

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Psalms 127(128)

May the Lord bless us all the days of our life.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace!

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.


Next Week: Sunday of Week 27 in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Wisdom 7:7 - 11 / Psalm 90:12 - 13, 14 - 15, 16 - 17 / Hebrews 4:12 - 13 / Mark 10:17 - 30

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



Gospel Acclamation

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

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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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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Singing an October prayer to Mary

Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae:
Svita dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamamus, exules filii hevae.
Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes,
in hac lacrimarum vale.
Eia ergo, Advocata nostra,
illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte.
Et Jesum benedictum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exilium ostende.
O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria.



Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy, hail, our life, our sweetness and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve: to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this vale of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus, O merciful, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary! Amen.

The Salve Regina received its current form at the Abbey of Cluny, France, in the 12th century, and it was used as a processional hymn on Marian feasts. It is a devotional prayer especially loved by sailors - of whom St Nicholas is patron! We'll sing it to end all our Sunday Masses during October.

Masses Week 27 in Ordinary Time

S	6	Sunday of 27th Week in Ordinary Time Psalter Wk 3	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Josie Harris RIP (Kennedy)
Su	7		0900 1100	For the Parish Paul Martin RIP (Anniv) (Clinton)
M	8		1000* 1500	Maureen Cleary RIP (Devane) Expositon of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
T	9	Bd John Henry Newman	1000*	May And Michael Burton RIP (Wilkinson)
W	10		1000*	Michael Cleary RIP (Sterling)
Th	11			
F	12		1000 1900*	Mass with St Nicholas School (all welcome) Winefride Edmondson RD (Twort) followed by 30 mins exposition
S	13	Sunday of 28th Week in Ordinary Time Psalter Wk 4	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Janina and Michael Usowicz RIP (Zajac)
Su	14		0900 1100 1800	For the parish Staff of Hagley C. High School (O'Brien) Exposition and Evening Prayer (2nd 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; Peter & Olwyn Foster; Michael McDermott, Bernie Morton and Frs Neil Bayliss Gabriel Maguire, our Dean. **Please pray** for a former parishioner, Anne Gallagher who died on Sunday. please pray also for Joseph Finnegan Esther McGovern, Cornelius Lennon, Thomas Callaghan; Ann Hayward 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.

Out and About.

Come with other parishioners and take part in an Open Afternoon at the Birmingham Central Synagogue and learn a little about Judaism, Sunday 14 Oct 2.45-5pm, 4 Speedwell Rd, B5 7PR.

All are welcome but if you wish to attend please give your name to Fr Allen by Monday lunchtime, 8th October, and on the day you must bring photo id bearing your name to gain admission.



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Annual blessing of Pets This Sunday afternoon at 4pm.

All pets and their owners are welcome to the brief service of blessing and thanksgiving for the place that our pets and domestic animals have in our lives.



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.

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

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 today.

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

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

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.

Diocese

Diocesan Celebration at Coventry Sunday 14 Oct - details in the porch. To attend pl register at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/first-diocesan-celebration-day-tickets-49428739691> OR sign up in porch before Monday of this week.

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

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, Vernon Road, Edgbaston, B16 9SL will be holding their 6th Form Open Evening on Thursday, 18th October 2018 from 6:45pm-9:15pm. All

current Year 11 aged girls and their parents are welcome to attend.

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

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 11am Mass Sunday)

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Bethany Food Bank In September your generosity helped 397 people through the voucher system

Food was also provided to a further 765 people including the homeless, those referred by the police; families in Lyndhurst, helped by the YMCA and others. This is an increase of 48% 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:

Receiving Communion

It has been interesting over the past couple of weeks, meeting with the parents of the children who will next year begin to receive Holy Communion.

This past week we spent time thinking about when and why we receive Holy Communion.

It is now just over 100 years ago since Pope Pius X was successful in promoting regular reception of Holy Communion by most Catholics. Up to that time there was a real hesitation for people to receive Holy Communion frequently.

It was common for people to receive Holy Communion just once a year, after their annual Confession and in order to fulfil their Easter duties.

Earlier in the life of the Church there was such reticence about receiving Communion that in 1217 the Church legislated that Catholics in good standing MUST receive Holy Communion at least that once a year. The legislation was necessary because it was not uncommon for Catholics to go several years without receiving Communion.

Following Pius X's reform there was something of a problem: the association between confession as the regular preparation to prepare to receive Communion was carried forward. The consequence was that those who received communion weekly also went, weekly, to confession. This was not intended by the Pope, but a couple of generations of Catholics grew up accustomed to the practice.

Weekly confession, for most people, probably becomes a matter of form only, or leads to a certain scrupulosity that is similarly unhelpful.

That said, we ought to examine our consciences regularly and know when it is appropriate and when it is not appropriate for us to receive Holy Communion.

All the baptised have a certain right to receive Holy Communion, and Communion is certainly not a reward for good behaviour. At the same time we have certain responsibility to ensure that we do not treat the Eucharist casually, and receive without some consideration about our preparedness, and our readiness to live the communion we receive.

Sometimes our spirit is just not in the right place for us to be open to receive the Lord's gift. It may then be better for us to abstain for a week or two, while we resolve this or that and can receive in good conscience. And sometimes it is right for us to prepare by going to Confession.

Always, if we receive communion we pause just before we receive communion and either bow our heads or make the sign of the Cross as a final act of preparation and reverence. Then we approach the minister, and acknowledge the real and living presence of Christ in our exchange in the ritual exchange.

The Body of Christ. Amen.

The Blood of Christ. Amen.



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.



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

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 walk, 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.



Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for October is that consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.

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

