

### 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 on Sunday 4th August.

**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.*

### Diocese

**House Warden** Maryvale Institute seek a House Warden. Details from registry@maryvale.ac.uk Closing Date 31st July.

### 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/2WfZlUR>

### Parish Trip

**1pm, 14th Aug**  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.

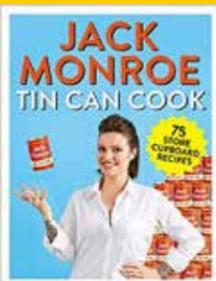
Tickets must be booked in advance. If you wish to come please fill in form (in porch) and give together with payment to Fr Allen by TODAY

**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.

### 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.



### Mass Intentions

Making an offering for a Mass is one of the ways in which the faithful can associate themselves more closely with Christ's offering of himself and in so doing experience its effects more fully.

It is also a practice that helps provide for the Church's needs and especially for the support of priests.

When an offering is made for a Mass then it is usually made for a particular intention of the donor, which is then prayed for, especially by the priest, at a particular Mass.

Mass Intention envelopes are available in the church porch. Completed, they can be placed in the Sunday Offertory collection or handed direct to the priest.

### Choosing a particular date

At present, in our parish, Mass intentions for a particular month are usually fully booked some 6-8 weeks before the beginning of that month.

If you wish to have a Mass offered on or near a particular date - for example to mark the anniversary of someone who has died - you are advised to 'book it' three months in advance. (We will book it to on the chosen date if it is available, otherwise it will be allocated to the nearest date or preferred time)

To assist people in choosing a date, current intentions already 'booked' can now be checked on line, on the parish website. Go to [www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/worship.html](http://www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/worship.html) and use the pull-down menu following 'Celebrations of Mass'.

*NB The on-line listings are updated once a week, usually on Monday. They may not be entirely up-to-date by the end of a week.*

### Youth Conference: 'Christ is Alive'

Following feedback given by young people during the Synod process, a Conference to look at how the Archdiocese will keep the voice of young people at the heart of its life our work. The day includes:

- The journey so far: a video commissioned for the Archdiocese of Birmingham
- 'Christ is Alive': David Wells on our response to the message of Pope Francis
- The Voice of Young People: Understanding the research, the barriers to faith, the ideals and the hope placed in moving forward with a practical response
- Music ministry with Jo Boyce
- Workshops including The Director of the Human Institute - Kerri Christopher on Gender and sexuality
- A chance to hear from the panel of young people

Saturday 28th September; 10am - 5.30pm (Mass at 4.30pm); Age 18+ Venue Alton Castle, Tickets £10pp

### 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.



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### Parish

**Apostleship of the Sea** The retiring collection raised £315.75. Thank you!

**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 6 August in the parish house at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**Scripture group** 7.30pm, Fri 6th Sept in parish house to consider Chapters 22-24 of Luke's Gospel. All welcome.

The year beginning in Advent is to be kept as a Year of the Word. How might we be helped, and how might we help one another to be more deeply nourished by the word of God? *For example the time of our monthly scripture group suits some but not others? Do you want to come but can't? What time might be best for you? Are you a reader and would you like the chance to discuss the readings you proclaim to the Church? What might be the best way of helping? Just jot down any suggestions comments and pass to Fr Allen please*

### Church with a purpose...

Come, join the conversation about the life, purpose and future of our parish, Read chapter 2 of the book Divine Renovation (available from Fr Allen). Parish house, 7.30pm on Monday 22 July.

### 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.



### Whole Community Catechesis: 16th Sunday C

**Step One: Listen to the Word** Listen to the Gospel reading. What strikes you about this story? What touched your heart?

#### Step Two: Look into Your Life

- Question for Children:** When do you feel that God is closest to you?
- Question for Youth:** How do you deal with criticism?
- Question for Adults:** What do you do to deliberately spend time with God? What does God do to attract your attention?

### 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>

### Masses Week 16 in Ordinary Time

S	20	16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
			1800	Angela Jones RIP (Ord)
Su	21	Psalter Wk 4	0900	Kevin Manlon RD (Corkery)
			1100	For the Parish
M	22	St Mary Magdalene	1000*	Exposition and Rosary for Vocations
			1500	Victims of African Cyclone
T	23	St Brigid	1000*	Chris Hickey RIP (Hickey)
W	24		*	
Th	25			
F	26	Ss Joachim and Anne	1900	Tony McCrann and his sons (Leese)
S	27	17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
			1800	William Hempenstall RIP (Hempenstall)
Su	28	Psalter Wk 1	0900	For the parish
			1100	Special Intention (Szambir)
			1800	Exposition and Evening Prayer

### Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday

Gn 18:20-32 / Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 / Col 2:12-14 / Lk 11:1-13

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

**Exposition: & Vespers** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://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 Ruth Loughran Smith, Fred Rhodes, Geoffrey Sterling, Christine Foster, Ron Wilkinson 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

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
Christ be in all tongues telling of me.  
Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
in ears that hear me, Christ ever be.

### 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

### Genesis 18:1-10

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing

**Stillness is Golden:** Several of the songs today are prayers for stillness, and attentiveness.

This is not just about being quiet! When the Church is gathered, being quiet is not always possible! But an inner, gentle, contemplation of our relationship with God – our work, our fundamental mode of participation in the Liturgy – is something we can engage in, even amidst the (welcome!) noises of our Sunday assembly.

It is the most essential thing we do at Mass: gazing and pondering and resting in the presence of the sacred. The other actions and ‘things’ of the Mass are not incidental to this contemplation – but they are often what others ‘do’. Sometimes we join with them, but more often we pray what they do, to come to new communion with God.

near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. ‘My lord,’ he said ‘I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant’s direction.’ They replied, ‘Do as you say.’

Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah.’ ‘Hurry,’ he said ‘knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.’ Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree.

‘Where is your wife Sarah?’ they asked him. ‘She is in the tent’ he replied. Then his guest said, ‘I shall visit you again next year without fail, and your wife will then have a son.’

### Psalm 14(15):2-5

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?  
He who walks without fault;  
he who acts with justice  
and speaks the truth from his heart;  
he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother,  
who casts no slur on his neighbour,  
who holds the godless in disdain,  
but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;  
who takes no interest on a loan  
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.  
Such a man will stand firm for ever.

### Colossians 1:24-28

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my own body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God’s message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God’s purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!* Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. *Alleluia!*

### Luke 10:38-42

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord’s feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with

all the serving said, ‘Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.’ But the Lord answered: ‘Martha, Martha,’ he said ‘you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.’

### 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

Be still and know that I am God. (x 3)

I am the Lord that health thee...

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust...

### 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

*Be still for the presence of the Lord  
the Holy One is here.*

Come, bow before him now,  
with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground.

*Be still for the presence of the Lord...*

*Be still for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;*

He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour He is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of Light!

*Be still, for the glory of the Lord...*

*Be still for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.*

He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister His grace.

No work too hard for Him,  
in faith receive from Him;

*Be still for the power of the Lord*

## Concluding Rites

### Final Song

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;  
thou my soul’s shelter, and thou my high tower:  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
grant heaven’s joy to me, O bright Heaven’s Sun!  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.