

Jeremiah 31:7-9

The Lord says this: Shout with joy for Jacob! Hail the chief of nations! Proclaim! Praise! Shout: 'The Lord has saved his people, the remnant of Israel!'

See, I will bring them back from the land of the North and gather them from the far ends of earth; all of them: the blind and the lame, women with child, women in labour: a great company returning here.

They had left in tears, I will comfort them as I lead them back; I will guide them to streams of water, by a smooth path where they will not stumble. For I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born son.

Psalm 125(126)

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage, it seemed like a dream.

Then was our mouth filled with laughter, on our lips there were songs.

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels the Lord worked for them!'

What marvels the Lord worked for us! Indeed we were glad.

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage as streams in dry land.

Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap.

They go out, they go out, full of tears, carrying seed for the sowing: they come back, they come back, full of song, carrying their sheaves.

Hebrews 5:1-6

Every high priest has been taken out of mankind and is appointed to act for men in their relations with God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins; and so he can sympathise with those who are ignorant or uncertain because he too lives in the limitations of weakness. That is why he has to make sin offerings for himself as well as for the people. No one takes this honour on himself, but each one is called by God, as Aaron was. Nor did Christ give himself the glory of becoming high priest, but he had it from the one who said to him: You are my son, today I have become your father, and in another text: You are a priest of the order of Melchizedek, and for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

Next Week: Sunday of Week 31 in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Deuteronomy 6:2 – 6 / Psalm 18:2 – 3, 3 – 4, 47, 51 / Hebrews 7:23 – 28 / Mark 12:28b – 34

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



Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.

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.



*Hail, holy Queen, Mother of mercy,
our life, our sweetness and our hope.
To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve.
To thee to we send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.
Turn, then, most gracious advocate,
thine eyes of mercy toward us,
and after this, our exile,
show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.*

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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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As many of you will already be aware, the Archdiocese of Birmingham will be participating in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) at a hearing next month (November) in London.

IICSA was set up some years ago by the government following a number of high profile and serious cases of historic child abuse.

Through its investigations, IICSA is seeking to understand "what went wrong, and why".

The Archdiocese has been asked to participate in IICSA's investigations along with other organisations within the Catholic Church.

A Pastoral Letter will be read out in all churches next weekend (3/4 November) on this matter.

If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and

the Church's work, please call 0121 230 6240 or emergency out-of-hours on 07976 516629.

Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry.

+ Bernard

Archbishop Bernard Longley
Archbishop of Birmingham.

Masses Week 30 in Ordinary Time

S	27	Sunday of 30th Week Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
			1800	Teresa Gill RIP
Su	28		0900	Doris Ida Bone RIP
			1100	Thomas Hennessy RIP
			1800	Exposition & Evening Prayer (4th Sunday)
M	29		1000*	Fr Gabby (Wilkinson) followed by refreshments (Just Drop-in Group)
			1500	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary
T	30		1000*	Peter Maisland Anniv (Wilkinson) followed by refreshments
W	31		1000*	Deceased of Rhodes/O'Mara families
Th	1	ALL SAINTS <i>Holyday of obligation</i>	1000	For parish
			1900	For victims of recent earthquake/tsunami
F	2	All Souls	1100	Anointing of the Sick and Exposition Decsd family/friends of Barbara & John Twort followed by 30 mins exposition
			1900*	
S	3	Sunday of 31st Week Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 3</i>	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
			1800	Mary O'Donnell RIP (Gill)
Su	4		0900	Aidan Redmond RIP Anniv (Redmond)
			1100	For the parish

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; Bernie Morton and Frs Neil Bayliss and Gabriel Maguire. **Please pray** for Michael McDermott, who died during the week. Please pray also for Eileen Westbury, William Pearce, Margaret Dines, Peter Dunn 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.



2018 St Nicholas Advent Fair

after each Sunday Mass on 1st and 2nd December.

Thank you to the many parishioners who came to Monday's planning meeting. It is now all systems go.

Proceeds from the Fair will be sent to support the work of a charity working with survivors of abuse.

Together with Mary in Advent

During Advent - on a day and at a time of your own choosing - each family, each household in the parish is invited to pray the five Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary.

Each family can do this privately, but it is hoped that many will take the opportunity to invite other family and friends to join them; and that at least some will be happy to invite still other parishioners to come and join them.

During Lent it is proposed to have a series of house masses in various areas of the parish. Those hosting parish celebrations of the Rosary might well be the obvious choice to turn first when looking for hosts for house masses too. More details next week.

Parish

Thursday of this week is a Holy Day of Obligation. All Saints Masses will be celebrated at 7pm on Weds evening and 10am on Thursday morning.

Today we have our World Mission Day collection to support the work of Missio. Thank you for your support of this and the various other collections that each parish is required to make to support the Church's work at home and overseas.

