

Wisdom 7:7-11

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me. I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones; compared with her, I held riches as nothing. I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand, and beside her silver ranks as mud. I loved her more than health or beauty, preferred her to the light, since her radiance never sleeps. In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

Psalm 89(90):12-17

Fill us with your love so that we may rejoice.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart.

Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Give us joy to balance our affliction for the years when we knew misfortune.

Show forth your work to your servants; let your glory shine on their children. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

Hebrews 4:12-13

The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. *Alleluia!*

Mark 10:17-30

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own

Next Week: Sunday of Week 29 in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Isaiah 53:10 – 11 / Psalm 33:4 – 5, 18 – 19, 20, 22 / Hebrews 4:14 – 16 / Mark 10:35 – 45

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



and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

Salve Regina, Mater misericordiae:
vita 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.



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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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Serve to live...

Are you willing to put yourself out a little to serve this parish community, and help enrich our experience of Sunday worship, and to more fruitfully receive the gifts Jesus offers through word and Sacrament.

We need more people to assist with reading, with music, with distributing Holy Communion, and with hospitality.

Church and Catholic Christian worship is something we do

and are together. It is not a spectator sport, it is about service - service of God and service of each other.

It is difficult to imagine that there is anyone in our congregation – other than babes and infants, and the very infirm – who is unable to assist, say once a month, but many do not.

Next weekend, after each Mass, I would like to meet in the Benedict Room with those ready to start helping in some way and who would like to learn more. I will be joined by some of our current ministers who

can say something more about what is involved. Come and have a cup of tea or coffee and learn more...

Please pray that there is a generous response to this invitation and encouragement - not least because of the witness and encouragement it offers to our youngest parishioners.

And if you yourself cannot help please consider who you might ask to put themselves forward instead.

God rewards a cheerful giver!!

Fr. Allen

Masses Week 28 in Ordinary Time

S	13	Sunday of 28th Week in Ordinary Time	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Janina and Michael Usowicz RIP (Zajac)
Su	14	Psalter Wk 4	0900 1100	For the parish Staff of Hagley C. High School (O'Brien)
M	15	St Teresa of Jesus	1000* 1500	Philip Dean, RD, and family Expositon of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
T	16		1000*	Bridie Purcell Ints (Byrne)
W	17	St Ignatius of Antioch	1000*	Anthony Cleary (RIP) Anniv (Sterling)
Th	18	St Luke		
F	19		1000 1900*	Mass with St Nicholas School (all welcome) Victims of earthquake and tsunami followed by 30 mins exposition
S	20	Sunday of 29th Week in Ordinary Time	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Helena and Kris Stazewska and family, Ints.
Su	21	Psalter Wk 1	0900 1100 1800	For the parish Brian Kerins RIP (Kerins) Exposition & Evening Prayer (from 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.



St Nicholas Advent Fair

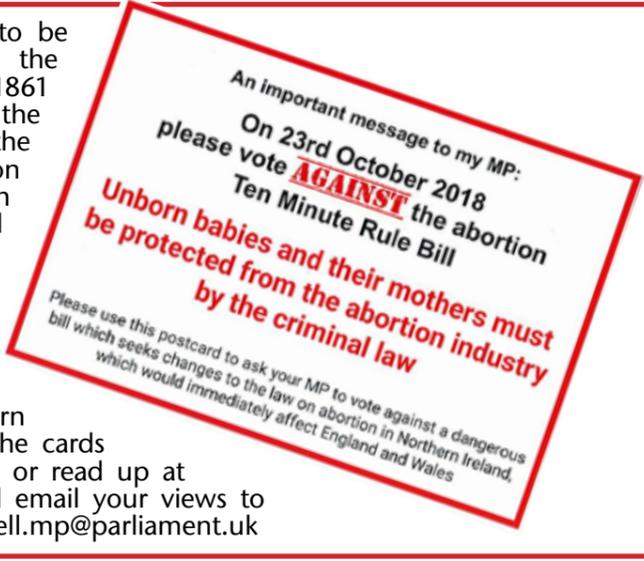
is scheduled for after our Sunday Masses on 1st and 2nd December. However to go ahead we need volunteers!

The expectation is that the focus this year will be on refreshments and giving a chance for people to meet up and enjoy one another's company - but a few stalls and competitions provide a certain social lubrication!

All of our regular stall holders are one more year older than they were last year, and few are able to get things up and ready with out help. So it would be good to see some new families come forward to help.

Planning meeting in the Benedict Room, 8pm for 45 minutes, on Monday 22nd October.

