

**Exposition and Evening Prayer to mark the canonisation of John Henry Newman Priest and Cardinal.**  
 October 13<sup>th</sup>, 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 13<sup>th</sup>.  
 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

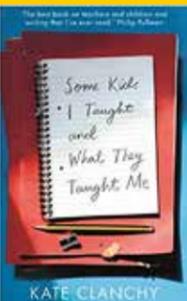
## Building on Baptism

- **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.'



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](http://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 next weekend, Sunday 1st September.*

## Whole Community Catechesis 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday Year C

### Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear the Lord urge to trying to live faithfully, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

### Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** What is good about God?
- **Question for Youth:** What do you think Jesus means by not knowing where some people come from?
- **Question for Adults:** What attracts people to the good life? What attracts you to it?

## Masses Week 21 in Ordinary Time

S	24	21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Ints: Mary Gilnagh (Hempenstall)
Su	25	Psalter Wk 1	0900 1100	For the parish Leo Connally Ints (Hempenstall) NB no Prayer at 7pm this Sunday
M	26	Blessed Dominic Barberi	0900 1100	For Syria Rosary and Benediction
T	27			
W	28			
Th	29			
F	30	St John Wall	1900*	Tricia Brenna & Josie Neward RIP (Kearney) by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayer for victims of abuse
S	31	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Mr and Mrs Gillespie Ints (Perks)
Su	1	Psalter Wk 2	0900 1100	For the parish Victims of African cyclone

## Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29 / Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11 / Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a / Lk 14:1, 7-14

**Morning/Evening Prayer** 20 mins before weekday Masses, as indicated above \*

**Exposition: & Vespers** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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/](http://liveingeucharist.wordpress.com/)

**Please pray for sick parishioners** including Michael O'Brien; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; Olwyn Foster; Lea Burke, Peggy Gallagher, Frank & Hazel Kemp. **Please pray** for Peter Foster who died during the week, and for Fazia Caulfield, Denis Joyner, Freda Gateley, Tadas Serafinas, Robert Harrison and all whose anniversaries of death are at this time: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**



## 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

All over the world the Spirit is moving  
All over the world as the prophets said it would be  
All over the world there's a mighty revelation  
Of the glory of the Lord  
As the waters cover the sea

All over this land the spirit is moving  
All over this land as the prophets said it would be  
All over this land there's a mighty revelation  
Of the glory of the Lord  
As the waters cover the sea

All over the church the spirit is moving  
All over the church as the prophets said it would be  
All over the church there's a mighty revelation  
Of the glory of the Lord  
As the waters cover the sea

All over us all the spirit is moving  
All over us all as the prophets said it would be  
All over us all there's a mighty revelation  
Of the glory of the Lord  
As the waters cover the sea

Deep down in my heart the spirit is moving  
Deep down in my heart  
as the prophets said it would be  
Deep down in my heart there's a mighty revelation  
Of the glory of the Lord  
As the waters cover the sea

### 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

### Isaiah 66:18-21

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring

all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

### Psalm 116(117) (Sung by all)

O praise the Lord, all you nations,  
acclaim him all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us;  
he is faithful for ever.

### Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!* If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. *Alleluia!*

### Luke 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!"

'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

### 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

All that I am, all that I do,  
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.  
Take and sanctify these gifts  
for your honour, Lord.  
Knowing that I love and serve you  
is enough reward.

All that I am, all that I do,  
all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

All that I dream, all that I pray,  
all that I'll ever make, I give to you today.  
Take and sanctify these gifts  
for your honour, Lord.  
Knowing that I love and serve you  
is enough reward.

All that I am, all that I do,  
all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

### 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

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;  
his holy name - the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn will are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore.

### The postures of prayer

Often we think of prayer as something that we do  
with our minds. We can forget that we have bodies!

At Mass we use our bodies in prayer as well as our  
thoughts and emotions.

For example we kneel, and we genuflect. In these  
postures we adopt a posture that speaks of humility  
on our part, as we come into the presence of God.  
Thus the genuflection when we enter, and when  
we leave the church. Thus our kneeling during the  
Eucharistic Prayer as we enter into the Mystery of  
Christ's Sacrifice and as we prepare for his coming  
to us in the gift of his Body and Blood in Holy Com-  
munion.

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