

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.

Youth Conference: 'Christ is Alive' Sat 28th Sept; 10am - 5.30pm
Age 18+ Alton Castle, Tickets £10pp
St Paul's School for Girls Opening Evening Thurs 19 Sept 6- 9.00pm.

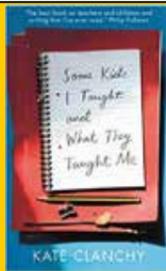
Other

St Joseph's, Colehill, offers residential care to older people and those with

Services in the absence of a priest
Thank you very much to Gary O'Brien and Mary Rose who have agreed to prepare and lead these services on occasion when a priest is not available for weekday Mass. At these services they will be assisted by other ministers - readers and ministers of Holy Communion - as is the case at Mass.

Mass Intentions
• Mass Intentions are now being taken for November through to February. Intentions to beginning of November are fully booked.
• There is a link on the Parish website homepage for those who want to check intentions requested etc.
• Envelopes for November Masses for the Dead are available in the porch.

Parish Book Club:
Next meeting is 8pm, Weds 7th Oct in the parish house to discuss *Some kids I taught...* by Kate Clanchy. It has trenchant views on Catholic education!



Dad's Group.
• 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.



St Nicholas Fair
Sat 30 Nov, 1 Dec after Sunday Masses.
Planning meeting in Benedict Room, Weds 9 Oct, 7.30pm



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 lecturer at Oscott College wants to rent a spare room while she finds somewhere more permanent. angela.costley@hotmail.co.uk or ring 07412712513.

Lifeline for Marriages Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be what you need! 0788 729 6983 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Knights of St Columba Centenary Sponsored Walk 28 Sept after the 10 am Mass. Come and raise sponsorship funds for Sifa Fireside Centre in Digbeth. Further details on notice in Church porch.

Building on Baptism

- **Confirmation**
Children enrolled in this year's Confirmation programme should 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 will be Weds 27th November.**
- **First Communion**
Thank you to those who have volunteered to lead parents groups. Parents should collect a form from Fr Allen after Mass today to sign up for parents groups meetings beginning w/c 29 September



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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 **THIS** weekend. We will then resume normal service.

Parish Mission Appeal. Fr Gerry Markey, a Columban missionary will be here on the weekend of 28/29 September to appeal for our support of the congregation's work overseas. He has been a missionary in the Philippines, on the Mexican border in Ciudad Juarez and latterly in Chile.
Ministers Rotas for Readers and Ministers of Communion through to November are on the website and available in the church. Thank you for your continued service of our parish.
Rosary for Vocations. The Rosary group meets in church each Monday at 3pm to pray for vocations. All welcome.
Scripture group Weds 16th Oct, 7.30pm. We will start a reading of *The Acts of the Apostles*. Meeting in the Benedict Room - all welcome. Read Chapters 1 and 2 to prepare.
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
Teas & Coffees on Sunday mornings will resume after building work is completed.
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.

MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES Week 24 in Ordinary Time

S	14	24th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 4</i>	1700 1800	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> For the parish
Su	15		0900 1100	Denis and Bridesen Clark RIP (Platt) For Boat refugees
M	16	Ss Cornelius and Cyprian	1000* 1500	Pamela Denise Rawlins RD (Miguel) <i>Rosary and Benediction</i>
T	17		1000*	In Thanksgiving (McNally)
W	18		1000*	For Syria
Th	19		1000	Funeral Mass of Peter Foster
F	20	St Anrew Kim Tae-gon and companions	1900*	Jennie Widdowson (Ord) followed by <i>Exposition and prayer for victims of abuse</i>
S	21	25th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 1</i>	1200 1700 1800	SVP Mass and Anointing of the sick <i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> Mary McLarnon RD (King)
Su	22		0900 1100	For the parish Aileen Rotheram RD (Sterling)

Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday
Am 8:4-7 / Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13

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 is on Thurs 19th Sept, and for Thomas Madigan, Doreen Willis and all whose anniversaries of death are at this time: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

