

Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering. If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

Psalms 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They re-

Next Week: Sunday of Week 30 in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Jeremiah 31:7 - 9 / Psalm 126:1 - 2, 2 - 3, 4 - 5, 6 / Hebrews 5:1 - 6 / Mark 10:46 - 52

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



plied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

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...

A reminder of the meetings after each Mass this weekend to recruit new ministers of word, communion, music, and hospitality.

Do please consider whether you can help make a contribution to the life of our parish, and the ministry of faith and worship.

Church and Catholic Christian worship is something we do and are together. It is not a spectator sport. It is about receiving love and it is about service - service of God and service of each other.

Come through to the Benedict Room, have a cup of tea or coffee and learn more...

Fr. Allen

Masses Week 29 in Ordinary Time

S	20	Sunday of 29th Week Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 1</i>	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Helena and Kris Stazewska and family, Ints.
Su	21		0900 1100 1800	For the parish Brian Kerins RIP (Kerins) Exposition & Evening Prayer (from 2nd Sunday)
M	22	St John Paul II	1000* 1200 1500	Special Intention followed by refreshments (Just Drop-in Group) Funeral Mass of Anne Gallagher Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
T	23		1000*	Josephine Cleary Ints (Devane) followed by refreshments
W	24		1200*	Kavanagh RIP (Brennan)
Th	25			
F	26		1000 1900*	Mass with St Nicholas School (all welcome) For the parish followed by 30 mins exposition
S	27	Sunday of 30th Week Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Teresa Gill RIP
Su	28		0900 1100 1800	Doris Ida Bone RIP Thomas Hennessy RIP Exposition & Evening Prayer (4th 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 and Gabriel Maguire. **Please pray** for Anne Gallagher whose funeral Mass is on Monday at 12noon. Please pray also for Martin Murphy, Kathleen Hughes, Thomas Heneghan, Kay McKenzie, Margaret Scotton, Eileen Westbury 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.

THE PARISH 50/50 CLUB.

The 50/50 Club has been established for nearly 20 years. It raises extra funds for the support of the parish, and provides a bit of fun for parishioners.

The income received from the Members' subscription (£4 a month, ie £48pa) is divided equally between the parish and the members of the club.

The members' half is given out each month in prizes (presently £100, 75 and 50) following the monthly Tuesday draw.

Not a member already? Do please consider joining and help the parish raise money for the renewal of the Benedict and McEvelly Rooms.



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.



Congratulations to Fr Simon Ellis who has been appointed to serve as Dean to the parishes of North Birmingham, including our own. Fr Simon is a member of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham and parish priest of St Margaret Mary, Perry Common.

Parish

Thank you for your donations to the Comboni Missionaries last Sunday. £592.18 was raised.

First Communion families. The rotas for children and their families to assist with the Offertory at Masses through to next summer are available in the porch and on the website. If a child and their family cannot help on the weekend(s) scheduled please swap with another family. *Let us all continue to keep these children and their families in our prayers.*

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

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.



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 Nov.

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

Repairs and refurbishment

Good news! We have received permission from both the civic and church planning authorities to proceed with the planned works on the Benedict Room and McEvilly Rooms and their entrances/exits.

Details are displayed in the porch. The works are principally to improve disabled access and to make both rooms more suitable for independent use. The current porch suffers from wet rot and needs replacing and we are taking advantage of that to provide some much needed storage room; and also to have some repair work done on the roof.

The next stage is to invite tenders and appoint contractors ready for the work to begin at the end of July 2019...

And to begin fund raising ...

Reception Places at St Nicholas school: admission in Sept 2019

On Wednesday 7th November there will be a meeting for any parent interested in sending their child to St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School in September 2019. This will take place in the school hall at 6.30pm.

There are also 3 'open sessions' where prospective parents can tour St. Nicholas School during the school day.

Please telephone the school office (0121 351 3215) to book your place on one of the following days:

- Tues 27th Nov, 9.15am
- Weds 28th Nov, 2.30pm
- Thurs 29th Nov at 11am



100 YEARS OF REMEMBRANCE



REMEMBRANCE EXHIBITION
10TH NOVEMBER
10AM-4PM
FREE ENTRY

EMMANUEL, WYLDE GREEN
Come and view our war memorials, find out more about local people who fought in the World Wars, chat with a local historian and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

Any thoughts how OUR parish might mark the anniversary of the end of WW1? And Remembrance Sunday? If so, please speak with Fr Allen.

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.

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

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.

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, 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:

Sharing in the presence of Christ

The Lord calls us all to communion of life with him. He reaches out to us in so many ways, but most poignantly and potently, perhaps, in the symbols of Bread and Wine, offering us by them his very Body and Blood as food and drink.

The Lord offers but sometimes we are not ready to receive. This might be because we are aware of something 'wrong' in our lives - sometimes sin that we find it hard to repent of, sometimes something irregular in our pattern of life that distances us, or seems to distance us from the holiness and quality of life to which Christians are called.

In such circumstances it is proper that we should pause and consider whether we are in the right frame of mind or state of life to receive the Lord in holy communion. Would we receive him in communion only then immediately and deliberately contradict turn from real communion.

When we are in such a situation it can be really painful. We ought not to be alone in trying to make sense of things. It is not something for by ourselves we can get lost and confused and lose heart; and sometimes we might beat ourselves up,

being much harder on ourselves than the Lord or his Church would ever desire. So if you find yourselves wondering whether you are 'out of communion, do please find a compassionate friend or priest who can support and accompany you as you find ways to be free to turn still more fully to God.

And at any time you find yourself not able to receive Holy Communion do know that the Lord is present in our Eucharistic assembly for all. Those who do not receive Sacramental Communion all are united in some way by the Holy Spirit.

The traditional idea of 'spiritual' Communion is an important one for us to remember and reaffirm. The invitation often given at Mass to those who may not receive sacramental Communion to receive a 'blessing' at the moment of Communion emphasises the deep spiritual communion that is possible even when we do not share together the Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ.



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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/>

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