

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.

in the newsletter or website in the names of those who are sick. Details of how to provide this are available in the porch and on the website. Names and requests for prayer can be freely posted on the prayer board, just outside the Lady Chapel.

Diocese

Diocesan Justice & Peace Assembly, Sat 12 Oct, 10am to 5pm at St Peter's Catholic Secondary School, Solihull. 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.

St Edmund Campion Catholic School and Sixth Form Centre: 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.

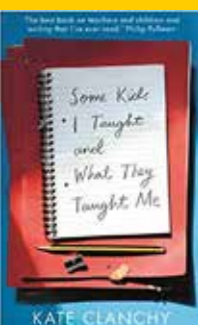
Youth Conference: 'Christ is Alive' Sat 28th Sept; 10am - 5.30pm Age 18+ Alton Castle, Tickets £10pp

Other

The season of Creation is an ecumenical global celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home, starting on 1 Sept and finishing on the feast of St Francis, 4 Oct. More info on parish blog.

Parish Book Club: Next meeting is 8pm, Weds 7th Oct (NB new date!) 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.'



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!



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.

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.

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 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.

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

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.

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. *Meet in porch after 11am Mass today.*

SVP Mass - especially for the housebound. 12noon on Sat 21st Sept. For details and help with transport please speak to member of SVP or email svp@stnicholas.dlex.co.uk

Praying for the Sick Recent Data Protection legislation means we may not, without their explicit permission, publish

Whole Community Catechesis 22nd Sunday Year C

Step One: Listen to the Word

As you hear the Gospel, what words or phrases strike you? What in this reading touches your heart?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- Question for Children:** What does it feel like to be left out of things?
- Question for Youth:** Who do you see sidelined in our society? Why do you think it happens?
- Question for Adults:** Where and how do you claim precedence over other people? When and how have you worked to help others to 'come in'.

Masses Week 22 in Ordinary Time

S	31	22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
			1800	Mr and Mrs Gillespie Ints (Perks)
Su	1	<i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	0900	For the parish
			1100	Victims of African cyclone
M	2		1000*	Ints of Mikula family (Szambir)
			1500	Rosary and Benediction
T	3	Gregory the Great	1000*	For Syria
W	4		1000*	For Kathleen - bereavement (McNally)
Th	5			
F	6		1100	Anointing of the Sick and Exposition
			1900*	Daniel O'Connor RD (Lawlor) followed by Exposition and prayer for victims of abuse
S	7	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
		<i>Psalter Wk 3</i>	1800	In thanksgiving: Lesley and Brian Devlin
Su	8		0900	Margaret Stroud RD (Redmond)
			1100	For the parish
			1800	Exposition and Evening Prayer

Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday

Wis 9:13-18b / Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17 / Phlm 9-10, 12-17 / Lk 14:25-33

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; Olwyn Foster; Lea Burke, Peggy Gallagher, Frank & Hazel Kemp. **Please pray** for Peter Foster whose funeral Mass will be here at 10am on Thurs 19th Sept, and for Tadas Serafinas, Robert Harrison, Gerard Harkins, Conn Corcoran 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 September is that politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.



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

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.

I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

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

Ecclesiasticus 3:19-21,30-31

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and
you will be better loved than a lavish giver.

The greater you are, the more you should behave
humbly, and then you will find favour with the
Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he
accepts the homage of the humble.

There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since
an evil growth has taken root in him.

The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables,
an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

Psalms 67(68):4-7,10-11 (Sung by all)

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,
they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,
such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in;
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom:

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:
when your people were starved you gave them new life.
It was there that your people found a home,
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the
senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total
darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the
great voice speaking which made everyone that
heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But
what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city
of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the
millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with
the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born
son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God
himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with
spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and
to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant
and a blood for purification which pleads more
insistently than Abel's.

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 14:1,7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the
house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they
watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable,
because he had noticed how they picked the places of
honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to
a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of
honour. A more distinguished person than you may
have been invited, and the person who invited you
both may come and say, "Give up your place to this
man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would
have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you
are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and
sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say,
"My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone
with you at the table will see you honoured. For
everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and
the man who humbles himself will be exalted.'

Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or
a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations
or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy
by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party,
invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind;
that they cannot pay you back means that you are
fortunate, because repayment will be made to you
when the virtuous rise again.'

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

Take my hands and make them as your own,
And use them for your kingdom here on earth,
Consecrate them to your care,
Anoint them for your service where,
You may need your Gospel to be sown.

Take my hands they speak now for my heart,
And by their actions they will show their love,
Guard them on their daily course,
Be their strength and guiding force,
To over serve the Trinity above.

Take my hands I give them to you Lord,
Prepare them for the service of your name,
Open them to human need,
And by their love they'll sow your seed,
So all may know the love and hope you give.

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

Bread of life, truth eternal,
Broken now to set us free.

The risen Christ, his saving power,
Is here in Bread and Wine for me.

Lord, I know I am not worthy to receive you.
You speak the words and I am healed.

Here at your table, Love's mystery:
One bread, one cup, one family.

Lord by your cross, you reconciled us to the Father.
We have only to believe.

Your sacrifice, our victory,
Now by your blood we are redeemed.

Lord, you gave your people manna in the desert,
Still you fulfil our every need.

Lord when we hunger, Lord, when we thirst,
We come to you and we receive

Concluding Rites

Final 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.

The postures of prayer II

As noted last week at Mass we use our bodies in prayer.

Kneeling and genuflecting we express humility.
Standing we express resurrection. One of the decrees
of the Council of Niceae outlawed kneeling through-
out the Easter season! It is a rule that is no longer ob-
served except (one for the geeks!) during the praying
of the Litany of Saints in the Easter season. For this, in
Easter we stand; the rest of the year we kneel.

The Church stands when she says her prayers - for
the Collect, and at the Offertory, and the Post Com-
munion Prayer, for the Lord's Prayer, and of course
the Prayer of the Faithful. The congregation kneels for
the Eucharistic Prayer, prayed for the Church by the
priest, so he alone stands.

We also stand to honour the Gospel.. in honour
of the Lord Jesus of whom we hear most directly
there. Knowing why we do what we do helps us to
mean and pray what we do, for it not to be - or at least
not always to be - what we do on automatic pilot. Of-
ten we do pray without being especially mindful of
every detail at Mass, but every once in a while that de-
tail can matter to us and focus our prayer...

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