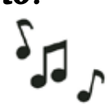
**Tea with the SVP** On 7th November between 3 and 5.30 we will be serving free tea, coffee and delicious home made cakes in the Newman Centre. Everyone is welcome! We'll also have games and books and a quiet area for the children too. Come along to meet and make friends.
*If you have more or less-housebond friends, relatives or neighbours, plewase do draw their attention to this event. Perhap you can give them a life to help them come along. More the merrier! Getting out and meeting others in this happy and relaxed setting can be a lovely thing to brighten their day.*

**Bishop Walsh Catholic Secondary School** is embarked on a rebuilding programme and proposing to:
• expand Bishop Walsh Catholic School from 6 forms of entry (6FE) to 7 forms of entry (7FE), increasing the annual Year 7 intake from 170 to 210 pupils; and
• establish a new 40-place SEND resource base within Bishop Walsh Catholic School.
The expansion would provide an additional 40 mainstream places in each year group as the increased intake moves through the school. The proposed resource base would create 40 specialist places within the school. The detailed designation/specialism of the SEND provision will be confirmed as part of the development of the proposal.

They seek the views of stakeholders in the local area in accordance with DFE guidance, so as to ensure that interested parties have an opportunity to understand the proposed changes and provide their views before the academy trust submits its Significant Change application to the Department for Education. ***Your comments are welcomed.*** Consultation closing date: 11th November 2026. Please send your response to: rebuildconsultation@bishopwalsh.net

**Not all Diocesan or other notices** — for example of job vacancies and local events— are able to be included in this newsletter. To be sure of getting all information please follow the parish Blog or FaceBook page (stnicholasboldmere) to receive notification automatically.

**Do you play piano? *Would you like to?***
We have a lovely new piano in the church - a gift from Bishop Walsh School. Now we are looking for people to play it at Mass!



If you play, would you be willing to play from time to time - especially at the Saturday 6pm or Sunday 11am Masses? We'd suit music to your skill level - and are happy to provide other support. We're happy also to try to arrange classes for children who are approaching the level where they can play - at least some pieces - to accompany our singing. For more information see Fr Allen or Vincent Byrne - our 9am organist.

**St Nicholas School** invites prospective parents to visit the school and ask any questions you may have about the admissions process. - Mon 2 Nov, 11:00am; Weds 4 Nov, 2:00pm; Fri 6 Nov, 9:15am. Contact school office for more information, 0121 355 2649

# Six Holy Habits

- **Spend 5 minutes a day in prayer**
  *Five minutes might be a bit of a challenge for some. But if we want to know we are loved, it is good to spend time with the One who loves us more than anyone else. In prayer; saying prayers; or just sitting quietly grateful for the love, sharing with the Lord what we have to deal with today.*
- **Come to Mass each Sunday**
  *To live with the Church, become part of Church, and here be nourished by the Lord in word and sacrament and ministry, and by being with each other. It doesn't just happen because we walk through the door of the church. We have to join in – but for sure it won't happen for us when we are not at Mass.*
- **Keep Friday as a day of penance**
  *On the day of the Lord's passion and death we remember our sins, our frailties and with humility, our need to be saved and healed and helped.*
- **Go to confession once a month**
  *Life is rarely easy – often we face tensions in our families, at work and so on. It is not easy to keep trying to do our best. What do I need God's forgiveness and mercy for? Look within and see where you hurt...*
- **Spend time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament each fortnight**
  *Where better to do that looking within than before the Blessed Sacrament. We can pray anywhere and anytime, but quiet prayer in the very presence of Jesus brings something extra and special. Our parish has exposition of the Blessed Sacrament each Friday: pop in for five or ten minutes then. Or come in after picking children up at the end of the school day. It is good for families to pray together, and not just at Mass.*
- **Join a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship**
  *There is surprising value in being part of a small group for formation, prayer and fellowship. We often spend too much time in our own heads. Being part of a group of people who together are taking their faith seriously, and open their lives to the Lord can make all the difference.*

