

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves:

‘Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our up-bringing.

‘Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God’s son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.’

Psalms 53(54):3-6,8

The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name; by your power, uphold my cause. O God, hear my prayer; listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me, ruthless men seek my life. They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help. The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart and praise your name for it is good.

James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is

Next Week: Sunday of Week 26 in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Numbers 11:25 – 29 / Psalm 19:8, 10, 12 – 13, 14 / James 5:1 – 6 / Mark 9:38 – 43, 45, 47 – 48

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



because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. *Alleluia!*

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, ‘The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.’ But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, ‘What were you arguing about on the road?’ They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, ‘If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.’ He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, ‘Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.’

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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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First Communion Families visit to Harvington Hall

Harvington Hall is c50 minutes drive from Boldmere. It is rich in Catholic history - especially from the time of the persecution of the Church and the martyrdom of recusant priests and laity.

Families are invited to meet with Fr Allen at the entrance to the house, by the moat, at 2.30pm.

There will be the opportunity to enjoy the grounds, have a guided tour of the house, and for us to conclude the visit with a brief time of prayer together.

Admission charge is Adults: £9.00; Children (5-16): £5.00; Senior Citizens: £8.00; **Family (2 adults, 3 children): £25.00 (Families can of course combine to get the best admission rate!)**



Masses Week 25 in Ordinary Time

S	22	Sunday of 25th Week in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 1</i>	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
			1800	Josie Harris RIP (Hempenshall)
Su	23		0900	Josie Garvey RID (Drozd)
			1100	For the parish
			1800	Exposition and Evening Prayer (4th Sunday)
M	24	Our Lady of Walsingham	1000 *	Mary McCorry RD (Collins)
			1500	Expositon of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
T	25		1000 *	Mary Baines RD (Redmond)
W	26		1000*	Holy Souls
Th	27			
F	28		1000	Mass with St Nicholas School (all welcome)
			1900*	Clare Shanahan Ints (Teresa Leese)
S	29	Sunday of 26th Week in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
			1800	For the parish
Su	30		0900	Mr and Mrs Benbow Ints (Byrne)
			1100	Alice Connolly RIP (Hempenshall)

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; Peter & Olwyn Foster; Michael McDermott and Fr Gabriel Maguire, our Dean. **Please pray for Michael Kalu** whose funeral Mass is here at 10am on Weds 3rd October; please pray also for Alan SMail and Audrey Fryer and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

If you or another parishioner are sick and would like to invite the parish to pray for you, please see Fr Allen, so that the record of your permission now needed under Data Protection legislation can be completed.



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. Refreshments are available after the 9am and 11am Masses. Volunteer rotas are on the noticeboard and in the porch.

Second Collections. There is a retiring collection today to support *Father Hudson's Care* (www.fatherhudsons.org.uk). Father Hudson's mission is to provide Catholic social care in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. In this time of funding cuts, needs are greater than ever. Please give generously. **Gift Aid envelopes are available in the porch.**

Friday of this week is CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day. We are all invited to fast and pray in solidarity with the poor of the world, especially with those who go hungry every day. There will be a retiring collection on Sunday next 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 mission. Come along on 26th, ready to learn something, and maybe to contribute to the healing of the Church too!*

Preparation for Baptism of Infants. The next preparation programme begins

Sat 20 October from 11-12noon, in the Benedict Room. Pl see Fr Allen before hand and complete an application form.

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.

Parish Book Clubs (both meet in the parish house, and all are welcome)

- **The Daytime Group** Next meeting is at 1030 on Weds 31st October, and the book is *Pope Francis: untying the knots* by Paul Vallely (nb there are two editions, one published in 2013, and an expanded edition published in 2015 - read either, but the latter deals with the first years of Pope Francis pontificate as well as his earlier life.)
- **The Night Time Club** Next meeting is at 8pm on Monday 3 December and the book is *Everyone brave is forgiven*. 'A spellbinding novel about three unforgettable individuals thrown together by war, love, and their search for belonging in the ever-changing landscape of WWII London.'

Scripture group 7.30pm on Mon 29th Oct. We are reading the Gospel of Luke - the Gospel that we will hear on Sundays beginning in Advent this year. Next meeting we look at Chapters 5 and 6. Meeting in the Benedict Room. All welcome

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.

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.

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

Governance of Catholic Schools. Local schools, including St Edmund Campion, are looking for new governors - especially people with appropriate skills and experience to bring to the task of oversight and steering with regard to the Catholic identity of the Church's schools and the education provided. A Foundation Governor must be a practising Catholic and will need a reference from their Parish Priest. For more information go to www.bdes.org.uk/governance.html and/or speak with Fr Allen.

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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; 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.

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

Before The Flood. A film on climate change featuring Leo DiCaprio and others. Followed by discussion. Sutton Coldfield Quaker Meeting House, Kenhelm Road,

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.

B73 6HDs at 6.45 for 7.15pm, Tue 4 October. Poster in porch.

Poetry Competition National Poetry Day is 4 October. The Bible Society invites you we're inviting you to write a poem on the theme of 'change' inspired by a theme, verse or story in the Bible. Poems can take any form and must be no longer than 1,000 words. Full details at <https://bit.ly/2pyLTVp>

Evening with Shay Given The former Aston Villa Goalie is at Digbeth 's Irish Centre, Thurs 8 Nov. Tickets online from www.shaygiven.co.uk

First Communion & Confirmation

Thank you very much to parents for coming to the introductory meetings this week. A reminder that timetables etc can be found on the parish website.

Please keep these parents in your prayers during this important year for them and their families.

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.



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'

Deepening our participation at Mass

Praying the Parish

The Lord is really present in the celebration of the Eucharist.

He is present in the priest, by virtue of the Sacrament of Orders.

He is present in the word proclaimed.

He is present as the elements of food and drink consecrated in the offering of the Sacrament of the Sacrifice and share with us in Holy Communion.

He is present too in the people gather in his name and joined together in the work of prayer and song.

Each presence is real - and each presence is for a purpose. Jesus is present in the priest for the service of the community's worship and life; in the word so we might hear God's care; in the food and drink for our nourishment; and in and as us by virtue of our baptism, for our vocation as missionary disciples. Let us pray for each other that we will rise to the challenge!



Prayer before and after Mass

How busy were you before you came to Mass today?

How busy are you going to be after Mass?

For most of us the answer is going to be 'I was busy before Mass and I will be busy after!'

All the more reason to build in some little time both before and after Mass to help us prepare.

• Before Mass to prepare for joining with the Church in offering the Mass - so that we are indeed present and engaged and have had a moment to prepare ourselves to engage with our shared 'work' of prayer and praise.

• After Mass to take stock of what the Mass has said to us, what we have received, and how we seek to draw benefit from this for whatever lies ahead for us.

Do please try and respect people's need for space and quiet before and after Mass.

Apologies!!!

The web link for the videos and other resources that make available some of the fruits of Adoremus to those unable to attend is <http://catholicnews.org.uk/adoremus2018> It was missing from last week's newsletter.

Particularly recommended are the talks by Bishop Robert Barron, and especially the first, which is on the Mass.



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.

Ready to be part of a team to help with this new parish venture - set up room; make tea and coffee; be a friendly face...etc.?

For more information, please contact Fr Allen.

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, beginning 1st October in the Benedict Room.



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/>