

Isaiah 50:5-9

The Lord has opened my ear.

For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle.

The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

My vindicator is here at hand. Does anyone start proceedings against me? Then let us go to court together. Who thinks he has a case against me? Let him approach me. The Lord is coming to my help, who will dare to condemn me?

Psalms 114(116):1-6,8-9

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him.

They surrounded me, the snares of death, † with the anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress.

I called on the Lord's name. O Lord, my God, deliver me!

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion.

The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me.

He has kept my soul from death, † my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling.

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James 2:14-18

Take the case, my brothers, of someone who has never done a single good act but claims that he has faith. Will that faith save him? If one of the brothers or one of the sisters is in need of clothes and has not enough food to live on, and one of you says to them, 'I wish you well; keep yourself warm and eat plenty', without giving them these bare necessities of life, then what good is that? Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead.

This is the way to talk to people of that kind: 'You say you have faith and I have good deeds; I will

Next Week: Sunday of Week 25 in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Wisdom 2:12, 17 – 20 / Psalm 54:3 – 4, 5, 6 – 8 / James 3:16 – 4:3 / Mark 9:30 – 37

If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus... we must pray to Jesus to give us the tenderness of the Eucharist.

St Teresa of Calcutta.

Exposition and Benediction at St Nicholas

Sunday 1800—1900 Exposition and Evening Prayer 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

Monday 1500—1600 Exposition and Rosary

Friday 1100—1130 Exposition and Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick 1st Friday of the month

Friday 1930—2000 Exposition and prayer for priests

Saturday 1700—1740 Exposition and Sacrament of Confession



prove to you that I have faith by showing you my good deeds – now you prove to me that you have faith without any good deeds to show.'

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. *Alleluia!*

Mark 8:27-35

Jesus and his disciples left for the villages round Caesarea Philippi. On the way he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say I am?' And they told him. 'John the Baptist,' they said 'others Elijah; others again, one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he asked 'who do you say I am?' Peter spoke up and said to him, 'You are the Christ.' And he gave them strict orders not to tell anyone about him.

And he began to teach them that the Son of Man was destined to suffer grievously, to be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and to be put to death, and after three days to rise again; and he said all this quite openly. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. But, turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said to him, 'Get behind me, Satan! Because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

He called the people and his disciples to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.'

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

The settings of Gloria, Holy, Memorial Acclamation and Lamb of God for Ordinary Time are 1013 ff in Laudate.



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Boldmere was well represented at *Adoremus*. Thank you to the ministers of Holy Communion who came to take part, and who are at time of writing considering what they learnt from the event. The group will be meeting soon to pull some thoughts and suggestions together, and these will get fed back to the wider parish as soon as possible.

In the meantime if you want to get a flavour of things then do visit where you can see videos, read the transcripts of talks and so on. Highlights include the talks by Bishop Robert Barron. His first talk, especially, is recommended. It is on the Mass and is an engaging exploration of the subject .



Masses Week 24 in Ordinary Time

S	15	Sunday of 24th Week in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 4</i>	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Virginia and Robert Harrison RIP
Su	16		0900 1100	For the parish Urszula Paskowski RIP (Szambir/Mikuta)
M	17	St Robert Bellarmine	1000 * 1500	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
T	18		1000 *	Mary Baines RD (Twort)
W	19		1000*	Sarah Farrell RIP (O'Gorman)
Th	20			
F	21	St Matthew	1000 1900*	Mass with St Nicholas School (all welcome) Holy Souls
S	22	Sunday of 25th Week in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 1</i>	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Josie Harris RIP (Hempenstall)
Su	23		0900 1100 1800	Josie Garvey RID (Droz) For the parish Exposition and Evening Prayer (4th Sunday)

The church is open daily (except Thursdays) from 8am to 6pm

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

Exposition: & Vespers 2nd & 4th Suns, 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 Thomas Stevenson, Bernadette Evans, 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** Gerard Harkins, Conn Corcoran, Thomas Madigan, Rita Thomas and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Prayer for the Sick If your name or the name of a friend or relative is printed in red above and you would like the name to remain on the list, would you please contact Fr Allen in person or by email this week. If you do not then in order that we conform with the current data protection law the name will be deleted. Current legislation requires us to have explicit permission from the named person for their name to be included in this list which is publically available on the noticeboard and website.