# St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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**Parish Priest:** Fr Allen Morris **Deacon:** Rev John Garvey
*Our Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216*

**October 2026: Parish Masses** This week

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| **Sa** | **17** | 6pm | **29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | Olwyn Foster RIP (Foster) |
| **Su** | **18** | 9am | | For the parish |
| | | 11am | | Ann Cullen RIP (Cullen) |
| **M** | **19** | 10am | | For the parish |
| **T** | **20** | 10am | | |
| **W** | **21** | | | |
| **Th** | **22** | 10am | | |
| **F** | **23** | 7pm | | |
| **S** | **24** | 6pm | **30TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** | |
| **Su** | **25** | 9am | | For the parish |
| | | 11am | | Michael McDermott RIP |

***ANOINTING OF THE SICK:*** Next parish celebration is at 10am on 18th Nov

***SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:*** Fri 19.30-20.00; Sat 5.30-5.45 or by appoint't

***PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK:*** Stephen Gateley, Rita Rhodes, Mary Daniels, Brenda Davies, Lesley Devlin, Margaret Reeves. **Please pray** for Bridget Hennesy, Nancy King, David McIlree, Irene Devlin, Edward Trehy and all whose anniversary occurs at this time. ***Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.***

***RESOURCES FOR PRAYER.***
- **Parish Morning Prayer**: Mon-Sat, at 8.30am (Zoom link on website)
- **Readings of the day** and much more at Universalis.com
- **The Sunday Scriptures** are a richer resource for spiritual growth when we read and pray with them before the Sunday (and again after the Sunday). Next Sunday's readings are Exodus 22:20–26 / Psalm 18:2–3, 3–4, 47, 51 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c–10 / Matthew 22:34–40

***PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK AND INFIRM*** To arrangege visits or to receive Holy Communion ***at home*** please contact Fr Allen. If admitted to Hospital please ensure your religion is recorded, and you should receive a visit from the hospital chaplaincy team. In case of emergency please ask ward staff to call the on-duty priest chaplain.

***WEEKDAY SOCIAL.*** Tuesdays after 10am Mass.

***PARISH CAR PARK*** 1 hour's free parking is available for anyone at anytime in our carpark. Automatic free parking is available too on Sat 5.30pm to 7.30pm; Sunday 8am to 2pm; Mon, Tues, Weds 9.30am to 11.30am; and Fri 6.30pm to 8.30pm. *At other times, please - if in church or here for meetings - please use the QR code to extend your 'free' parking time.*

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National & Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mary Rose. She can be contacted at: sg.stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively contact the Diocesan Safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

**Our parish is part of Catholic Sutton Coldfield.
This cluster of Parishes is made up of the parishes of
Holy Cross & St Francis, Walmley; Sacred Heart, Four Oaks; Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield; and St Nicholas , Boldmere.**

**Why not make a point of praying the Rosary this October?** See Parish website front page for link to our on-line Parish Roasry Group at 7pm every Monday. All are welcome.

## The Catholic Culture Club

Events that give opportunity to enjoy local cultural events (with friends and other parishioners when convenient, or by yourself when it is not) and also to meet afterwards to chat over things.
Royal Cinema @ Sutton Coldfield. ***Giant*** - an award winning play about Roald Dahl. Thurs 19 Nov at 7.30pm. Tickets can be booked now and are going fast. A range of ticket prices are available - including extra for glass of wine, and discounts for seniors
- *Group meeting to chat: Fri 20 Nov in the Benedict Room at 8pm*

## World Mission Sunday

Today the Church marks the centenary anniversary of World Mission Sunday which was established by Pope Pius XI. The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has chosen the theme 'One in Christ, United in Mission' for this important anniversary. He reminds us that our missionary activity is only possible through our union and communion with Christ.
Please pray for the work of mission and give what you can to this vital collection. There will be a retirement collection, and there is the opportunity to use the Card Reader top donate also. Or use this QR code. Thank you.

