



# St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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*Our Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216*

## 2 Kings 4:42-44

A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear. 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over."' He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

## Psalm 144: 10-11, 15-18

*You open wide your hand, O Lord, and grant our desires.*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

## Ephesians 4:1-6

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!* Your words are

## Parish

**Travelling Solo lunch** All who 'travel solo in life' for whatever reason are warmly invited to meet for pub lunch after the 11am Mass on Sun 5 August.

**Sunday Refreshments** in Benedict Room start again in September. *Volunteers to serve coffee etc needed. Please sign up on list in church.*

**Dads' Get Together** Following Monday's meeting a series of meetings

on first Mondays of Oct, Nov and Dec 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.

**First Communion and Confirmation 2018-19** Application forms and first details of next year's parish programmes 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.

**Preparation for Baptism of Infants.** The next preparation programme begins Sat 22 September from 11-12noon, in the Benedict Room. Pl see Fr Allen before hand and complete an application form.

**Would you like to be part of a parish group offering hospitality to local people wanting time and space just to chill out.**

Mondays 10.30-1.30 and the Benedict Room are available for us to offer care and welcome. Want to help? See Fr Allen!



## Masses Week 17 in Ordinary Time

<b>S</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>Sunday of 17th Week in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Wk 1</i>	1700	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> For the parish
			1800	
<b>Su</b>	<b>29</b>		0900	Thanksgiving and for the sick (Redmond) Kathleen McCrossan - Ints
			1100	
<b>M</b>	<b>30</b>		1000 *	Fr Gabby - Ints (Wilkinson) <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary</i>
			1500	
<b>T</b>	<b>31</b>	St Ignatius of Loyola	1000 *	Tommy Webster RIP (Brennan)
<b>W</b>	<b>1</b>	St Alphonsus Ligouri	1000	
<b>Th</b>	<b>2</b>			
<b>F</b>	<b>3</b>		1100	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of the Sick</i> Marjorie Leese RIP (Leese) <i>Exposition and Prayer for Priests (30 mins)</i>
			1900 *	
			1930	
<b>S</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>Sunday of 18th Week in Ordinary Time</b> <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	1700	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> Helen Gillespie RIP (Perks)
			1800	
<b>Su</b>	<b>5</b>		0900	For the parish Josephine Garvey RD (Lawlor)
			1100	

**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 Bernadette Evans, Margaret Stroud, Gino Mastroianni, 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** Josephine Garvey whose funeral Mass is at 1130 on 17/8, for Sarah Reynolds (Theresa Farrell's mother) who died this week and for Brian Boyle, Michael McInerney, Elizabeth Bryan, Robert Mageen, John Collins and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

**Book Club** Next meeting is at 8pm on Mon 17 Sept 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 marvellous gift."

**Scripture group** 7pm on 18 Sept. We continue to read St Luke's Gospel, please read chapter 3 and 4 to prepare. All welcome! NB Meeting will be in the Benedict room - but with coffee and cake as usual!

**St Nicholas school masses** from September will take place on Fridays at 10am. All are welcome. Friday evening masses continue as previously.

**Two 3-month-old kittens** from a good home are in need of a good home. See leaflet in porch for details or contact Jeremy on 07527 794398.



**Parish Outing: Tues 18 September**

**Parish outing** Visit to copies of Serbian medieval fresco from the monasteries of Kosovo and Metohija, and to the beautifully decorated Serbian Orthodox church of St Lazar, Bournville. (Admission £5 or £3 for over-65s). Meet at 92 Griffins Brook Lane, B'ham, B30 1QG at 12 noon.

## Diocese

**The Annual Harvington Pilgrimage** Sunday 2 September 2018. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available on the day (booked in the Hall's courtyard when you arrive). After Mass refreshments will be served to all of our visitors in the garden of The Priest's House. *Take a chair for the Mass!*

**Safeguarding** Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). SCIE would like to speak with any individuals with experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and who have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives/ safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you can contribute to this review then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).

**Jobs.** Administrative Assistant and Head of Parish Catechetics at Maryvale Institute. Details on [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) (under *About Us*)

**Petitions to be presented to Pope Francis in Dublin at the World Meeting of Families.** Please email them to Lianne Pap (Diocesan Family Ministry Worker) - [lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org](mailto:lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org) by August 19th. Petitions can be for yourself, family, friends or for anyone who may be in need of prayers. Please send no later than August 15th.

## Other

**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 can help! Info from 0788 729 6983 or [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk)

### 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 August 3rd**

### 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/>

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

### John 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.' One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the people sit down.'

There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted.

When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.

**The Ordinary of the Mass** is found on p200 ff of *Laudate*.

The **Gloria, Holy, Memorial Acclamation** and **Lamb of God** used in Ordinary Time are nos 101 ff in *Laudate*.

**Next Sunday is the 18th in Ordinary Time**

*Scripture readings:* Exodus 16:2 – 4, 12 – 15 / Psalm 78:3 – 4, 23 – 24, 25, 54 / Ephesians 4:17, 20 – 24 / John 6:24 – 35

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