



St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people, 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord and serving other gods! Was it not the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed? What is more, the Lord drove all those peoples out before us, as well as the Amorites who used to live in this country. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

Psalms 33(34):2-3,16-23

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The Lord turns his eyes to the just and his ears to their appeal.

They call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress. The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save.

Many are the trials of the just man but from them all the Lord will rescue him. He will keep guard over all his bones, not one of his bones shall be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the good are doomed. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Ephesians 5:21-32

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of



Children in families that rely on free school meals are going hungry during the summer when there is no school. If you can donate to our local food bank that will be much appreciated: They are asking especially for tins of tomatoes / rice pudding / fruit / custard / soup / fish; packet rice; uht milk; sugar; toilet rolls. If you can help please leave food in the porch on Saturday or Sunday morning.

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for August is the treasure of families: that any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.



To find the Pope's other current prayer intentions please visit <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

Masses Week 21 in Ordinary Time

S	25	Sunday of 21st Week in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 1</i>	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
			1800	Josephine Garvey RD (Brennan)
Su	26		0900	For the parish
			1100	Thomas Kelly RIP
S	1	Sunday of 22nd Week in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
			1800	For the parish
Su	2		0900	Tommy McCormack RD (Drozd)
			1100	Michael Lawlor RIP (Lawlor)

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** Fazia Caulfield, Denis Joyner, Freda Gateley, Tadas Serafinas, Agnes Collins, Ben Quirke, Robert Harrison, Maria Twardowicz and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Parish

ADOREMUS If you have booked to attend *Adoremus* and have NOT received your tickets please contact Paul Northam on 0121 360 8118 (ext. 166) or fieldevang@maryvale.ac.uk, *Let him know you are part of the parish booking from St Nicholas.*

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!



First Communion & Confirmation 2018-19 Application forms and details of next year's parish programmes are available in the porch. Details of the catechesis for the children, at Catholic school and not, will be available at a later date.

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

School carpark. Please note that as previously advised, the school carpark is closed this weekend. From next weekend it will again be open as usual.

Book Club Next meeting is at 8pm on Mon 17 Sept and the book *The Diaries of Ety Hillesum 1941-3*.

Scripture group 8pm on 18 Sept. (PL note change to time of meeting) 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.

Diocese

Safeguarding The Archbishop has commissioned a review of safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to ensure that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. It 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 team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you can contribute to this review please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).

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.

Parish Outing: Tues 18 September



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 (usually). Next service is Sept 28th

his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

Gospel Acclamation

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

John 6:60-69

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

Next Sunday is the 22nd in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Isaiah 35:4 – 7a / Psalm 146:7-10 / James 2:1 – 5 / Mark 7:31 – 37

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

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