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.*

Missio Red Boxes If you could bring your boxes to church in the next few weeks that would be appreciated but please do not leave them on the table at the back of church as unfortunately a few full boxes have been stolen from church. If you could hand them to any promoter or leave them with Fr Allen if no one else

is available. *With regret this will be the last cash Missio red box collection in the parish. This said it does not mean you cannot continue to donate to Missio in the way of direct debit if you wish to do so. Forms are available from your promoter or leave a note with your box and Diane will contact you. For further information please contact her on 07960 733155*

Refreshments in Benedict Room after Sunday morning Masses today.

Drop-In Group will be taking a holiday until the new year!

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)

Churches Together Minutes of recent meeting are on noticeboard.

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.

Pirates of Penzance Nov 6-10 7.30pm Sutton Coldfield Town Hall. Tickets

available from Anne Foulds (355-8972, 9am music group); Margaret Evans, 680-6413, 11am Mass choir) or at the door.

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

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
- **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 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.

Diocese

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 Murder mystery evening on 10th November. Poster 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.

Transfer to Secondary School The closing date for applications to the Local Authority for those children transferring to secondary school in September 2019 is Wednesday 31 October 2018.

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 (as prizes) the members of the club.

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

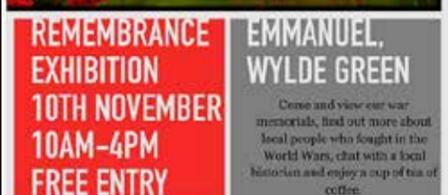
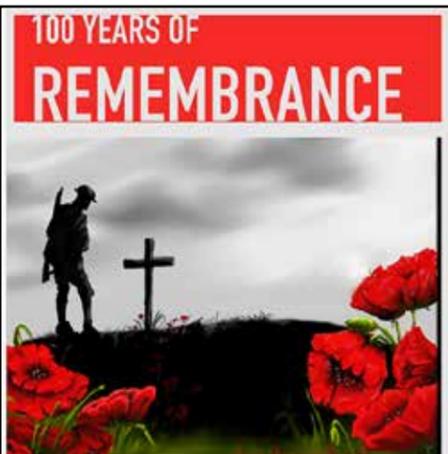
Reception Places at St Nicholas school: admission in Sept 2019

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



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

Resources to learn more about faith

8 Understand the full truth and beauty of the Catholic faith

7 Complicated tenets of the faith explained simply & beautifully

6 Encourages reading of one of the most essential books for our faith

5 Learn how the Catechism was intended to be read

1 365 days of commentary from Catechism experts

2 Separates the Catechism into manageable daily chunks

3 Easy to find the corresponding part of the Catechism

4 Organised in the same way as the Catechism

£10.00 was £12.95

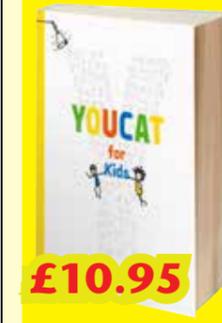
A Year with the Catechism offers an achievable method of reading the Catechism in one year. It includes focus reading references from the Catechism for each day and reflections on the text to aid understanding and to help readers find meaning in the passages.

The truths we find through reading the Catechism will "shine forth" in our lives. This will happen as we read attentively. As we do so, we will deepen our understanding of these truths and learn to make our lives evermore faithful to God.



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Deepening our participation at Mass:

Sharing in the presence of Christ

This brief series of reflections has been written in the wake of Adoremus - the National Eucharistic Congress which was convoked to promote a deeper sense of reverence for the Eucharist, and in particular to encourage devotion to the Eucharist outside of Mass.

This final pair of reflections originates in the consideration of some local practice!

Communion under Both Kinds

The first is to note how few of our congregation receive the Precious Blood, receive from the chalice at Mass. I took the opportunity of Fr Tiziano's visit recently to minister the chalice myself.

It is not compulsory that the opportunity to receive from the chalice is offered at every Mass. But when it is offered why should we receive. Sometimes people object to sharing the common cup - but this is potent symbol of our being called to the common life, communion, in Christ. Sometimes people have concerns about hygiene - however I don't see those who do receive from the chalice being more susceptible to colds and flu and the like.

Receiving Holy Communion, we know that Christ, whole and entire, his body and blood, together with his soul and divinity, is truly, really and substantially present. This is so whether we receive Holy Communion under both forms of bread and wine, or in one form

alone. However, each form has its own particular meaning or symbolism which enriches our celebration of this Sacrament. In the Sacred Host, Christ is presented as the Body broken for us, in which is our strength; in the Chalice he is the Precious Blood poured out for us, in which is our forgiveness.

Introducing children to Mass

It is sad to see children brought to Mass by their families but not being helped to take part, even to join in our common actions of standing, sitting, kneeling etc; in responses; and in song.

When children as young as 4-years old come to Mass with their school, their teachers take care to help their participation. But not a few parents seem happy to abandon their child to their toys, or colouring-in etc. Parents have the opportunity of giving direct and individual support to their children, and this establishes good foundations for their future attitudes to Mass and prayer.

There may be moments when colouring-in has a place - those interminable homilies?! - but our children deserve something more most of the time.

Some resources for children and parents are available in the Repository. Do please use them to help you with the support I'm sure every parent wants to give their child.



Fr. Allen

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for November is that the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.



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