

**WHO WAS CARDINAL NEWMAN?**

A leaflet containing a biographical note by Fr Stewart Foster is available FREE in the porch.



**Pray with Pope Francis**

The Pope's prayer intention for October is that the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

More information at [www.popesprayer.va](http://www.popesprayer.va)



**Moving forward with music at Mass**

Thank you very much to all of those who are assisting with Music at our Sunday morning Masses. Having regular accompanists makes a great deal of difference to our regular singers and to us all. If there are others who play any instrument - violin, guitar, keyboard, flute, recorder or most anything else that would like to come & play along. If playing weekly is impractical for you, why not come and join a special monthly 'orchestra' with plenty of time to practice at home if you are feeling abit rusty!! Interested? Additional singers also very welcome! **Want to help? Please see music leaders or musicians, or Fr Allen.**



**Praying for the Sick** Data Protection legislation means we may not, without their explicit permission, publish in the newsletter the names of those who are sick. Details of how to provide this are in porch and on website. Names and requests for prayer can be freely posted on the prayerboard, near the Lady Chapel.

**World Development Group** Annual

**ST NICHOLAS FAIR**  
Sat 30 Nov- Sun 1 Dec after all Masses



Proceeds from this year's fair will be divided equally between Acorn Children's Hospice; John Taylor Hospice; and Fatima House for trafficked women.

Help needed with setting up stalls on 30 Nov, from 11-1.30. Donations for stalls welcome from Nov 3: Books; Toys; Bottles; China; CDs/DVDs; gifts for Tombola stall. And cakes on the day!

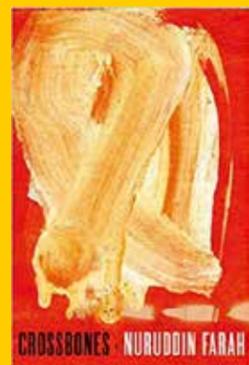
**Parish Book Club:**

Our next book is *Crossbones* by Nuruddin Farah

In the African nation of Somalia, airport security personnel are armed with whips. Children face summary execution for the crime of going to the wrong house. On the country's dusty and forsaken streets, the men whom the outside world has condemned as pirates can appear to be a community's best—though still unlikely—chance for wealth and social justice.

The Somali government in Farah's tale seems to exist only to lob provocative taunts at the country's heavily armed neighbor Ethiopia, and to be a journalist means being a target for assassination.

Read the book and come and talk about it. Next meeting is 8pm, Monday 18th Nov in the parish house. All welcome!



**Dad's Group.**

- Monday 14th Oct, 8pm. Dr Tony Thomas reflecting on 'Learning about being a Dad from being a doctor.'
- Monday 4th Nov. Vincent Byrne reflecting on the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.



Dinner, Saturday 16th November - Tickets will be on SALE after masses on 12-13th and 19-20th October. Price: £25. ALL profits go directly to the Group's projects. (£20 voluntary concession for over 70s)

**Anointing of the Sick** Next parish celebration 11am Friday 1st November.

**Thank you** from Anne and Mick to all who supported their Coffee Morning which raised £1200 for Acorns Children's Hospice.

Newman's journey of faith. The joint choirs of St Chad's Cathedral and St Philip's Cathedral will lead the singing. 4pm, Sun 20 Oct, St Chad's Cathedral.

**Parish Outings**

Join others from the parish going to concerts at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire ( great music and cheap tickets!)

- Brahms Sonatas and Piano Quintet. 7.30pm Thurs 21 Nov.
- Upon A Midnight Clear 2.30pm Weds 11 Dec. Vocal Quintet singing winter and Christmas songs.

Simply book up on [www.bcu.ac.uk](http://www.bcu.ac.uk) or 0121 331 5909

**Praying for the Dead**

Envelopes for November Masses for the Dead are available in the porch.

**Diocese**

**Choral Ecumenical Vespers** with Archbishop Bernard and other Anglican Bishops and Church leaders. A service to celebrate Newman as a priest of the city of Birmingham, but also as a Saint of our Archdiocese, recognising

**Liturgy of the Word with Children**

We will begin to offer Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 6pm Saturday Mass and the 9am Sunday Mass, probably from the middle of November, and once a month at each of those masses.

This Liturgy is for children who are now in Reception and Year 1 and 2.

