

on Sunday 4th August. All travelling solo are welcome!

Rosary for Vocations. The Rosary group meets in church each Monday at 3pm to pray for vocations. All welcome. *If you are unable to come to church, please join us in prayer from your home.*

Church Cleaning Can you spare one hour a month to help with cleaning the Church? At present four teams clean the Church, but because of ill health one team is down to one person. That team could do with one or two new recruits. If you are available to help, please contact Fr Allen or Mick Doogan on 0121-439 9684.

Diocese

House Warden Maryvale Institute seek a House Warden to see to needs of adult students resident at Maryvale as part of their studies. The work is at weekends and occasional weekday evenings. This post is a Job Share. Further details and application from the Academic Registrar at Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill, B44 9AG, tel. 0121 360 8118, email registry@maryvale.ac.uk Closing Date 31st July.

Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall. 1st Sept. Details in porch.

St Joseph's Home, Coleshill, offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting, (Mass said daily by resident priests). Respite bedrooms are also available for those who could benefit from a short stay. Call Father Hudson's Care on 01675 434500 for an informal chat or to arrange a visit.

Other

Coffee Morning in aid of the Lisieux Trust. 11am, Sat 27 July at Francis House, Cofield Road.

41st Annual Justice and Peace Conference 26-28 July 2019, Swanwick. <https://bit.ly/2WfZlUa>

New servers/readers training

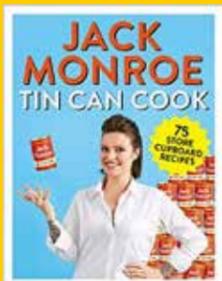
Youngsters in present Year 3 or above who would like to begin to serve at Sunday Mass or in Year 4 or above who would like to read at Sunday Mass are invited to a meeting with Fr Allen immediately after 6pm Mass this Saturday.

Parish Book Club:

Stock-piling tins ready for Brexit?

Come to a book club meeting with a difference. Read the book **and bring a dish to share.**

Next meeting of the Book Club is at 8pm on Monday 29th July in the parish house.



Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for July is that those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.



To find the Pope's other current prayer intentions please visit <https://www.popesprayer.va>

Going on holiday?

- If you are lucky enough to be going away on holiday this summer – check out in advance where you can attend Mass on Sundays or Holydays. This is getting easier all the time. Mostly all you will need to do is google, for example 'Catholic Church Marseille' and up will come details of churches and mass times are generally listed also.
- The readings for Mass (in English, and free!) are available at <https://universalis.com/>. If you take out a subscription for your PC or smartphone (£9.99 for a single subscription that you can use on all your devices) you can even find parallel translations for the order of Mass in most European languages – and the readings for daily Mass, and the Liturgy of the Church (eg Morning and Evening Prayer).
- Check out sites of particular Catholic interest in the places you are visiting, and be sure pay them a visit. Of course you can overdo the visiting of churches and the like – but including one or two in your plans is generally manageable, and gives plenty of opportunity for learning about Christian history, and to help conversation with family and friends about why faith matters to you, and how you try to live faithfully.

First Holy Communion Preparation 2019-20

The draft timetables for next year's First Holy Communion programme are now available in the porch. There are two timetables. One is the whole parish programme - for all families and children; and the other only for children not at St Nicholas School, who will come to the Saturday morning classes.

Application forms for the programme will be available at the parents' meetings on 7 / 9 September.

One difference in the programme this year is (taking the place of the series of parents' meetings with Fr Allen) there will be - for parents - one introductory meeting and then a series of small group meetings, for their own discussion and reflection. These sessions are designed to support parents' own continuing faith formation, and support to one another at this important time for them and their families. There will be more details regarding these meetings in September. *In the meantime it would be very helpful if five or six parents would volunteer to lead these groups. Leading a group might sound daunting - but it really simply means making sure the group starts on time and finishes on time, and stays on task! The resources for each meeting are for the group as a whole to deal with... The big advantage of leading a group is that the leader chooses when and where it meets!*

Meetings can take place most anywhere - in the Benedict and McEvilly rooms, or in a local coffee shop or pub, or in the leader's home - and at a time of the leader's choice. Groups will be for five or six people. Leaders choose the where and when, and others will get the chance to choose from the available groups.

A chance for parents to deepen and develop their faith and still better support their children as they take the next steps toward full participation in the life of the Church.

Whole Community Catechesis Week 15, Year C

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear the story of the Lord's question to his disciples, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- Question for Children:** Who loves you and why?
- Question for Youth:** Who do people in our day look down on and why?
- Question for Adults:** Who in our world would be equivalents for the characters in the parable? Who do you know who loves their neighbour as himself?



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Parish

Apostleship of the Sea - retiring collection today week. For details of AOS's important work go to www.apostleshipofthesea.org.uk

Thank you!!! £1048.11 was raised last weekend by the St Nicholas World Development Group appeal.

Teas & Coffees on Sunday mornings will resume after building work is completed.

Jesus and living faithfully. Tuesday evening sessions for those wishing to explore our Catholic faith - perhaps with a view to joining the Catholic Church. Next meeting Tuesday 16 July in the parish house at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Scripture group 7.30pm, Mon 17th July in parish house to discuss Chapters 18 to 21 of Luke's Gospel. All welcome.

Preparation for Baptism of Infants The next preparation programme starts on Saturday 7th Sept from 11am-12 noon in the Benedict Room. Please see Fr Allen beforehand for an application form.