## The Introductory Rites

### Opening Song

### Gloria

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.

*Glory to God...*

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.

*Glory to God...*

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.
*Glory to God...* Amen. Amen. Amen.

### The Collect

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped, to subdue nations before him and to loose the belts of kings, to open doors before him that gates may not be closed:

'For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I name you, though you do not know me. I am the LORD, and there is no other, besides me there is no God; I equip you, though you do not know me, that people may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is none besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other.'

### Ps 96(95):1, 3. 4-5. 7-8. 9-10a, c.

O sing a new song to the LORD;
sing to the LORD, all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory,
and his wonders among all the peoples.

For the LORD is great and highly to be praised,
to be feared above all gods.
For the gods of the nations are naught.
It was the LORD who made the heavens.

Ascribe to the LORD, you families of peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and power;
ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the LORD in holy splendour.
O tremble before him, all the earth.
Say to the nations, 'The LORD is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

### 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, to the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: grace to you and peace.

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction.

### Gospel Acclamation

***Alleluia, alleluia.* Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life. *Alleluia.***

### Matthew 22:15-21

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

### Homily

### The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right
hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come
to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### Prayer of the Faithful

All: Through our lives and by our prayers,
your kingdom come.

## The Liturgy of the Eucharist

### The Offertory

### The Eucharistic Prayer

### Sanctus

### The mystery of faith

### The Communion Rite

### Communion thanksgiving

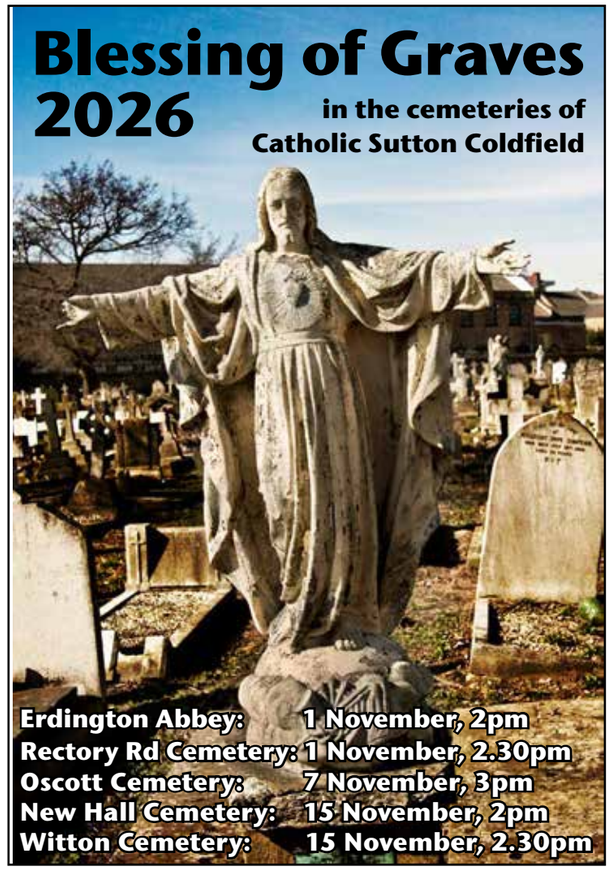
## Concluding Rites

### Blessing and Dismissal

### Praying the Rosary

Over recent years the more familiar Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary have been joined by another sequence - the Mysteries of Light.

Popularised by Saint Pope John Paul II these have us pray with mysteries of Jesus adult life and ministry - his Baptism, the miracle of Cana, his preaching; the Transfiguration, and the Eucharist. For more information, visit the parish blog.




**Directors sought for School Multi-Academy Trust** Applications are invited from suitably skilled, committed individuals to serve as a Director on the Board of the new Catholic Multi-Academy Trust serving our local schools. **Full details at bit.ly/4z9fm9z.**

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