We have two couples who will be leading the sessions but would appreciate offers of help from another one or two adults to help also, with 'crowd control'. Also, if we are able to attract additional leaders we will offer the Liturgies more often.

If you can help, please see Fr Allen.

**Blessing of Graves**  
Deanery of Birmingham (North)



Oscott: Saturday 2nd November, 3pm  
The Abbey, Erdington: Sunday 3rd November, 1pm  
Rectory Road: Sunday 10th November, 2.30pm  
New Hall: Sunday 17th November, 2.30pm  
Wilton: Sunday 24th November, 2.30pm



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**Exposition and Evening Prayer to mark the canonisation of John Henry Newman Priest and Cardinal.**

October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm  
St Nicholas Church, Boldmere.



Cardinal Newman will be formally recognised as a saint by Pope Francis during the celebration of Mass in St Peter's Square, Rome on Sunday October 13th.  
Come and join the Church in prayer that same evening to give thanks to God for John Henry Newman's sanctity and life of service - much of which offered in Birmingham and the Black Country - including at our church here in Boldmere.

**The Canonisation of a Birmingham saint does not come along very often, so please take and use one of the commemorative prayer cards - and perhaps one for a friend too... And why not come to tonight's celebratory prayer (see above).**

**Parish**

**Travelling Solo lunch** All who 'travel solo in life' for whatever reason are invited to join with others for a jolly Sunday lunch at a local pub. *Next lunch: Nov 3rd.*

**Teas & Coffees** after Sunday morning Masses. Additional volunteers to help once or twice a month would be very welcome! New

**Scripture** is at the centre of everything the Church does. The word of God shapes our prayer and worship. The Bible shows us how to understand the world, how we are called to live and relate to each other.

2020 is the 1,600 anniversary of St Jerome's death. The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales will dedicate 2020 as a year of focus on the Bible and 'The God Who Speaks'.

During the year, we will be celebrating, living and sharing God's word with an exciting new Scripture initiative. It's an opportunity to enrich current practice and to develop and explore new ways of responding to 'The God who Speaks'.

**MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES Week 28 in Ordinary Time**

S	12	28th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
		Psalter Wk 3	1800	For the parish
Su	13		0900	Peter Foster RD (Drozdz)
			1100	Doreen Jones RIP (Jones)
			1930	Exposition and Evening Prayer to mark the canonisation of John Henry Newman.
M	14		1000*	Peter Foster RD (O'Gorman)
			1500	Rosary and Benediction
T	15	St Teresa of Avila	1000*	Margaret Stroud RD (Wilkinson)
W	16		1000*	Michael and Anthony Cleary RIP (Sterling)
Th	17	St Ignatius of Antioch		
F	18	St Luke	1900*	Peter Foster RIP (SVP) followed by Exposition and prayer for victims of abuse
S	19	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
		Psalter Wk 4	1800	For the parish
Su	20		0900	Peter Foster (O'Gorman)
			1100	Thanksgiving (Nguyen)

**Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday**

Ex 17:8-13 / Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 / 2 Tm 3:14 - 4:2 / Lk 18:1-8

**Morning/Evening Prayer** 20 mins before weekday Masses, as indicated above \*

**Exposition: & Vespers** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Suns of month, 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:** [liveingeucharist.wordpress.com/](http://liveingeucharist.wordpress.com/)

**Please pray for sick parishioners** including Michael O'Brien; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; Olwyn Foster; Lea Burke, Peggy Gallagher, Frank & Hazel Kemp. **Please pray** for Olwyn Foster whose funeral mass is on 5th Nov, and for Muriel Duffin who died recently, and for Ann Hayward, Martin Murphy, Kathleen Hughes, Thomas Heneghan, Michael McDermott and all whose anniversaries of death are at this time: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Rota available on board. Printed copies available in the kitchen.

**Rosary for Vocations.** The Rosary group meets in church most Mondays at 3pm to pray for vocations. All welcome. *Next gathering is this Monday, feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. Come and join us as we honour our Lady and pray for vocations.*

**Scripture group** Weds 16 Oct, 7.30pm. We start to read of *The Acts of the Apostles!* Meet in Benedict Room. All welcome: read Chapters 1 and 2 to prepare.

**Preparation for Baptism of Infants** The next preparation programme starts on Saturday 16th Nov from 11am-12 noon in the Benedict Room. Please see Fr Allen beforehand for an application form.

