

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 Church year beginning in Advent is to be kept as a Year of the Word. How might we be helped, and 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 help? Just jot down any suggestions comments and pass to Fr Allen please.*

Preparation for Baptism of Infants

The next preparation programme starts on Saturday 7th Sept from 11am-12

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.



Parish Trip 1pm, 13th Aug

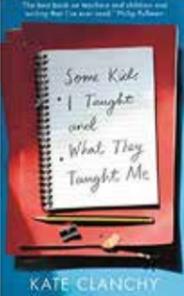


Thank you to all those who have booked for the BBC trip. Unfortunately when we came to make the booking the BBC had cancelled the tour for the 14th, but we have now booked to go on the 13th at the same time. Apologies to those who could not make the switch.

If you have not booked but would like to come, please book on-line at <http://www.bbc.co.uk/showsandtours/tours/birmingham>

Parish Book Club: Next meeting is 8pm, Weds 4th Sept in the parish house to discuss

Some kids I taught... by Kate Clanchy: it has some trenchant views on Catholic education! Philip Pullman writes: 'The best book on teachers and children and writing that I've ever read.'



Church with a purpose...

Over recent months a number of people in the parish have been coming together to consider what it means to be a believer in Jesus: what it means to be a disciple, and what it means to be fully a member of the Church sharing in her work.

There have been many experiences and opportunities feeding into this time of reflection - a work that Pope Francis has encouraged, most notably perhaps in his letter, *Joy of the Gospel* (Evangelii Gaudium)

One of the fruits of the reflection has been a recognition of how easy it is, and how common it is, for us to sort of dis-engage from what discipleship and apostleship is about. We can claim the titles 'Catholic' and 'Christian', and be, as it were, card-carrying members of the Church but not really feel we have or are expected to contribute to the Church. Most everything can be seen as optional or the work of others: even central things like developing our personal relationship with Jesus, of deepening our participation in his holiness in our daily lives; like bearing witness to faith to others, helping them to know and love God.

noon in the Benedict Room. Please see Fr Allen beforehand for an application form.

Diocese

The Sower Copies of the Dicesan Magazine are available n the porch. It contains various items looking forward to the canonisation of Cardinal Newman in October; as well as looking back to recent events such as the Lourdes pilgrimage and the follow-up to the IICSA report into Safeguarding in the Archdiocese. Copies are free. Please take one for yourself - and maybe you could take another for a friend who no longer comes to Church.

St Edmund Campion Catholic School and Sixth Form Centre:

• **Sixth Form Enrolment Day** is being held at on Thurs 22 Aug from 9.30 am. You will be very welcome to come along, tour our Sixth Form and facilities and find out what we can offer to you. Please check our school website at www.stedcamp.bham.sch.uk

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 and 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:* Research into he barriers to faith, the ideals and the hope placed in moving forward with a practical response
- Music ministry with Jo Boyce
- Workshops include Kerri Christopher, of the *Human Institute*, on Gender and sexuality
- Hear from a panel of young people

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

The Church has drawn on various strategies down the centuries to help combat this luke-warmness or dis-engagement: Retreats, missions, and courses; encouragement of spiritual reading; prayer groups and sodalities. Discussion on how we move forward – for to the Archbishop and to our parish group, it seems clear that move forward we must – will continue in September/October.

In the meantime you might like to spend some time reflecting on your own relationship with Jesus. How real and personal is Jesus for you? Or is he something of an enigma or 'an idea' or a symbol of good values. **Make use of the question sheet in the porch - and take the opportunity to feed your views into the parish reflection.** The point of this exercise is not to have the 'right answers' but especially to pool our confusions and uncertainties. Honestly faced these can be really help us see how to move forward...

And, of course – if you are that way inclined – you might like to have a read of the book *Divine Renovation* (available from Fr Allen) or Pope Francis' letter for sale in the porch or free at <https://bit.ly/1tmQF3S>

Dad's Group.

