St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

July / August 2026: Parish Masses This week				
Sa	**25**	6pm	**17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	Margaret Powell RD (Byrne)
Su	**26**	9am		For the parish
		11am		Special Intention
M	**27**	10am		Elsie Wilkinson RD (O'Gorman)
T	**28**	10am		Jean Lawlor RIP (Lawlor
W	**29**	10am	Ss Martha & Mary	Dcsd of the O'Connor family
Th	**30**	11am	Funeral Mass of Elsie WIlkinson	
F	**31**	7pm	St Ignatius of Loyola	Elsie Wilkinson RD (Drozd)
S	**1**	6pm	**18th Sunday in Ordinary Time**	Margaret Powell RD (Byrne)
Su	**2**	9am		For the parish
		11am		Special Intention

Anointing of the Sick: Next celebration is at 10am on 19 August

Sacrament of Confession: Fri 19.30 until 20.00; Sat 5.30-5.45

Please pray for those who are sick: Stephen Gateley, Rita Rhodes, Mary Daniels, Brenda Davies, Lesley Devlin, Margaret Reeves. **Please pray** for Elsie Wilkinson who died recently her funeral is at 11am on Thurs 30 July, Joshua Hurd and for Laurence Breen, Josie Garvey, Margaret Stroud, Ron WIlkinson, Fred Rhodes and all whose anniversary occurs at this time. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.***

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

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and 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. *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

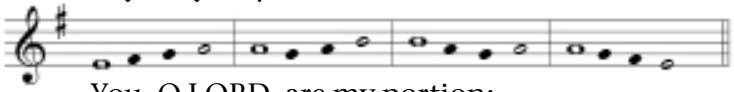
The Liturgy of the Word

1 Kings 3:5-6a, 7-12

In those days: The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night, and God said, 'Ask what I shall give you.' And Solomon said, 'O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. And God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life, or riches, or the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, behold, I now do according to your word. Behold, I give you a wise and discerning mind, so that none like you has been before you and none like you shall arise after you.'

Ps 119(118):57, 72. 76-77. 127-130



You, O LORD, are my portion;
I have promised to obey your words.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than large quantities of silver and gold.

Let your merciful love console me
by your promise to your servant.
Show me compassion, that I may live,
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
and hate false ways.

Your decrees are wonderful indeed;
therefore my soul obeys them.
The unfolding of your word gives light,
and understanding to the simple.

Romans 8:28-30

Brothers and Sisters: We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. **I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children.** ***Alleluia.***

Matthew 13:44-52

At that time: Jesus said to the crowd: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into vessels but threw away the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

'Have you understood all these things?' They said to him, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to him, do not be afraid, in him rejoicing:
the Lord is near; in him rejoicing: the Lord is near.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth and 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...

The mystery of faith

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

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

Blessing and Dismissal