

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 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.

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 lunch: October 6th.*

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 & 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
Annual Inter-faith peace service

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.

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.

NB The date of Confirmation has now been confirmed as Weds 27th November.

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!

Thurs 12 Sept, 12.45-1.30pm. St. Thomas' Peace Garden, Bath Row, B15 1LZ.

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.

A meeting for all Altar servers - and for all youngsters who would like to begin **to serve and / or read** at Sunday Mass. Choose your time from the following **1.** Monday 9th Sept at 3.45pm; **2.** Saturday 14th Sept immediately after 6pm Mass; **3.** Sunday 15th Sept immediately after 11am Mass.

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>



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.**

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.'



St Joseph's, Coleshill, offers residential care to older people and those with dementia in a Catholic setting, (Mass said daily by resident priests). Respite bedrooms are available for those who could benefit from a short stay. 01675 434500

Accommodation needed. A new lecturer at Oscott College is looking to rent a spare room while she tries to find somewhere more permanent. If you can help please email angela.costley@hotmail.co.uk or ring 07412712513.

You are invited to take part in **WORLD PORRIDGE DAY ON THURSDAY, 10 OCTOBER** to help Mary's Meals feed more hungry children.

YOU CAN:

- Host a Porridge Party with your friends, family, classmates or colleagues.
- Share your #PorridgeSmiles on social media - we'll reply with a story from one of the children we feed.
- Visit our website to read Perfect Porridge recipes from some of our favourite celebrities and chefs.

Visit www.worldporridgeday.com for your Porridge Party Pack and more information on how to get involved!



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Repair works near completion!

The repair work on the roofs and walls of the church has been completed, and it is hoped that the final work on the Benedict and McEvilly rooms will be completed next weekend. We can then resume normal service.

Parish

Rosary for Vocations. The Rosary group meets in church each Monday at 3pm to pray for vocations. All welcome.

Jesus and living faithfully. Would you like to explore our Catholic faith - perhaps with a view to joining the Catholic Church. Next meeting Tues 10 Sept in the parish house at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Scripture group 8pm (nb time), 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 16th Nov 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.

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

World Development Group's Annual Dinner will take place on Sat 16th Nov.

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

Whole Community Catechesis 23rd 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:** Have you ever 'started something but not been able to finish it'?
- Question for Youth:** Why does Jesus use such strong language about 'hating' family and following him?
- Question for Adults:** What does it mean to 'put Christ first'? Where are you aware of having done this/failed to do this?

Masses Week 23 in Ordinary Time

S	7	23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 3</i>	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession In thanksgiving: Lesley and Brian Devlin
Su	8		0900 1100 1800	Margaret Stroud RD (Redmond) For the parish <i>Exposition and Evening Prayer</i>
M	9		1000* 1500	Daniel O'Connor RD (Lawlor) <i>Rosary and Benediction</i>
T	10		1000*	Brian McHugh RD (Collins)
W	11		1000*	Peace in Middle East
Th	12			
F	13	St John Chrysostom	1000 1900*	Mass with St Nicholas School. <i>All welcome</i> Pamela Rawlins RD (Miguel) <i>followed by Exposition and prayer for victims of abuse</i>
S	14	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 4</i>	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession For the parish
Su	15		0900 1100	Denis and Brideen Clark RIP (Platt) For Boat refugees

Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14 / Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19 / 1 Tm 1:12-17 / Lk 15:1-32

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; 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.**

CAFOD
Catholic Agency for Overseas Development

no one beyond reach

NO CHILD SHOULD BE ATTACKED GETTING WATER TO DRINK

Have a simple meal and give so water can be close to home

Read Fabiano's story at cafod.org.uk/harvest

Family Fast Day:
Friday 4 October 2019

How will you and your friends and family keep Family Fast Day?

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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 9:13-18

What man indeed can know the intentions of God?
Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings
of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable;
for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this

tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard
enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious
to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can
discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention,
who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom
and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the
paths of those on earth been straightened and men
been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom.

Psalm 89(90):3-6,12-14,17 (Sung by all)

You turn men back to dust
and say: 'Go back, sons of men.'
To your eyes a thousand years
are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night.
You sweep men away like a dream,
like the grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers:
by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life
that we may gain wisdom of heart.
Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever?
Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love;
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:
give success to the work of our hands.

Philemon 1:9-10,12-17

This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more,
still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for
a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing
these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back
to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own
self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could
have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am
in the chains that the Good News has brought me.
However, I did not want to do anything without your
consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness,
which should be spontaneous. I know you have been
deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that
you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any
more, but something much better than a slave, a dear
brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to
you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord.
So if all that we have in common means anything to
you, welcome him as you would me.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord,
because I have made known to you everything I
have learnt from my Father. *Alleluia!*

Luke 14:25-33

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he
turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me
without hating his father, mother, wife, children,
brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot
be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross
and come after me cannot be my disciple.

'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a
tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to
see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid
the foundation and then found himself unable to finish
the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of

him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and
was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to
war against another king would not first sit down and
consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand
up to the other who advanced against him with twenty
thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a
long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So
in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless
he gives up all his possessions.'

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 Song

This is my body, broken for you,
bringing you wholeness, making you free.
take it and eat it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,
bringing forgiveness, making you free.
Take it and drink it, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Back to my Father soon I shall go.
Do not forget me; then you will see
I am still with you, and you will know
you're very close to me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!
You are my branches, I am the tree.
If you are faithful, others will know
you are alive in me.

Love one another - I have loved you,
and I have shown you how to be free;
serve one another, and when you do,
do it in love for me.

Concluding Rites

Final Song

Bless the Lord, my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul who leads me into life.

The Last Song

The Roman Mass places great emphasis on the
Dismissal. Indeed it gave us the name 'Mass'! The
Dismissal is more than 'the end' or final blessing. It is a
very definite sending out to live in imitation of Christ.
It reminds that Mass is not a stand-alone prayer but
something we disciples come to from our daily life and
return to, called to live still more faithfully.

During the implementation of the revised form of
Mass following Vatican II, as congregational song
was reintroduced to Mass, and under the influence
of very different protestant and, mostly, Word
services, it became common at Catholic Mass to
have a final hymn. Instead of sending us out to
serve, the dismissal was somewhat lost and the
form of the Liturgy kept us in our seats!

Here at Boldmere, as we continue to work on how
we celebrate Mass, we have a range of practice. At
the 9am Mass the Dismissal is usually followed by
an organ voluntary - a very Roman ending. At 6pm
Mass lacking musicians we end with the Dismissal.
At the 11am Mass, increasingly, we will end with a
short song that we can sing as we go!