

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord the God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: the Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

Psalm 17(18):2-4,47,51

I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

Hebrews 7:23-28

Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows, then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the command-

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 <i>2nd and 4th Sundays of the month</i>
Monday 1500—1600	Exposition and Rosary <i>Praying for vocations</i>
Friday 1100—1130	Exposition and Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick <i>1st Friday of the month</i>
Friday 1930—2000	Exposition <i>and prayer for the Church</i>
Saturday 1700—1740	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession



ments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken, said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

Prayer for use when visiting a grave

Eternal God,
we give thanks for *N.*
We come to remember *him/her*,
for the bonds of love are not unravelled by death.
Keep us all one in your love and care
so that at the last, with *N.*,
we may be gathered together in your loving embrace.
O God, when memory is sad,
hold us gently in your hand.
When memory is sweet,
give us grace to thank you.
Watch always over *N.*,
and at the last may we all be united in your glory.
These things we ask through Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Lord
who lives and reigns
with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A fuller ritual is available in the porch

Next Week: Sunday of Week 32 in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: 1 Kings 17:10 - 16 / Psalm 146:7, 8 - 9, 9 - 10 / Hebrews 9:24 - 28 / Mark 12:38 - 44

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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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This weekend Archbishop Bernard Longley will personally address the Archdiocese involvement in the *Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA)* in the pastoral letter which is being read out in all churches today.

The letter is available from Saturday evening on the Archdiocese website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/ and on our parish blog: www.stnicholasboldmere.wordpress.com

If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call 0121 230 6240.

If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on 0808 800 5000.

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

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/household can do this privately - and a sheet will be available to help those people who are less familiar with the Rosary.

It is also hoped that many will use the opportunity to invite friends and family and neighbours - perhaps from other churches too - to come and join them in a time of prayer and for a cup of tea or coffee afterwards. It is a good way to mark the particular religious significance of Advent.



It is an especially valuable thing to do for families with children - perhaps combining in with the fun of lighting of the Christmas Tree for the first time, and taking a short time to remember the fundamental reason we celebrate Christmas.

If you are happy to open your time of prayer more widely then please do sign up on the list in the porch.

Rosary leaflets will be available in the porch from Sunday Nov 18th.

Masses Week 31 in Ordinary Time

S	3	Sunday of 31st Week Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 3</i>	1700 1800	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> Mary O'Donnell RIP (Gill)
Su	4		0900 1100	Aidan Redmond RIP Anniv (Redmond) For the parish
M	5		1000*	Decsd family/friends of Cassera family
T	6		1000*	Laura Jones - Ints (R & M Perks) <i>followed by refreshments</i>
W	7			
Th	8			
F	9	Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	1900*	Josie Garvey RC (McDermott) <i>followed by 30 mins exposition</i>
S	10	Sunday of 32nd Week Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Wk 4</i>	1800	Joseph and Anna Pham RIP
Su	11		0900 1100	For the parish For members of the parish who died in WW1

This week the church will be closed outside of the scheduled service times

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

Exposition: & Vespers 2nd & 4th Suns, 6-7pm; **& Rosary** Mon at 3pm.

Reconciliation Next scheduled time *is 5pm on Saturday 17th* or 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, whose funeral is on Tuesday 13th November at 1030. (His body will be received into church at 6pm on 12th November), and for Teresa Dines, Peter Dunn, Philip Hindle, Stephen Yates, Bridie McGinness 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.



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.

Parish

Thank you. £218.68 was collected last weekend for *Missio* to support the Church's missionary work overseas.

Today there is a retiring collection for the **Johnson Association** which supports sick and retired priests of the Archdiocese. Do please be generous in your support of this important fund.

Rotas for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion Very many thanks to those parishioners who have joined the teams of parish ministers. Rotas for all ministers have been e-mailed by Mary Rose, and are now on the notice board. Paper copies are available in the porch also.

Drop-In Group (Mondays after Mass) is taking a holiday until the new year!

World Development Group Annual Dinner, Sat 17 Nov. Price: £25. Details on noticeboard.

Boldmere Christmas Lights. 18th November from 2pm. Thank you to parishioners who will be staffing the Churches Together stall from 4-5pm! Come and have your photo taken in the stable of Bethlehem.

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.*

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.

Churches Together Minutes of recent meeting are on noticeboard.

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 Next meeting is 7.30pm, **Tues 11 Dec**, in the Benedict Room. We will look at Chapters 7 and 8 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 today.**

Parish Book Clubs (both meet in the parish house, and all are welcome)

- **The Daytime Group** Next meeting is at 1030 on Weds 2nd Jan, and the book is *The God who won't let go* by Peter van Breemen, SJ The book is a prayerful invitation to enter the depths of forgiveness, mercy, compassion and resurrection.

- **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

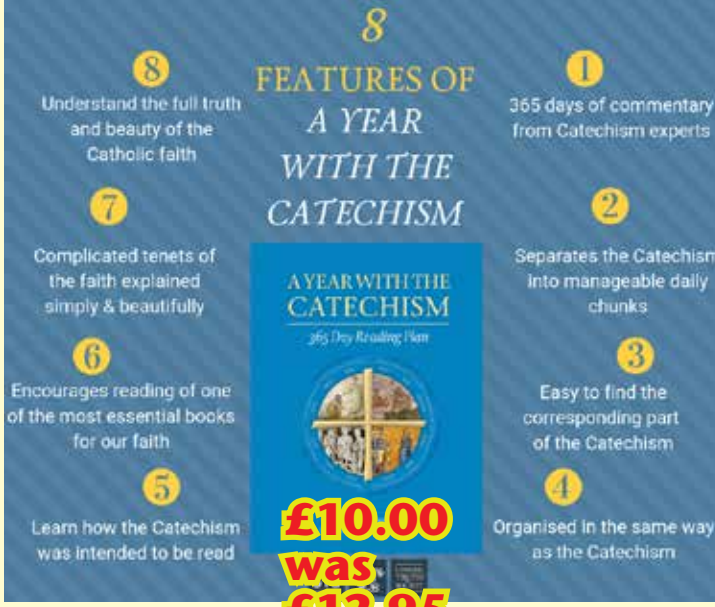
Blessing of Graves

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Oscott: Saturday 3rd November 3pm
The Abbey, Erdington: Sunday 4th November 1pm
Rectory/Road: 11th November, 2.30pm
New Hall: Sunday 18th November 2.30pm
Witton: Sunday 25th November 2.30pm

Resources to learn more about faith



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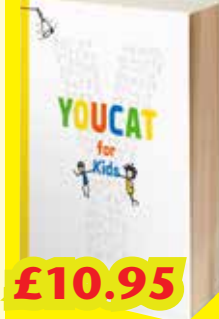
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Reception Places at St Nicholas school: admission in Sept 2019

At 6.30pm on Weds 7th November, in the school hall there is a meeting for any parent interested in sending their child to St. Nicholas Catholic Primary School in Sept 2019. This will take place 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



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10AM-4PM
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Come and view our war memorials, find out more about local people who fought in the World War, chat with a local historian and enjoy a cup of tea or coffee.

THE FRIENDS OF MARYVALE PRESENT

SILENT MOVIE NIGHT

A fundraising event in support of recent disasters in the Philippines and Kerala

PROGRAMME

- The Immigrant (Charlie Chaplin 1917)
- The Freshman (Harold Lloyd 1925)

Saturday 17th November 2018

At Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill, Birmingham, B44 9RG

Show starts at 7pm
 Tickets £6
 Contact 0121 368 8118
 Refreshments will be available

With live music from Vincent Byrne (piano)

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 McEvilly Rooms.

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 December 7th