

St Nicholas Gifts



Thank you to Mick Doogan who has spoken with the Bethany Food Bank to see how we might best offer extra Christmas support to the families and individuals who rely on the Food Bank for help.

Their suggestion is that those who are able to make a donation of one item of Christmas food (something that will not pass its best before date) and 50p (which they will use to buy fresh food for distribution just before Christmas)

If you would like to support this initiative then please note that this collection will take place before Mass on 7th and 8th December - boxes and a collection basket will be set in front of the crib ready to receive our gifts.

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for November is that a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives.

More information at www.popesprayer.va



Some Advent and Christmas dates...

- **Parish Advent and Carol Service.** Sunday 15th December, 4pm
- **Advent celebrations of Sacrament of Penance.** Monday 16th December. Celebrations of individual confession, during time of Exposition of Blessed Sacrament; 1030 - 12noon, 3-4.30pm; Reconciliation Service: 7pm
- **Christmas Eve, Tuesday 24th December**
 - Mass especially for KS1 children: 2.30pm
 - Mass especially for KS2 children: 6pm
 - Mass in the Night, 9pm
- **Christmas Day, Weds 25th December, Mass at 9am & 11am**
 - Holy Family Sun, Dec 28/29 Mass at usual times.
 - New Years Eve, Tuesday, December 31st at 11pm
 - New Year's Day, Wednesday January 1st at 10am



Diocese

Christmas Party at St Paul's School, Edgbaston. 6th Form students would like to invite the senior citizens of our parish to a party on Mon 16 Dec, 1-3pm. If you wish to attend please sign the sheet in porch, by 1st December

Job Vacancies at Cathedral House, Birmingham: Front desk clerk/receptionist and an Administration Support Officer (Safeguarding). Both roles are full-time and based at Cathedral House. Details please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/jobs

Parish Advent Carol Concert 4pm, Sunday 15th

- Adult volunteers for reading and to assist with the singing are welcome.
- Children are welcome to assist too - especially readers from KS2 and above; also singers of any age; and KS1 children to assist with the entrance procession.

Please see Fr Allen after any Sunday Mass to register your interest.

Christmas Eve

The 2.30pm Mass is being prepared for KS1 children and younger. ALL KS1 children and younger are invited to come as their favourite Christmas story character. **No rehearsal needed.** Children are welcome to come dressed as their favourite nativity characters - even as the donkey!

The 6pm Mass is being prepared for KS2 children. As in recent years it would be lovely to be able to offer a Nativity mime as previously. But to do this we need volunteers to take the roles in the drama. Names are presently being taken - please see Fr Allen after any Sunday Mass to register. There will be a rehearsal for the mime immediately after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 21st December. and will include a nativity mime as last year, with children being cast in particular roles.

Bishop Walsh: 6th Form Open Evening Weds 20 Nov, 18.30-20.30. Yr 11 pupils and families are welcome to visit Bishop Walsh in preparation for Sept 2020 intake.

Abbey Christmas Fayre 7 Dec 10-1pm

St Joseph's, Coleshill, offers residential care to older people and those with dementia in a Catholic setting, (Daily Mass). Respite bedrooms are available for those who could benefit from a short stay. 01675 434500

Other

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 what you need! Info from 0788 729 6983 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk



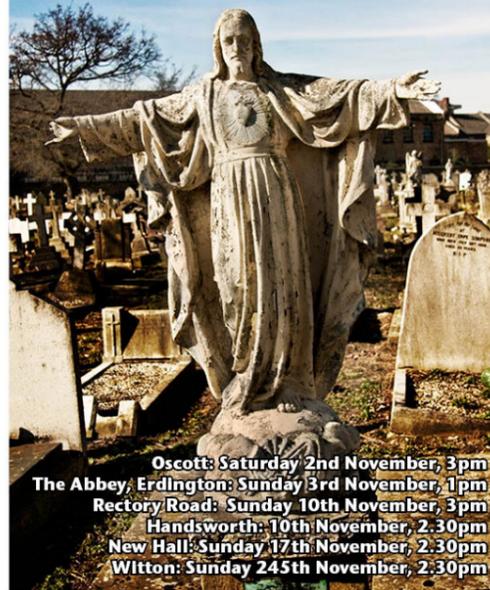
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Blessing of Graves

Deanery of Birmingham (North)



Oscott: Saturday 2nd November, 3pm
The Abbey, Erdington: Sunday 3rd November, 1pm
Rectory Road: Sunday 10th November, 3pm
Handsworth: 10th November, 2.30pm
New Hall: Sunday 17th November, 2.30pm
Witton: Sunday 24th November, 2.30pm

Praying for the Dead: Envelopes for Masses for the Dead are available in the porch.

