

Exposition and Evening Prayer to mark the canonisation of John Henry Newman Priest and Cardinal.
 October 13th, 7.30pm
 St Nicholas Church, Boldmere.



Cardinal Newman will be formally recognised as a saint by Pope Francis during the celebration of Mass in St Peter's Square, Rome on Sunday October 13th.
 Come and join the Church in prayer that same evening to give thanks to God for John Henry Newman's sanctity and life of service - much of which offered in Birmingham and the Black Country - including at our church here in Boldmere.

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 Diocesan Magazine are available in 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 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

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.'
- Monday 4th November. Vincent Byrne reflecting on the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.



In Hospital or going there?

Catholic Chaplains are appointed to all of our local hospitals.

If you - or a family member/friend - are admitted to hospital, please ensure you are registered as Roman Catholic on admission. Visit by the Catholic Chaplain can be arranged by the ward nurse.

If you do not, your details will not be passed to the Chaplain.

Fr Allen is always willing to visit parishioners in hospital. If passing on a request please confirm the name of the patient (as held by the hospital) and 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.

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

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 3 Sept 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 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.*

Whole Community Catechesis 20th Sunday Year C

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear the Lord upturn any expectations of Jesus 'meek and mild', what words or phrases particularly strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- Question for Children:** Is it ever right fall out with people?
- Question for Youth:** Who do you feel 'separated from'? And why?
- Question for Adults:** How do you handle disputes and disagreements?

Masses Week 20 in Ordinary Time

S	17	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession For the parish
Su	18	<i>Psalter Wk 4</i>	0900 1100	Kathe and George Eaton RIP Edward Rodgers RIP (Sterling)
M	19		1300 1500	Funeral Mass for Margaret Stroud <i>Rosary for Vocations (no Exposition)</i>
T	20	St Bernard	0900*	Margaret Stroud RD (Lawlor)
W	21			
Th	22			
F	23	St John Wall	1900*	Mona Williams RIP <i>s followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer for victims of abuse</i>
S	24	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700 1800	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> Ints: Mary Gilnagh (Hempenshall)
Su	25	<i>Psalter Wk 1</i>	0900 1100	For the parish Leo Connally Ints (Hempenshall) <i>NB no Prayer at 7pm this Sunday</i>

Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday
Is 66:18-21 / Ps 117:1, 2 / Heb 12:5-7, 11-13 / Lk 13:22-30

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: liveingeucharist.wordpress.com/

Please pray for sick parishioners including Michael O'Brien; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; Peter & Olwyn Foster; Lea Burke, Peggy Gallagher, Frank & Hazel Kemp. **Please pray** for Margaret Stroud whose funeral is here at 1pm on Monday 19th August and for Patrick Cawley, Kathe Eaton 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>



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.

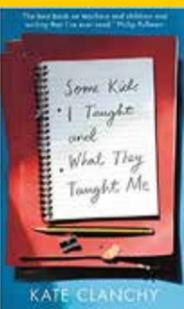
First Communion

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



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.'



Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

Here in this place, new light is streaming,
now is the darkness vanished away.
See in this space, our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in the lost and forsaken.
Gather us in the blind and the lame.
Call to us now, and we shall awaken,
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young, our lives are a myst'ry.
We are the old who yearn for your face.
We have been sung throughout all of hist'ry,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in the rich and the haughty.
Gather us in the proud and the strong.
Give us a heart so meek and so lowly,
give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we pray, and here you teach us,
here we break the bread of your word.
Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion.
Give us to eat the bread that is you.
Nourish us well and teach us to fashion,
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Gather us in and hold us for ever.
Gather us in and make us your own.
Gather us in all peoples together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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

Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King

Zedekiah answered 'for the king is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank.

Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well, where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.'

Psalm 39(40):2-4,18 (sung by all)

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Luke 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over!

'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

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

*Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by your name; you are mine.*

When you walk through the waters, I'll be with you;
you will never sink beneath the waves.

When the fire is burning all around you,
you will never be consumed by the flames.

When the fear of loneliness is looming,
then remember I am at your side.

When you dwell in the exile of a stranger,
remember you are precious in my eyes.

You are mine, O my child, I am your Father,
and I love you with a perfect love.

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

One bread one body, one Lord of all,

*one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.*

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,
woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, many the works,
one in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

Concluding Rites

Final Song

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more...

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield...

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside,
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee...

The Responsorial Psalm

What makes the Psalm at Mass 'responsorial'?

It is not the 'response' that is commonly said as a refrain to the psalm when it is read by a reader. But it is the psalm itself which is a response to the first reading. Indeed that psalm is chosen in order to, in some sense, extend that reading and complete it on the lips of the Church.

Take this week's first reading and psalm, for example. In the first reading we hear of the misery of Jeremiah, rejected by the leaders of Israel, but then rescued from death. In the psalm we become Jeremiah - we sing of suffering endured in hope of rescue and of the rescue coming as gift from God.

We become Jeremiah singing his thanksgiving for rescue - and as we sing his sufferings are joined with our sufferings past and present, and with our hoping for rescue, and - hopefully - our experience too of being rescued.

The first reading and its responsorial psalm form a single unit in the Liturgy of the Word, and are closely related to the Gospel. They are, as it were, the context in which we hear the Gospel. Again, this week, in the first reading and psalm we hear of turmoil and upset and restitution. In the Gospel we hear of the turmoil, the fire, that Jesus has come to bring. We are forewarned - and allowed to hope that peace will follow in good time.

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