World Development Group's Annual Dinner will take place on Sat 16th Nov.
Praying for the Sick Data Protection legislation means we may not, without their explicit permission, publish in the newsletter the names of those who are sick. Details of how to provide this are in porch and on website. Names and requests for prayer can be freely posted on the prayerboard, near 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.*

Jesus and living faithfully. Would you like to explore our Catholic faith - perhaps with a view to joining the Catholic Church. Next meeting Tues 8 October in the parish house at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Diocese
Vacancy: Administration & IT Support Officer £22- £24Kp.a. based at Cathedral House B4. Details at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>

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

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.**

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.

www.worldporridgeaday.com

Whole Community Catechesis 24th 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 when you find what you have lost? What does it mean that God wants to 'find us'?
- **Question for Youth:** What does it feel like to be 'lost'?
- **Question for Adults:** How do you work to help people back to the 'good life'?

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

I will sing, I will sing a song unto the Lord (x3)
Alleluia, glory to the Lord.
Allelu, alleluia, glory to the Lord, (x3)
alleluia, glory to the Lord.

We will come, we will come as one before the Lord.
Alleluia, Glory to the Lord.

They that sow in tears will reap in joy....
Alleluia, glory to the Lord.

In his name in his name we have the victory
Alleluia, Glory to the Lord.

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

Exodus 32:7-11,13-14

The Lord spoke to Moses, 'Go down now, because your people whom you brought out of Egypt have apostatised. They have been quick to leave the way I marked out for them; they have made themselves a calf of molten metal and have worshipped it and offered it sacrifice. "Here is your God, Israel," they have cried "who brought you up from the land of Egypt!"' the Lord said to Moses, 'I can see how headstrong these people are! Leave me, now, my wrath shall blaze out against them and devour them; of you, however, I will make a great nation.'

But Moses pleaded with the Lord his God. 'Lord,' he said 'why should your wrath blaze out against this people of yours whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with arm outstretched and mighty hand? Remember Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, your servants to whom by your own self you swore and made this promise: "I will make your offspring as many as the stars of heaven, and all this land which I promised I will give to your descendants, and it shall be their heritage for ever."'

So the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.

Psalm 50(51):3-4,12-13,17,19 (Sung by all)

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.

In your compassion blot out my offence.

O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin.

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.

Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit.

A humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn.

1 Timothy 1:12-17

I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who has given me strength, and who judged me faithful enough to call me into his service even though I used to be a blasphemer and did all I could to injure and discredit the faith. Mercy, however, was shown me, because until I became a believer I had been acting in ignorance; and the grace of our Lord filled me with faith and with the love that is in Christ Jesus. Here is a saying that you can rely on and nobody should doubt: that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. I myself am the greatest of them; and if mercy has been shown to me, it is because Jesus Christ meant to make me the greatest evidence of his inexhaustible patience for all the other people who would later have to trust in him to come to eternal life. To the eternal King, the undying, invisible and only God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. *Alleluia!*

Luke 15:1-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'What man among you with a hundred sheep, losing one, would not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the missing one till he found it? And when he found it, would he not joyfully take it on his shoulders and then, when he got home, call together his friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," he would say "I have found my sheep that was lost." In the same way, I tell you, there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner than over ninety-nine virtuous men who have no need of repentance.

'Or again, what woman with ten drachmas would not, if she lost one, light a lamp and sweep out the house and search thoroughly till she found it? And then, when she had found it, call together her friends and neighbours? "Rejoice with me," she would say "I have found the drachma I lost." In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over one repentant sinner.'

He also said, 'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate.

'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property - he and his women - you kill the calf we had been fattening."

'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

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

Ubi caritas et amor, ubi caritas, Deus ibi est
(Where there is charity and love, there is God.)

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

Communion Song

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us.
Blessed Redeemer, Living word.

Concluding Rites

Final Song

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to him, do not be afraid,
in him rejoicing: the Lord is near;
in him rejoicing: the Lord is near.