Before The Flood. A film on climate change featuring Leo DiCaprio and others. Followed by discussion. Sutton Coldfield Quaker Meeting House, Kenhelm Road, B73 6HDs at 6.45 for 7.15pm, Tue 4 October. Poster in porch.



Parish meetings in Carpenter's Arms on Saturday 6th October

- 2pm For ministers to the Liturgy (Readers, Ministers of Communion and Musicians/Singers). A chance to catch up and review things, and to receive feedback from the Eucharistic Congress, *Adoremus*.
- 3.30 – 4.45pm Open Forum for parishioners to engage with feelings and responses to recent scandals and politicking/controversies in the Church, and begin to consider the way forward for our own parish.

Parish

Refreshments in Benedict Room. Thank you to those who have volunteered to assist with the after-Mass refreshments on Sunday mornings. *Sadly only one person has volunteered to assist over the 11am Mass so it is not practical to 'open up' during that slot for now. That's a pity, because often a large number of people came. If you wish to volunteer to assist then please see Fr Allen. There will be refreshments after the 9am Mas, and the rota for volunteers is available on the board at the back of church. Here too though we are pushed for helpers - so if you could help please see Fr Allen.*

Second Collections. There is a retiring collection today to support the bishops' Agency for Evangelisation. The Agency supports the bishops in their work of developing and coordinating strategies to share the gospel here in England and Wales. *Next weekend there is a collection for Father Hudson's Care (www.fatherhudsons.org.uk); and the weekend of 6/7 October, and following Harvest Fast Day on 5 October, there is a collection for CAFOD.*

Churches Together. Over the coming months Churches Together meetings are going to give opportunities to members to learn about each congregation and the broader Christian community that they are part of. The formal business part of the meeting runs from 7.30-8pm, and the session on Emmanuel church (part of the Church of England) begins at 8pm, Weds 26th September. Feel free to come at 8pm! Emmanuel church is at corner of Birmingham Road and Little Green Lanes, B72 1DP. *Our ecumenical relationships are important, because they help us face and address the scandal of division in the Church, in the Body of Christ. Of course, we Catholics know that we are right and they are wrong (joke?), but we have much to learn from other Christians about how to address our common future and common*

Book Club Next meeting is at 8pm on Monday 17 September and the book *The Diaries of Etty Hillesum 1941-3*, "A story of spiritual growth such as I have seldom seen anywhere... Etty's diaries complete Anne Frank's... a marvellous gift."

Scripture group 8pm on Tues 18th Sept. We are reading the Gospel of Luke - the Gospel that we will hear on Sundays beginning in Advent this year. This meeting we look at Chapters 3 and 4. Meeting in the Benedict Room. All welcome

Parish Ministers (Readers, Ministers of Holy Communion Music ministers - all are invited to a meeting at in the Carpenter's Arms on Saturday 6th October at 2pm (to be followed at 3.30 by Parish Open Forum.

Rotas for Readers & Ministers of Holy Communion New rota on email and available in porch

Travelling Solo lunch All who 'travel solo in life' for whatever reason are warmly invited to meet for pub lunch straight after the 11am Mass on Sun 7 October.

Dads' Get Together A series of monthly Monday meetings are being planned. Each will be based around ten minute talk and then supper and a chance to chat/discuss. Talks will be given by local leaders in school, police etc and will all be of particular interest to Dads. Interested? **The first meeting is now confirmed for 8pm on Monday 8th October.** Please let Fr Allen know if you are planning to come. This will help with the planning.

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

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 and complete an application form.

Do you drive to church on Sunday morning? If so - and if you can - please use the school car park, accessible at the end of Wakefield Close, just east of the church off Jockey Rd. This keeps the church car park relatively free for those who most need to use it.

Adoremus; World Meeting of Families. 1-4pm Sunday 14 Oct at St Thomas More School, Nuneaton. Pl book places on birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/diocesancelebration-day or 0121 230 6286

St Joseph's Home, Coleshill, offers residential care to older people and those living with dementia in a Catholic setting. Ring 01675 434500 for a chat or to arrange a visit.

St Paul's School for Girls, Edgbaston, B16 9SL Open Evening for Secondary Transfers 2019 on Thurs, 20th Sept from 6pm-9pm. Headteacher's talk at 6:15pm and 7:30pm.

