Parish Pilgrimage to Ely, Walsingham and Norwich. 26-30 October.
Details are on the porch noticeboard. All elements of the pilgrimage are optional. Come along for what you want and stay away from what does not appeal. And arrange your accommodation and transport accordingly.

Some timed events to either book in advance, or make a note of. ELY: If wanting to join Cathedral tour on Mon 26 Oct, please book ticket on their website for the free Ground floor tour (plus £12 pp admission charge.) **NORWICH**: (1) Free group visit to shrine of Julian of Norwich, NR1 1QT. Weds 28 Oct at 1.30pm (Free!). (2) 7.30pm THeatre Royal, Norwich - Musical Syvia about life of Sylvia Pankhurst. Tickets available at https://norwichtheatre.org/

Coming on the Pilgrimage? Or simply need more details? See Fr Allen.

The Catholic Culture Club

An opportunity to enjoy local cultural events (with friends and other parishioners when convenient, or by yourself when it is not) and also to meet afterwards to chat over things.

AUTUMN PROGRAMME

- Walsall New Art Gallery: Sun 20 Sept at 3pm. ***Face Value: Contemporary Portraits from the Collections***. *What is in an image?*
  - ***Group meeting to chat: Friday 25 Sept***
- Sutton Coldfield Town Hall. ***Come From Away*** - Group visit on Thursday 1 October - see porch noticeboard for how to book for any of the days this production is playing, including Oct 1st.
  - ***Group meeting to chat: Friday 9 Oct***
- Royal Cinema @ Sutton Coldfield. ***Giant*** - an award winning play about Roald Dahl. Thurs 19 Nov at 7.30pm. Tickets can be booked now and are going fast. A range of ticket prices are available - including extra for glass of wine, and discounts for seniors
  - ***Group meeting to chat: Friday 20 Nov***

Follow-up group meetings are all in the Benedict Room on Fridays at 8pm

Help needed to offer support to sick and housebound members of the parish.

To support the work done by our present team of people, we need two or three more people to assist regularly with taking Holy Communion to the sick.

The minimum commitment is to visit one person once or twice a month, for about 15-20 minutes on a day and at a time convenient to you and them. If you ***are*** available to do more, that would be excellent!

To learn more, please see the sheet available on the newsletter table and speak with Fr Allen.

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Would you like to take part in a reading of St Mark's Gospel to help us prepare for the next liturgical year? (Mark is the lead Gospel for the year which begins on 29th November 2026.)

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SUNDAY FRIENDS *for people with learning disabilities, autism, families and carers.*

Everyone welcome for Singing / Activities / Bible stories / Refreshments. *Next gathering TODAY in the Newman Centre from 1.30-3pm.*

What is 'home' for you?

'Soul of Sutton' photography competition.

Residents of Royal Sutton Coldfield are invited to submit photographs that capture what 'home' means to them. The competition is free to enter for amateur photographers who are residents, pupils, or students of the Town of Royal Sutton Coldfield. Participants may submit up to five photographs and will be entered into one of two age categories: 13–17 years and 18 years and over. Prizes of £100, £50 and £25 Gift Cards for each of the two age categories. Full details at https://suttoncoldfieldtowncouncil.gov.uk/soul-of-sutton-photography-competition-2026/

Bishop Walsh Catholic School

Year 6 and Sixth Form Open Evening. Year 6 and Yr 11 pupils are welcome to visit Bishop Walsh Catholic School for its annual open evening on Weds 23 Sept- Yr 6 5-7pm, Yr 11 5.30-7pm. There are separate presentations for Yrs 6 and 11 and you can meet pupils and staff and take a tour of the school. Please visit the school website for up to date details. www.bishopwalsh.net

St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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SEPTEMBER 2026: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	**19**	6pm	**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	For the parish
Su	**20**	9am		Joan Nevit RIP (King)
		11am		Special Intention (Evans)
M	**21**	10am	**St Matthew**	Brenda Philips RIP (Leese)
T	**22**	10am		Rita Rogers RIP (Rogers)
W	**23**	**2.30**	St Pius of Pietrelcina ***(Mass-with St Nicholas School)***	Eugene McWilliams RIP (McW)
Th	**24**		**OL of Walsingham**	
F	**25**	7pm		In thanksgiving (Drozd)
S	**26**	6pm	**26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**	Elsie Wilkindon RIP (SVP)
Su	**27**	9am		For the parish
		11am		Margaret Ward RIP (Ward)

Anointing of the Sick: Next parish celebration is at 10am on 18th Nov

Sacrament of Confession: Fri 19.30-20.00; Sat 5.30-5.45 or by appoint't

Please pray for those who are sick: Stephen Gateley, Rita Rhodes, Mary Daniels, Brenda Davies, Lesley Devlin, Margaret Reeves. **Please pray** for John Farrell, Mary Gavin, Phil Hayes and all whose anniversary occurs at this time. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.***

RESOURCES FOR PRAYER.