- Monday 9th Sept 8pm. Deacon Owen Gresty, Deacon at Holy Trinity, and member of the Diocesan Vocations team, will join us for our evening meal, reflecting first on his experience as Deacon and Dad.
- Monday 14th October, 8pm. Dr Tony Thomas reflecting on 'Learning about being a Dad from being a doctor.'



• **Y6 Open Evening** on Tues 10 Sept from 6.45 - 8.30 pm. An **Open Morning** will be held on Thurs 12 Sept from 9.30 - 11.00 am.

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Father Hudson's Care Review of the Year available at <https://bit.ly/2xO9yFF> and in the porch



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Parish

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

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 is this Sunday.*

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.*

Parish Trip 7th August

One of the great – and mysterious – works of 20th Century British art is the massive carving by Jacob Epstein of Jacob's struggle with an Angel (described in the Book of Genesis).



For the next few months this carving is on display in Walsall's New Art Gallery – on loan from Tate Britain in London. And admission is free!

Meet at the gallery at 1145. (If you wish, join Fr Allen after the 10am Mass that day, and travel together on the bus...)

All are welcome – and especially members of the new parish art group being led and taught by Tony Sawbridge and Geraldine Foster. (If we are lucky there will be a chance to see one of Tony's paintings in the regular collection at the Gallery).

Whole Community Catechesis: 18th Sunday Year C

Step One: Listen to the Word
As you hear the question posed to Jesus, and his answer, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** What would you say the man in the story gets wrong?
- **Question for Youth:** What is the difference between 'need' and 'want'? Which influences you the most?
- **Question for Adults:** What 'addictions' drive your actions and mar your life?

Masses Week 18 in Ordinary Time

S	3	18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700	1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
		<i>Psalter Wk 2</i>			Jim Mulhearn RIP (Pocock)
Su	4		0900	1100	For the parish Maria and Jan Szambir (Szambir)
M	5		1000*	1500	Ints Fr Gabriel Maguire (Wilkinson) Exposition and Rosary for Vocations
T	6	TRANSFIGURATION	1000*		Ints of John Coffee (Shortall)
W	7		1000*		Victims in Syria and helpers
Th	8		1000*		Peggy Gallagher - Birthday (Lawlor)
F	9	St Teresa Benedicta	1900		Jim Lay RIP (Sterling) followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and pray for victims of Abuse.
S	10	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700	1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Jim Mulhearn RIP (Lavelle)
		<i>Psalter Wk 3</i>			
Su	11		0900	1100	For the parish Jamie Staunton RIP (Egan)
			1800		Exposition and Evening Prayer

Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday
Wis 18:6-9 / Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22 / Heb 11:1-2, 8-12 / Lk 12:32-48

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, and Peggy Gallagher. **Please pray** for Margaret Stroud whose funeral is here at 1pm on Monday 19th August and for Frances Bryan, and Michael Lawlor 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.

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for August is that families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."



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



Moving forward with music at Mass

Thank you very much to all of those who are assisting with Music at our Sunday morning Masses. Having regular accompanists makes a great deal of difference to our regular singers and to us all. If there are others who play any instrument - violin, guitar, keyboard, flute, recorder or most anything else that would like to come & play along. If playing weekly is impractical for you, why not come and join a special monthly 'orchestra' with plenty of time to practice at home if you are feeling abit rusty!! Interested? Additional singers also very welcome! Want to help? Please see music leaders or musicians, or Fr Allen.

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity
Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm.

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

Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his

laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17

You turn men back to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream,
like the grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. *Alleluia!*

Luke 12:13-21

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room

to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever child-like, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,

Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

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

This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches, I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

Love one another - I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Concluding Rites

Final Song

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us.
Blessed Redeemer, Living word.

What changes? Mass always ends with our being sent out to continue the mission of the Church, and the mission of each Christian, to continue the work.

Take a moment at the end of Mass to take note of what has struck you as most appropriate for you to do in response to the Lord's love and call.