Other
A Lifeline for Marriages Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you 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 just what you need! Info from 0788 729 6983 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Bethany Food Bank
In August your generosity helped 229 people through the voucher system

Food was also provided to a further 690 people including the homeless, those referred by the police; families in Lyndhurst, helped by the YMCA and others. This is an increase of 16.73% on the figures for the same month last year.

Donations of food (dry goods) should be left in the porch Saturday evening/ Sunday morning.

FEED THE HUNGRY

Diocese
Maryvale Institute - a centre for adult Catholic Formation - has published its prospectus for 2019-20. Copies are available in the porch.

Celebration Day to mark diocesan participation in Synod on Young People;

POPPING INTO THE CHURCH TO PRAY BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT?
A parish booklet, costing £1 is on sale in the Repository.
A free 1-sheet aid is available at the back of the church.

Mass Intentions and November Masses for the dead.
Envelopes are now available in the church porch for use by those who would like Mass to be celebrated during November for their deceased family and friends.
If you wish for a separate, general, Holy Souls Mass to be offered, please use one of the same envelopes and these Masses will be said either during November or in the months following.
With regard to other Mass intentions please note that to have Mass offered on a particular day or date, it is wise to request the Mass at least a month in advance. Rarely are dates available within two weeks of the time of 'booking'

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Deepening our participation at Mass

Make the most of the silence Look!

As was considered at Mass last Sunday silence is an essential component of the Liturgy of the Word, allowing us to hear more deeply and 'own' and begin to respond to the readings proclaimed to us.

Those silences are offered to us at different points. There should be a brief silence after each reading, about 30 seconds, as we take stock. If you are using the Newsletter to follow the reading, you might let your eyes drift back over the text and note what especially struck you, and maybe to take note of why it struck you. Was it a word of joy, hope? Was it something that you do not agree with, or something that challenges you about how you live or the circumstances you find yourself in.

Later in the Mass there are longer times of silence - while we are preparing for the Offertory Procession, or the time after we have received Holy Communion. Come back to the reading and your thoughts/feelings about it, and continue your dialogue with God, make your prayer to him. And always know you are welcome to take the newsletter home with you. The Sunday Scriptures are not fast food, but they are great for takeaway!

One of the somewhat odd things that Catholic do is at those moments that the Blessed Sacrament is raised for us to gaze upon and venerate, many of us immediately avert our eyes and look away. It really doesn't make sense but it seems a widely learnt behaviour.

There are two moments when the Eucharist is presented for our gaze. The original moment is when we are invited to come to receive Holy Communion: 'Behold the Lamb of God...'

The showing more recently emphasised, (since about 900AD!) is of the Bread and of the Wine immediately after the consecration. These elevations of the Eucharistic elements was considered especially important during the Middle Ages when regularly only the priest would receive Communion at Mass.

Historians record congregations calling on the priest to hold the host, higher and for longer, so that they might make communion with their eyes!

Times change, but still these moments of the Eucharist presented to our eyes are times for our gazing in adoration. The Lord does not expect us to turn from him, but to look upon his sacramental presence in wonder and love.



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



2019 Parish Pilgrimage

Thanks to all those who have said they would like to join a parish pilgrimage to Walsingham next summer.

There will be a brief meeting after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 13th October to explore the possibilities, and seek to take things further.

In Hospital or going there?

Roman Catholic Chaplains are appointed to all local hospitals. Patients, and relatives of patients, are urged to make sure that Catholic patients admitted to hospital are registered as Roman Catholic on admission. If they wish to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain, they should ask the ward nurse to arrange this. **Data protection legislation means that unless this is done your details will not be passed to the Chaplain.**

If you wish to be visited by Fr Allen as well as the hospital chaplain then please let him know. It is very helpful if you can give details of the ward the patient is on, and also the phone number of a family member/friend.

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.

Will you help support the life and health of our parish?



How about helping with the parish Confirmation and First Communion programmes?

It is a privileged opportunity to support children and families and take part in something very enjoyable.



How about being 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.



Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion

There is be a brief meeting after each Sunday Mass on 15/16 Sept to introduce ministry of Holy Communion and Readers to those parishioners who would like a brief introduction to what is involved in these ministries, before offering themselves to serve the parish.

For more information, please contact Fr Allen.

Parish Outing: Tues 18 Sept



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.

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for September for young people in Africa: that young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.



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