

In Hospital or going there?

Catholic Chaplains are appointed to all of the local hospitals.

Patients, and relatives of patients, are urged to make sure that Catholic patients admitted to hospital are registered as Roman Catholic on admission. If they wish to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain, they should ask the ward nurse to arrange this.

Data protection legislation means that **unless this is done** your details will not be passed to the Chaplain.

If you wish to be visited by Fr Allen as well as the hospital chaplain then please let him know. It is very helpful if you can give details of the ward the patient is on.

Many people find it helpful to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when they experience serious ill health. If you would like to receive the Sacrament, please let Fr Allen know.

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!

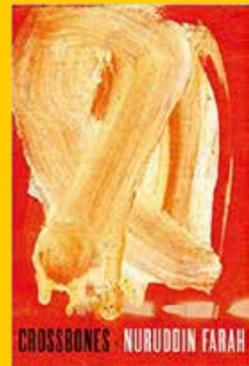
Parish Book Club:

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.

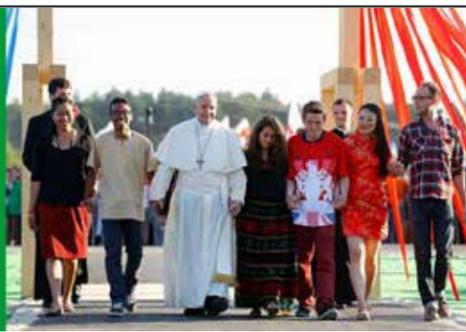
- Monday 4th Nov. Vincent Byrne reflecting on the work of the Society of St Vincent de Paul.



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



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.**

Mass Intentions are now being booked for Jan to Apr 2020. Indication of available dates at www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/

who are not yet certain about where they stand on these issues, or not yet confident in acting on their beliefs.

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

Diocese

Choral Ecumenical Vespers with Archbishop Bernard and other church leaders. 4pm, Sun 20 Oct, St Chad's Cathedral.

Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy at St Joseph's Primary School, Sutton Coldfield. Details at vacancies@sjp2.net.

Other

Connect conference (Life) 2-3 Nov. Held at Maryvale Institute (on-site accommodation) To bring together young people interested in the pro-life movement and principles but

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 in Reception and Yr 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.

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.

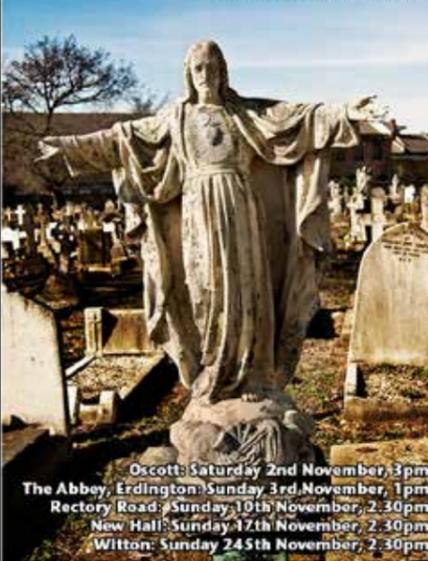
Simply book up on www.bcu.ac.uk or 0121 331 5909

Praying for the Dead

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

Blessing of Graves

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Parish

Retiring Collection There is a retiring collection today for the Association of the Propagation of the Faith - for Missio, and the work it does in witnessing to the Gospel overseas. If you are gift aiding your donation, please use the envelopes provided, otherwise please make your donation in the collection baskets as you leave. Thank you.

Next week there is a Johnson Association collection for sick and retired clergy.

New to the parish? Registration forms are available in the porch. Apologies to those who were looking for them last week, when we'd run out!

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. More volunteers to help once or twice a month would be very welcome on board.

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

Preparing for THE GOD WHO SPEAKS - to celebrate, live and share God's word

You don't need a Bible to read Scripture - this newsletter provides plenty of scriptural food for the week! But having a Bible helps - especially if you wonder about what happens next or the context of a reading.

Books of Scripture come in all sorts of form and translations. People will have their preferences but you'd need a good reason to move on from the Jerusalem Bible (not the New Jerusalem) which is the version we hear on Sundays. Or you might like to go for the English Standard Version which is likely to be the new translation introduced to Mass in a few years time. There is a very good study edition - though you might like to go for the (not very large print) edition unless you have 20/20 reading vision!