Travelling Solo lunch All who 'travel solo in life' for whatever reason are warmly invited to join with others for a jolly Sunday lunch at a local pub. Next gathering will be

Repair works underway!

The Benedict and McEvilly rooms are closed for the long-planned for repair and restoration work. Most of the work will be carried out during the school holidays and - please God! - will be completed by the end of August, and we can resume normal service. **NB the works will not interrupt the usual access to the church itself.**

Baptised and Sent

The Extraordinary Missionary Month seeks to encourage a genuine missionary conversion to Christ in the life of young people. On October 19th 9:30am - 6pm young adults (aged 16+) are invited to an event of encounter. An opportunity to engage in mission projects in the heart of the city of Birmingham.

Young people will then be invited to share and reflect during an celebratory event of celebration, to which every parish in the Diocese is invited to send representatives. Any young parishioner interested in representing our parish please contact Fr Allen as soon as possible. Places are limited.



Parish Outing 1pm, 14th August

Visit to the BBC studios birmingham. Join us on a tour behind the scenes of TV and radio studios, including Midlands Today, BBC WM and if we're lucky, the studio which is home to the longest running soap opera in the world, The Archers (production schedules permitting)

Adult £12.50 (18-59); Child £8.50 (9-17); Concession (60+) £10.25.
 Tickets must be booked in advance. If you wish to come please fill in in form (in porch) and give together with payment to Fr Allen by Sunday 21st July.



Applications for Bishop Walsh & St Nicholas Schools Families applying for a school place for September 2020 who believe they meet the new 'practicing Catholic criteria should speak with Fr Allen after any Sunday Mass between now and the end of July to request a signed Certificate of Catholic Practice.

Church with a purpose... Come, join the conversation about the life, purpose and future of our parish, Read chapter 1 of the book *Divine Renovation* (available from Fr Allen). Parish house, 7.30pm on Monday 15 July.

Masses Week 15 in Ordinary Time

S	13	15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
			1800	Bridget Quinlisk RIP
Su	14	Psalter Wk 3	0900	For the Parish
			1100	Zainab El Eljerbi RD (Parkes)
			1800	Exposition and Evening Prayer
M	15	St Bonaventure	1000*	Exposition and Rosary for Vocations
			1500	For Mum - ints (Mary James)
T	16		1000*	Peace in the world
W	17		1000*	Victims of Sri Lanka attack
Th	18			
F	19		1000	Mass with St Nicholas School - all welcome
			1900	Ints of Sr Rea (Kenny)
S	21	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
			1800	Angela Jones RIP (Ord)
Su	22	Psalter Wk 4	0900	Kevin Manlon RD (Corkery)
			1100	For the Parish

Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday

Gn 18:1-10a / Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 / Col 1:24-28 / Lk 10:38-42

Morning/Evening Prayer 20 mins before weekday Masses, as indicated above *

Exposition: & Vespers 2nd and 4th Suns of month, 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 Michael O'Brien; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; Peter & Olwyn Foster; Lea Burke, Margaret Stroud and Peggy Gallagher. **Please pray** for Anne Masterson who died recently; and for Josie Garvey and Ruth Loughran Smith and all whose anniversaries of death are at this time: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

NB To include names on the list of sick parishioners please complete the form available in the porch and pass to Fr Allen so we meet the requirements of current Data Protection legislation.

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his news:
*Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.*

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
family, brethren, cousins and kin,
love, only love, is his name:

Love is his name, love is his law,
hear his command, all who are his
'Love one another, I have loved you'
love, only love, is his law:

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one,
love, only love, is his word:

Gloria

*Glory to God, (x3) in the highest, and on earth peace,
peace on earth, peace to people of good will.*

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.

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.

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.

The Liturgy of the Word

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

Psalm 18(19):8-11

The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes.

The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just.

They are more to be desired than gold,
than the purest of gold
and sweeter are they than honey,
than honey from the comb.

Colossians 1:15-20

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity.

Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. Alleluia!

Luke 10:25-37

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus 'do this and life is yours.'

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own

mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go, and do the same yourself.'

The Prayer of the Faithful

We pray to the Lord. Through our lives and by our prayers, Your kingdom come.

The Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

At the following words, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory Song

In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies' labour.
In wine we offer you our spirit's grief.
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?
But stand united now, one in belief.
Oh we have gladly heard your Word, your holy Word,
and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,
our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.

The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,
and it becomes for us our spirit's food.
Over the cup we bring your Word is spoken,

make it your gift to us, your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil plants in our heart's poor soil,
take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,
the chance we have missed, the graces we resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of
the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, save us, Saviour of the world, for by your
Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Communion Rite

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us. (x2)
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.

Communion Song

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be;
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
so shall I never, ever part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
in death's dread moment make me only thine;
call me, and bid me come to thee on high,
when I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Concluding Rites

Final Song

God is love: his the care,
tending each, ev'rywhere,
God is love, all is there!
Jesus came to show him,
that we all might know him!
Sing aloud, loud, loud! sing aloud, loud, loud!
God is good! God is truth! God is beauty! Praise him!

None can see God above;
we can share life and love;
thus may we Godward move,
finding him in creation,
holding ev'ry nation.

To our Lord praise we sing,
light and life, friend and King,
coming down, love to bring,
pattern for our duty,
showing God in beauty.