- **Parish Morning Prayer**: Mon-Sat, at 8.30am (Zoom link on website)
- **Readings of the day** and much more at Universalis.com
- **The Sunday Scriptures** are a richer resource for spiritual growth when we read and pray with them before the Sunday (and again after the Sunday). Next Sunday's readings are Ezekiel 33:7–9 / Psalm 95:1–2, 6–7, 8–9 / Romans 13:8–10 / Matthew 18:15–20

WEEKDAY SOCIAL. Tuesdays after 10am Mass.

PARISH CAR PARK 1 hour's free parking is available for anyone at anytime in our carpark. Automatic free parking is available too on **Sat** 5.30pm to 7.30pm; **Sunday** 8am to 2pm; **Mon, Tues, Weds** 9.30am to 11.30am; and **Fri** 6.30pm to 8.30pm. *At other times, please - if in church or here for meetings - please use the QR code to extend your 'free' parking time.*

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National & Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mary Rose. She can be contacted at: sg.stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Our parish is part of Catholic Sutton Coldfield.
This cluster of Parishes is made up of the parishes of Holy Cross & St Francis, Walmley; Sacred Heart, Four Oaks; Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield; and St Nicholas , Boldmere.

When four Popes agree, maybe we need to pay attention ....

And especially when they speak about something as important as the Eucharist and the Mass.

All four of our most recent Popes — St John Paul II, and Popes Benedict, Francis and Leo — have spoken about the way in which the liturgical renewal urged by Vatican II has been compromised by the poor level of liturgical formation provided to clergy and laity alike making problematic the introduction of what was intended to help people be nourished better by the Liturgy in its 'new' form.

Most recently Pope Leo has said: "We need to allow ourselves to be educated by the rites of the liturgy, caring for the beauty of our celebrations with a delicate touch and without arbitrariness, and committing ourselves to an authentic mystagogy. The experience of a living and devout liturgy, accompanied by appropriate mystagogical catechesis, is the best resource for reawakening in everyone that openness to the encounter with God which, in the logic of the Incarnation, can only take place by involving the whole person: spirit, soul and body (cf. 1 Thess 5:23)."

Mystagogical catechesis is different to the sort of catechesis we offer to those preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion, Marriage etc. It is a catechesis that takes as its starting point our experience of participation in the Church's rites – the symbolic actions, ritual actions and the texts provided in and required by those

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Parish Scripture Group *1-year old this month!!*

Next meeting is Weds 23rd Sept in the Benedict Room at 8pm . We will be looking at the Sunday readings for October. All are welcome - just look at the readings before hand and come with thoughts and questions. Readings are available at https://www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/scripture-group.html

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish but nought changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Gloria

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.

Glory to God...

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.

Glory to God...

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.
Glory to God... Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Ps 145(144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18

I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The LORD is great and highly to be praised;
his greatness cannot be measured.

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth.

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. **Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son.** ***Alleluia.***

Matthew 20:1-16

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, "You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you." So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, "Why do you stand here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You go into the vineyard too."

'And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, "Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first." And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?" So the last will be first, and the first last.'

Homily

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

All: Through our lives and by our prayers,
your kingdom come.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

The mystery of faith

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.
By this shall all men know that you are my disciples:
If you have love one for another.

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

Blessing and Dismissal

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rites. What do these teach us about God, Jesus, the Church and ourselves? How do we pray them, and how might we pray them better? What do they set before us for our prayerful participation - and for leading us to encounter the living Lord present in them for us. How might the Lord seek to nourish us through them, that we might more fully acquire the authentic Christian spirit?

If a more traditional form of catechesis is about helping give us the answers, mystagogical catechesis begins by helping us to attend to our questions, and finds value and virtue in us pursuing those questions. It helps us to be comfortable — and encouraged — by our never coming to know all the answers! Mystagogical catechesis is catechesis especially for adults who wish to take full responsibility for trying to live a mature, and purposeful Catholic Christian life.

It is especially beneficial for parents who want to help their children know how to pray the Mass, but wonder just what it is we are invited to do to get the most ouy of our participation in Sunday Mass. It will be helpful for teachers who have responsibility for leading prayer and ritual in school or college - and again wonder how to help themselves and others get the very most out of what is done. It will be helpful for all of us, and perhaps most especially it will be helpful those for whom Mass has become a habit — maybe even a much-appreciated habit, but a habit that does not seem any longer to connect us with the living God, and has become more of a 'rest from the world' — rather than a preparation for 'mission to the world'

If you would like to get a taste of what this sort of catechesis can offer, you are invited to join Fr Allen Morris for a first series of 30-minute sessions which will explore in turn the various rites/texts/actions that make up the Introductory Rites of the Mass.

These meetings will be held on Zoom, and they begin on Sunday 4th October. Each Sunday's session will begin promptly at 6pm and finish for 6.30pm. Each is self-contained, so join us any Sunday. All are welcome.

To receive the Zoom link, please email
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