There are alternatives to whole Bibles of course - and Pope Francis has encouraged us to travel with a Gospel in our pockets TGWS is going to focus on Matthew's Gospel - and we have pocket sized editions of that Gospel on the CTS stand in the porch.

Many people use their smartphone or tablet to access the Scriptures. You can get a free download at ESV.org or the Lectionary readings on the Universalis App (c £10) at Universalis.com

MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES Week 29 in Ordinary Time

| S | 19 | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 4</i> | 1700 1800 | Exposition and Sacrament of Confession For the parish |
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| Su | 20 | | 0900 1100 | Peter Foster (O'Gorman) Thanksgiving (Nguyen) |
| M | 21 | | 1000* 1500 | Peace in the Middle East <i>Rosary and Benediction</i> |
| T | 22 | | 1000* | Peter Foster RD (Redmond) |
| W | 23 | | 12noon | Irene Gillespie (Birthday) |
| Th | 24 | | 1000* | Betty Sawbridge RIP (Anniv) (Sawbridge) |
| F | 25 | | 1900* | Anne Rouse RD (Foster) followed by Exposition and prayer for victims of abuse |
| S | 26 | 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 1</i> | 1700 1800 | Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Teresa Gill RIP (Gill) |
| Su | 27 | | 0900 1100 1800 | For the Parish Michael McDermott 1st Anniv. Exposition and Evening Prayer |

Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday

Sir 35:12-14, 16-18 / Ps 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 16-18 / Lk 18:9-14

Morning/Evening Prayer 20 mins before weekday Masses, as indicated above *
Exposition: & Vespers 2nd and 4th 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/

Please pray for sick parishioners including Lyn Hunt; Michael O'Brien; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; 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 Thomas Heneghan, Michael McDermott, Margaret Scotton and Eileen Westbury and all whose anniversaries of death are at this time: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Scripture group Mon 11 Nov, 7.30pm. We have begun to read *The Acts of the Apostles!* Meet in Benedict Rm. All welcome: read Chapters 3, 4, and 5 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.

World Development Group Annual Dinner, Sat 16 Nov. Price: £25. (£20 voluntary concession for over 70s). Tickets on sale today.

Whole Community Catechesis: 28th Sunday Year C

Step One: Listen to the Word

The gospel these week continues an exploration of faith and righteousness. What encourages you in what you hear? What challenges you?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- Question for Children:** Why do you think the judge had no respect for God or man? Who did he care for, do you think?
- Question for Youth:** What do you think of the judge's motives for deciding to act for the woman? She asks for justice would it matter if he ends up favouring her just to get rid of her?
- Question for Adults:** Where do you see faith? What difference does it seem to make - to those people with faith, and those around them?

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Exodus 17:8-13

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his

arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

Psalm 120(121) (Sung by all)

I lift up my eyes to the mountains;
from where shall come my help?
My help shall come from the Lord
who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers,
Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade;
at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you
nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil,
he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming
both now and for ever.

2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is something alive and active: it can judge secret emotions and thoughts.
Alleluia!

Luke 18:1-8

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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

Lord, for tomorrow and its needs, I do not pray;
Keep me, my God, from stain of sin just for today.

Let me both diligently work, and duly pray.
Let me be kind in word and deed, just for today.

Let me be slow to do my will, Prompt to obey;
Help me to sacrifice myself just for today.

And if today my tide of life should ebb away,
Give me thy Sacraments divine, sweet Lord today.

So for tomorrow and its needs I do not pray,
But keep me, guide me, love me, Lord, just for today.

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

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'ful hand;
bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more x2.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield x2.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside,
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee x2.

Concluding Rites

Final Song

How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him
who brings good news, good news,
announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness:
*Our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns,
Our God reigns, our God reigns, our God reigns,*

You watchmen, lift your voices joyfully as one,
shout for your king, your king!
See eye to eye, the Lord restoring Zion.

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of our God!
Jesus is Lord, is Lord!
Before the nations he has bared his holy arm.

Hearing the Living Word II

When we listen to Scripture, what do we listen for?

For the voice of Jesus, speaking to our heart and our
mind in and through the words proclaimed.

Scripture is a most precious gift to the Church, and it
a most vital expression of the Tradition. But we listen
not only to the stories of what has happened, and
what it meant, but also for what is happening, and
what is still to happen - and for our part in this. Those
things are not often spelt out in the words written
on the page and read out loud, but in the living Lord
present in them to speak to our heart.

When we listen to Scripture, we listen for him.

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