

Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14

The precepts of the Lord gladden the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instruction; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin.

James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you

Next Week: Sunday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Genesis 2:18 – 24 / Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 / Hebrews 2:9-11 / Mark 10:2 – 16

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 Praying for vocations
Friday 1100—1130	Exposition and Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick 1st Friday of the month
Friday 1930—2000	Exposition and prayer for the Church
Saturday 1700—1740	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession



who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. *Alleluia!*

Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

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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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Praying the Rosary in October

gives us an opportunity to focus a little more on Mary and her place in the Church, as mother of the Church and first of disciples.

October is the month of the Rosary - a way of prayer that invites us to a fresh contemplation of mysteries, moments, of grace in the life of Jesus, in particular, but also of Mary. Families and individual might like to commit to praying a mystery each week day - to read the relevant passage of scripture, and pray a decade of the Rosary.

There will be a posting of the texts each weekday of October on the parish blog,

beginning on Monday with the first of the Joyful Mysteries (along with the usual Sunday scripture posting - don't mix them up, or feel you have to use both!).

Five decades of the Rosary are prayed in our church each Monday afternoon by our Vocations Group, beginning at 3pm with a time of silent prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. Why not come and join us in the church, or if you cannot do that join us in praying the Rosary at the same time. If you are able to do that, let us know and we will light a candle for you before the Blessed Sacrament.



Masses Week 26 in Ordinary Time

S	29	Sunday of 26th Week in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession For the parish
Su	30		0900 1100	Mr and Mrs Benbow Ints (Byrne) Alice Connolly RIP (Hempenstall)
M	1	St Therese of Lisieux	1000* 1500	Brenda and John Corbett RIP Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
T	2	Guardian Angels	1000*	Josie Garvey RD (Hickey)
W	3		1000	Holy Souls & Funeral Mass for Michael Kalu
Th	4	St Francis of Assisi	1000	Funeral Mass for Emilia Jayne Murray
F	5		1000 1900*	Mass with St Nicholas School (all welcome) Helen, Tom & Jo Madigan RIP & 30 mins exposition
S	6	Sunday of 27th Week in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 3</i>	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Josie Harris RIP (Kennedy)
Su	7		0900 1100	For the Parish Paul Martin RIP (Anniv) (Clinton)

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 Frs Neil Bayliss Gabriel Maguire, our Dean. **Please pray** for Philip Dean who organised our recent parish pilgrimages to Rome, the Holy Land and Assisi and who died this week, Mass will be celebrated for him here on Mon 15 Oct; Jose Luis Dominguez-Gomez; Michael Kalu whose funeral Mass is here at 10am on Weds 3 Oct; and Emilia Jayne Murray whose funeral Mass is here on Thurs 4 Oct please pray also for Alan Smail, Audrey Fryer, Edward Madden, Martin Murphy, Val McDonald, Joseph Finnegan 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.

Congratulations to Gary O'Brien who in November will be admitted to Candidature, a formal approval of his continuing to prepare for service as a Deacon in the Archdiocese.

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.

Friday 5 Oct is CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. We are invited to fast and pray in solidarity with the poor of the world, especially with those who go hungry every day. Then we are invited to share something of what we have with others who have so much less, and to do this through the retiring collection for CAFOD. **Please take a gift aid envelope this week.**

Thank you for your generosity in recent collections. £214.28 was raised for Home Mission Sunday and £407.15 for Fr Hudson's Care.

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.

World Development Group Annual Dinner, Sat 17 Nov - Tickets on SALE after masses on 20-21 and 27-28 October.

Out and About Group

Parish outing to the Barber Institute (University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, B15 2TS) and (optional!) walking tour of Birmingham University Campus.



Meet inside the entrance to the Barber Institute at 11am, on Sat 27th October. (It is usually easy to park at the University on a Saturday, or you can travel to University rail station and take a c10 minute work, signposted, across campus.

The Barber is one of Birmingham's treasures and one of the finest smaller collections of paintings (Renaissance to 20th C) in the country.

If you are coming and need, or can offer, a lift please use the poster in the porch to let others 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 8th 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/>

Price: £25. ALL profits go directly to the Group's projects. (£20 voluntary concession available for over 70s)

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.

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.

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

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.'

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.

Additional opportunity to get Out and About. Come to Birmingham Central Synagogue and learn a little about Judaism Sunday 14th October 2.45-5pm, 4 Speedwell Rd, B5 7PR. All are welcome but you must reserve a place in advance, by giving your name to Fr Allen, and on the day you must bring photo id bearing your name to gain admission.

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

Diocese

Job opportunity: Steward Porter, St Chad's Cathedral, Queensway, B4 6EU. 35 hrs p/wk, £20Kpa + 10% on-call allowance. Job description and application form from gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org

Governance of Catholic Schools. Local schools, including St Edmund Campion, are looking for new governors. 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 and/or speak with Fr Allen.

Celebration Day to mark diocesan participation in Synod on Young People; Adoremus; World Meeting of Families. 10-4pm Sun 14 Oct at Cardinal Wiseman School, Coventry, CV22 2AJ. **Pl note change of location!** Book places on birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/diocesancelebration-day

Other

A Lifeline for Marriages Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you want to improve your communication?

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.



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, 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 be no longer than 1,000 words. Details at <https://bit.ly/2pyLTVP>

Evening with Shay Given Digbeth 's Irish Centre, Thurs 8 Nov. Tickets online from www.shaygiven.co.uk

Coffee Morning at Francis House, 1 Cofield Rd, B73 5SD. Sat 20 Oct at 10am. In aid of Lisieux Trust. Details from Philip Bailey - (adult server at 11 am Mass Sunday)

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: Holy Church

It is now eight year since the revised translation of the Mass was introduced, and some of us who knew the 'old' translation off by heart are still struggling. It is worth trying to make a determined effort to learn the regular and unchanging prayers of the Mass off by heart, it makes our prayerful participation much easier.

The families whose children are preparing to receive Holy Communion next Spring have been encouraged to make sure that, come May and the first Communions, they have learnt the prayers. It's been suggested that where parents haven't yet learnt these prayers off by heart that they make it a weekly competition with their children to see who can learn a particular prayer of by heart each week - with a reward for the first to do so.

Not sure about rewards for the rest of us - except that knowing the prayers by heart is probably its own reward!

There is one particular text

that many stumble over still - and that is the response before the Offertory Prayer.

The priest says:

Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

The people rise and reply:

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his *holy* Church.

We are all aware that, too often, members of the Church betray that holiness. But, even so, the Church is holy for she is the Body of Christ.

Striving to get the words of the response right is one simple reminder that we are gathered by the holiness of God, so that we might be helped by this celebration of the Eucharist to share more fully in that holiness ourselves.

In word and Sacramental food and drink, in ministry and in our assembling for prayer and song, Christ is present to help us live in him, and that he might live more fully in us.

Let us pray for each other, and for all, that his coming will not be in vain!



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>

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



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, Sunday 30th Sept.

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!)**



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 November 2nd