**Whole Community Catechesis: 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year C**

**Step One: Listen to the Word**

As you hear the story of the Lord's encounter with and healing of lepers, what strikes you? What in this reading touches your heart?

**Step Two: Look into Your Life**

- Question for Children:** What happens when we say 'thank you'?
- Question for Youth:** Why do some people fail to say 'thank you'?
- Question for Adults:** What are you grateful? How do you show it?

## Introductory Rites

### Entrance Song

God is love: his the care,  
tending each, ev'rywhere,  
God is love, all is there!  
Jesus came to show him,  
that we all might know him!  
*Sing aloud, loud, loud! x2*  
*God is good! God is truth!*  
*God is beauty! Praise him!*

None can see God above;  
we can share life and love;  
thus may we Godward move,  
finding him in creation,  
holding ev'ry nation.

Jesus lived on the earth,  
hope and life brought to birth  
and affirmed human worth,  
for he came to save us  
by the truth he gave us

To our Lord praise we sing,  
light and life, friend and King,  
coming down, love to bring,  
pattern for our duty,  
showing God in beauty.

### Gloria

*Glory to God, (x3) in the highest, and on earth peace,  
peace on earth, peace to people of good will.*

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.

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.

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.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### 2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child.

Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then

Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

### Psalm 97(98):1-4 (Sung by all)

Sing a new song to the Lord  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy arm  
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;  
has shown his justice to the nations.  
He has remembered his truth and love  
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen  
the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth,  
ring out your joy.

### 2 Timothy 2:8-13

Remember the Good News that I carry, 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal – but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

Here is a saying that you can rely on:  
If we have died with him, then we shall live with him.  
If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him.  
If we disown him, then he will disown us.  
We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful,  
for he cannot disown his own self.

### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!* Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message of eternal life. *Alleluia!*

### Luke 17:11-19

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

### The Prayer of the Faithful

*We pray to the Lord.* Through our lives and by our prayers, Your kingdom come.

### The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

*At the following words, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.*  
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory  
to judge the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.  
I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.  
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### Offertory Song

Lay your hands gently upon us.  
Let their touch render your peace.  
Let them bring You forgiveness and healing:  
lay your hands gently lay your hands

You were sent to free the broken hearted  
You were sent to give sight to the blind  
You desire to heal all our illness:  
lay your hands gently lay your hands.

Lord we come to You through one another  
Lord we come to You in our need  
Lord we come to You seeking wholeness:  
lay your hands gently lay your hands .

### The Eucharistic Prayer

#### Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full, are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes, who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

#### Memorial Acclamation

Save us, save us, Saviour of the world, for by your  
Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

### Communion Rite

#### Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us. (x2)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

### Communion Song

One bread one body, one Lord of all,  
one cup of blessing which we bless.  
And we, though many, throughout the earth,  
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free,  
woman or man, no more.

Many the gifts, many the works,  
one in the Lord of all.

Grain for the fields,  
scattered and grown, gathered to one, for all.

## Concluding Rites

### Final Song

Lead, kindly light, amid th'encircling gloom,  
lead thou me on;  
the night is dark, and I am far from home,  
lead thou me on. Keep thou my feet;  
I do not ask to see the distant scene;  
one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, not prayed that thou  
shouldst lead me on;  
I loved to chose and see my path, but now  
lead thou me on;  
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,  
pride ruled my will; remember not past years.

So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still  
will lead me on,  
o'er moor and fen; o'er crag and torrent, till  
the night is gone,  
and with the morn, those angel faces smile,  
which I have loved long since and lost awhile.

### Hearing the Living Word!

One of the most helpful changes to the Mass in recent years (well for the past 50 years) is that we now hear scripture read in English, and we hear a much broader selection of the Bible than before Vatican II

That said, some think we now have too many readings, and it's difficult to take them in, at Mass. They have a point. And that's one reason in the parish we try to take care not to have readings read to fast, or too quickly one after another. For what matters is not that the word is read, but that it is heard, and taken to heart, and pondered on. For there Jesus speaks to us

It has been said that we are unlikely to hear the Scripture at Mass well, if we are not also spending time with the Scriptures *outside* of Mass also. There is something of 'ritual' about the Liturgy of the Word that needs filling out in the business of 'ordinary' life.

One way of doing this is by reading each day a passage from the last week's Sunday Mass - finding continued nourishment with what has been served us as the word for our daily life in Christ.