

resume after building work is completed.

Travelling Solo lunch All who 'travel solo in life' for whatever reason are invited to join with others for a jolly Sunday lunch at a local pub. *Next gathering is Sun 1st Sept.*

Diocese

Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly, Sat 12 Oct, 10am to 5pm at St Peter's Catholic Secondary School, Solihull. Pope Francis has declared October 2019 as an Extraordinary Missionary Month. The Diocesan Justice and Peace Commission and the Columban Missionaries invite you to reflect on your experiences, celebrating and putting into action the call to mission for justice, peace and care for creation. More details in porch...

The Sower Copies of the Dicesan Magazine are available in the porch. It contains various items looking forward to

In Hospital or going there?

Catholic Chaplains are appointed to all of our local hospitals.

Patients, and relatives of patients, are urged to make sure that Catholic patients admitted to hospital are registered as Roman Catholic on admission. If they wish to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain, they should ask the ward nurse to arrange this.

Data protection legislation means that unless this is done your details will not be passed to the Chaplain.

Fr Allen is always willing to visit parishioners in local hospitals. should they wish. If passing on a request it is very helpful if you can give details of the ward the patient is on.

Many people find it helpful to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when they experience serious ill health. If you would like to receive the Sacrament, please let Fr Allen know.

Parish Trip

1pm, 13th Aug **BBC**
Those booked for the BBC trip will meet up on level 3 of the Mailbox, towards the back near restaurants and canal. If you wish you can meet up with Fr Allen at Wylde Green station ready to get the 1133 train.

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.'



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 Safeguarding report. Copies are free. Please take one for yourself - and another for a friend who no longer comes to Church.

St Edmund Campion Catholic School and Sixth Form Centre: (1) 6th 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 **(2) 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.

Youth Conference: 'Christ is Alive' Sat 28th Sep; 10am - 5.30pm Age 18+ Alton Castle, Tickets £10pp

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

Other

Thank you to those who supported the recent coffee morning for the *Lisiuex Trust*, which raised £67.53

Anointing of the Sick

Thank you to 'the team' who help with the catering for our monthly service and social. The next is on Friday Sept 6th at 11am. All whose health is seriously impaired by sickness and old age are invited to come to receive the Sacrament.

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.

Dad's Group.

- Monday 9th Sept 8pm. Deacon Owen Gresty, Deacon at Holy Trinity parish, 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.'



Building on Baptism

Confirmation

Children enrolled in this year's Confirmation programme are reminded that they are to bring their completed Summer project to Mass at 6pm on Sat 21 Sept, ready to hand in at the meeting following the Mass. Days/times for candidates meetings for children **not** at St Nicholas School will be agreed at this meeting too.

First Communion

The enrolment meetings for parents of all children who will be making their first communion in the parish next May are on Saturday 7th Sept at 9am or Monday 9th Sept at 7pm. Please bring diaries!



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>



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Parish

Solemnity of the Assumption: Thursday is a Holyday of Obligation.

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.*

Jesus and living faithfully. Would you like to explore our Catholic faith - perhaps with a view to joining the Catholic Church. Next meeting Tues 13 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 noon in the Benedict Room. Please see Fr Allen beforehand for an application form.

Teas & Coffees on Sunday mornings will

Whole Community Catechesis

19th Sunday Year C

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear the account of the challenge that the Lord sets before his disciples and their reaction, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- Question for Children:** What is really precious to you?
- Question for Youth:** How do the values of Jesus stand up against other values that you see people choosing to make their own?
- Question for Adults:** What helps you to serve others? What makes it more difficult? How do you try to get the balance right?

Masses Week 19 in Ordinary Time

S	10	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
		<i>Psalter Wk 3</i>	1800	Jim Mulhearn RIP (Lavelle)
Su	11		0900	For the parish
			1100	Jamie Staunton RIP (Egan)
			1800	Exposition and Evening Prayer
M	12		1000*	Michael Lawlor RIP (Lawlor)
			1500	Exposition and Rosary for Vocations
T	13		1000*	Ints of Andrew Bannister (Gill)
W	14	St Maximilian Kolbe	1000*	Jonathan Slim RD (Burke)
Th	15	ASSUMPTION OF BVM	1000*	For the parish
			1900*	Pamela Rawlins RD (Miguel)
F	16		1900*	Ins of Refugees on boats followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer for victims of abuse
S	17	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
		<i>Psalter Wk 4</i>	1800	For the parish
Su	18		0900	Kathe and George Eaton RIP
			1100	Edward Rodgers RIP (Sterling)

Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10 / Ps 40:2, 3, 4, 18 / Heb 12:1-4 / Lk 12:49-53

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: liveeucharist.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 Michael Lawlor, Ken Patrick Cowley 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.



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.**

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>

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

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. (x2)

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

Wisdom 18:6-9

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage.

This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you.

The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers.

Psalms 32(33):1,12,18-20,22 (Sung by all)

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
They are happy, whose God is the Lord,
the people he has chosen as his own.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you.

Hebrews 11:1-2,8-12

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for, or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended.

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God.

It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. *Alleluia!*

Luke 12:32-48

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There is no need to be afraid, little flock, for it has pleased your Father to give you the kingdom.

'Sell your possessions and give alms. Get yourselves purses that do not wear out, treasure that will not fail you, in heaven where no thief can reach it and no moth destroy it. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Peter said, 'Lord, do you mean this parable for us, or for everyone?' The Lord replied, 'What sort of steward, then, is faithful and wise enough for the master to place him over his household to give them their allowance of food at the proper time? Happy that servant if his master's arrival finds him at this employment. I tell you truly, he will place him over everything he owns. But as for the servant who says to himself, "My master is taking his time coming," and sets about beating the menservants and the maids, and eating and drinking and getting drunk, his master will come on a day he does not expect and at an hour he does not know. The master will cut him off and send him to the same fate as the unfaithful.

The servant who knows what his master wants, but has not even started to carry out those wishes, will receive very many strokes of the lash. The one who did

not know, but deserves to be beaten for what he has done, will receive fewer strokes. When a man has had a great deal given him, a great deal will be demanded of him; when a man has had a great deal given him on trust, even more will be expected of him.'

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

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.

Concluding Rites

Final Song

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

The Prayer of the Faithful

What distinguishes this prayer from other times of prayer by the faithful in Mass? Principally that, at this time, the whole assembly of the faithful unites in prayer together for particular intentions - traditionally, the Church; the world; those in particular need; and the local community.

At other times **the** prayer at Mass is offered by the priest on behalf of the community. But here the community itself offers the prayer, responding in times of silence to the general intentions. The intentions are purposely general: each of us have the responsibility of making them concrete, as we apply our prayer and care to those intentions, to those particular people and situations as we know the need: who **we** know who is sick, etc. *Through our lives and by our prayers, your kingdom come...*

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