1430	Private Intention (C. Banks) Mass with St Nicholas School - all welcome.
W	4		1000	Thanksgiving to Sacred Heart
Th	5			
F	6		1100 1900 * 1930	Exposition and Sacrament of the Sick Kathleen Geoghean Ints (Leese) Exposition and Prayer for Priests (30 mins)
S	7	Sunday of 14th Week in Ordinary Time	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Anne McGrath RD (O'Gorman)
Su	8	Psalter Wk2	0900 1100 1800	Gerard McGuigan RD (Redmond) For the parish Exposition and Evening Prayer (2nd Sunday)

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/

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 Austin McTaff, David Finnegan, Tony Prescott and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Parish

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.

Thank you for your donations to the **Peter's Pence collection** which raised £201.85 to support the work of Pope Francis. **Thank you also** for your support of the **Good Shepherd Olive Wood stall**, which had sales totalling £450.

Dads' Get Together Following Monday's meeting a series of meetings for the first Mondays of October, November and December are being planned. Each will be based around ten minute talk and then supper and a chance to chat/discuss. Talks will be given by local leaders in school, police etc and will all be of particular interest to Dads.

Journey of Faith Monday July 16th at 7pm. A meeting to introduce the Journey of Faith group to those considering whether they would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith, and perhaps in time to either be received into the Catholic Church or to complete their sacramental initiation (if for example they have been baptised but not received communion or been confirmed.)

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 Etty Hillesum 1941-3*, "A story of spiritual growth such as I have seldom seen anywhere... Etty's diaries complete Anne Frank's... a marvelous gift."

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.

St Columba's Church Rev Beccy Allen will be Instituted to ministry at St Columba's, Banners Gate Road,

B73 6TX by Bishop Anne Hollinghurst Tues 17 July at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Diocese

Bishop Walsh Information Evening for parents with children at present in Year 5 who would like to apply for place at Bishop Walsh Catholic School for September 2018 will take place at Bishop Walsh on Tuesday 2nd July at 7pm.

Head of Parish Catechetics for the Archdiocese Post based at Maryvale Institute. Full description: 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 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.

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

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 information from 0788 729 6983 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Out'n'About group and Travelling Solo Trip

This Sunday 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 leave after the 11am Mass on Sun 1 July. Admission is £11.45 for adults, £5.70 for children, (free to members of National Trust.)

Good food is available on site, but feel free to bring a picnic lunch!



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

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

■ Please book at secretary@living-theology.uk stating your choices for courses B and C

First Holy Communion Programme 2018-19

Application forms and first details of next year's parish programme and application forms are available in the porch. Details of the catechesis for children, for those at a Catholic school and those who are not, will be available at a later date.



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
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



Servers, Supporting Servers, Readers and Serving the Parish

Opportunities for those in Year 3 and above to train to be a server. Tues 3 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!

Planning for a Parish Pilgrimage 2019

Plans are being made for a parish pilgrimage in July next year. The plan is to travel there on Mon 1 July and return on Fri 5 July.

Four options are being considered

- Walsingham and East Anglia (staying in Walsingham and travelling out for example to Norwich and Ely)
- Paris (including visits to chapel of Miraculous Medal, tomb of Vincent de Paul, and attending veneration of the relic of the Crown of Thorns at Notre Dame.)
- Medjugorje
- Lourdes

If you are interested please complete form in porch and return to Fr Allen so planning can be taken to the next stage...

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.



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...

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and see in this person a human being with a dignity identical to my own, a creature infinitely loved by the Father, an image of God, a brother or sister redeemed by Jesus Christ. That is what it is to be a Christian! Can holiness somehow be understood apart from this lively recognition of the dignity of each human being?

For Christians, this involves a constant and healthy unease. Even if helping one person alone could justify all our efforts, it would not be enough. The bishops of Canada made this clear when they noted, for example, that the biblical understanding of the jubilee year was about more than simply performing certain good works. It also meant seeking social change: "For later generations to also be released, clearly the goal had to be the restoration of just social and economic systems, so there could no longer be exclusion".

We may think that we give glory to God only by our worship and prayer, or simply by following certain ethical norms. It is true that the primacy belongs to our relationship with God, but we cannot forget that the ultimate criterion on which our lives will be judged is what we have done for others. Prayer is most precious, for it nourishes a daily commitment to love. Our worship becomes pleasing to God when we devote ourselves to living generously, and allow God's gift, granted in prayer, to be shown in our concern for our brothers and sisters.

Similarly, the best way to discern if our prayer is authentic is to judge to what extent our life is being transformed in the light of mercy. For "mercy is not only an action of the Father; it becomes a criterion for ascertaining who his true children are".[88] Mercy "is the very foundation of the Church's life".[89] In this regard, I would like to reiterate that mercy does not exclude justice and truth; indeed, "we have to say that mercy is the fullness of justice and the most radiant manifestation of God's truth". It is "the key to heaven".

Pope Francis
Gaudete et Exsultate, 95-99, 104, 105

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/>