A ten minute bill is to be introduced to repeal the sections of the 1861 Offences against the person act. This is the basic legal protection against abortion on demand in England and Wales, removing the checks required by the 1967 Act. If you wish to register your objection to this protection for mothers and unborn children, please use the cards available in the porch or read up at www.spuc.org.uk and email your views to our MP: andrew.mitchell.mp@parliament.uk



Parish

Welcome to Fr Tiziano, a Comboni Missionary, here to make our annual missionary appeal.

Thank you for your donations to CAFOD last Sunday. £634.19 was raised. Please note that if you wish a charity to claim back tax you have already paid you MUST complete the Gift Aid form provided for that particular collection. A number of donors failed to do that this time.

Traidcraft is likely to stop trading shortly. Please see notice in porch. Our parish stall will be open until December.

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.

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)

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, Mon 29 Oct. We are reading the Gospel of Luke - the Gospel that we will hear on Sundays

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/>



beginning this Advent. Next meeting we look at Chapters 5 and 6. Meeting in the Benedict Room. All welcome

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 4th November.

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 Our monthly meetings are based around a ten minute talk and then supper and a chance to chat/discuss. Interested? **Our first meeting was last Monday and was a great success: thanks to David Halpin's input. Our next meeting will have input from Mark O'Rourke, a teacher/Head of Year at Bishop Walsh reflecting on what he's learnt about being a dad from his experience as a teacher. 8pm, Monday 19th November.**

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.

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 this Saturday, 13th October, to explore the possibilities, and seek to take things further.

Diocese

Job vacancies at *Bishop Walsh* - see parish blog for 10 Oct or bishopwalsh.net
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

Oscott College Two social events - an alternative to Halloween for all the family Back from the Dead, 31 October from 6pm; and a murder mystery evening on 10th November. Posters for both are in the porch.

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

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)

Chester Road Baptist Church invites you to *Fit For Purpose* (Talk, Breakfast and Book Signing with Author - Leone Martin. Saturday 20th October 2018 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am

Neighbourhood Network Scheme: Drop-in Events. Local groups and organisations are invited to meeting 4 Dec, 1-3pm at Gracewell, 134 Jockey Rd to learn more about this scheme.

Book signing. On Call. Serving in Nepal. Waterstones, Sutton Coldfield. 20 Oct, 11-3pm. Details in porch

JUST DROP-IN. All are welcome.

It's our parish's privilege to offer hospitality to local people wanting time and space just to chill out.

- Free Tea and Coffee
- Board games, cards
- People to talk with, if you want
- Space for yourself, as you choose

Mondays 10.30-1.30, beginning 8th October. in the Benedict Room (access from the left-hand side of the church, just before you get to St Nicholas School)

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.



Deepening our participation at Mass:

Being together, being changed

There are many things that we go to just to look. We go as individuals, we might be there with others, but we don't especially engage with them, we're there for something else. It would not make a great deal of difference whether they were there or not, and indeed sometimes we might rather prefer that other people were not there! That is sometimes my feeling when I'm at the cinema and others do not abide by the *Kermode and Mayo Code of Cinema Conduct*.

I guess there could be a similar Code for mass going. But when at Mass the presence of others is not something incidental, and our engagement with them is an integral part of our participation in the Mass. Indeed those present at any particular celebration of Mass are as integral to that Mass as are the bread and wine which is consecrated. Like those elements consecrated at the altar, those people present are bearers of Christ's sacramental presence, and are called to make their contribution to the quality of our common worship through their prayer and song and, well, presence.

All this is implicit in the

language of the Church as the Body of Christ, and it is a key principle of Catholic Christianity. The Church is impoverished if we do not take our communion with each other seriously. Its impact on song and prayer is clear - but it is to be expressed in other ways too - for example how we welcome each other, and especially 'strangers'.

Do you look around to see if someone you don't know is near you and say hello to them before or after the Mass?

Do you deliberately sit at a distance from others - and do things 'your way'? Or do you listen to how others speak and sing and find common voice with them?

If we don't, then to some degree, we will frustrate communion, or even break communion. Which is not what we are intended to come to Church to do!

St Augustine's words continue to challenge and guide us in our seeking to be Catholic: You (together) are the Body of Christ. Receive the Body of Christ. Receive what you are: become what you receive.



This Sunday Out and About Group

The trip to the Synagogue for this Sunday has been cancelled because of a clash with a half marathon! They hope to be able to reschedule the afternoon soon.



In the absence of that some of us are going to Lichfield Cathedral for Evensong at 3-pm.

All are welcome - just meet there, and we will go for coffee afterwards. We will also be joined by 3 members of the Focolare movement who do great work developing family spirituality.

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.

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