Parish

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.

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.

Travelling Solo lunch All who 'travel solo in life' for whatever reason are invited to join

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DONATIONS FOR STALLS

can be left any time Saturday or Sunday over the coming weekends.

Books; Toys; Bottles; China; CDs/DVDs; gifts for Tombola stall.

Thank you for your support!

MASSES AND OTHER LITURGIES Week 32 in Ordinary Time

Sa	9	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Wk 4	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Peter Foster RD (Lavelle)
Su	10		0900 1100 1800	For the Parish Joseph and Anna Pham RIP (Nguyen) Exposition and Evening Prayer
M	11	St Martin of Tours	1000* 1315	Holy Souls Funeral Mass of Bridget Hennessy
T	12	St Josaphat	1000*	Peter Foster RD (Lawlor)
W	13		1000	Funeral Mass of Teresa Sheehan
Th	14		1000	Holy Souls
F	15		1900*	Evelyn Coffey RIP Anniv (Drozd) followed by Exposition and prayer for victims of abuse
Sa	16	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Psalter Wk 1	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Ints of Mick and Tess Priddle (Lavelle)
Su	17		0900 1100	Jessie Mary Redmond RIP Anniv (Redmond) For the Parish

Scripture readings for Mass next Sunday

Mal 3:19-20a / Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 / 2 Thes 3:7-12 / Lk 21:5-19

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: *Living Eucharist* is being relaunched in ADvent 2019. In the meantime try universalis.com or <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

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 Breda Hennessy (funeral Mass, Nov 11, 1.15pm); Teresa Sheehan (funeral Mass 13 Nov, 10am); Nancy King (funeral Mass, 20 Nov, 10am), Bridget Broom (funeral Mass, 26 Nov, 11am) and for Philip Hindle, Stephen Yates, Bridie McGinness, Leslie Cecil, Evelyn Coffey and all whose anniversaries of death are at this time: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

with others for a jolly Sunday lunch at a local pub. *Next lunches: Dec 1, and then our Christmastime lunch: Jan 5.*

Mass Intentions are being booked for Jan to Apr 2020. All 2019 dates are now booked. Details at www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/

Anointing of the Sick Next parish celebration 11am Fri 6 Dec, St Nicholas' Day.

The Bell Next edition on sale next weekend - price still £1.00. Special Canonisation of St John Henry Newman edition. Thank you to Martin and the team for their stewardship of the magazine.

Advent and Christmas. Regular Ministers are invited to sign up to indicate availability to assist at services. Sign-up forms are in the porch and Sacristy.

Whole Community Catechesis: 32nd Sunday Year C

Step One: Listen to the Word The gospel explores issues of self understanding. What do you hear that encourages you? What challenges you?

Step Two: Look into Your Life

- **Question for Children:** How do you and your family remember those who have died and are now with God?
- **Question for Youth:** What do you think about 'Heaven'?
- **Question for Adults:** Where has 'authority' threatened to trivialise your religious belief and authentic relationship with God?

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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. And cakes on the day!

Introductory Rites

Entrance Song

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling;
all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation;
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit;
let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory,
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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

2 Maccabees 7:1-2,9-14

There were seven brothers who were arrested with their mother. The king tried to force them to taste

pig's flesh, which the Law forbids, by torturing them with whips and scourges. One of them, acting as spokesman for the others, said, 'What are you trying to find out from us? We are prepared to die rather than break the laws of our ancestors.'

With his last breath the second brother exclaimed, 'Inhuman fiend, you may discharge us from this present life, but the King of the world will raise us up, since it is for his laws that we die, to live again for ever.'

After him, they amused themselves with the third, who on being asked for his tongue promptly thrust it out and boldly held out his hands, with these honourable words, 'It was heaven that gave me these limbs; for the sake of his laws I disdain them; from him I hope to receive them again.' The king and his attendants were astounded at the young man's courage and his utter indifference to suffering.

When this one was dead they subjected the fourth to the same savage torture. When he neared his end he cried, 'Ours is the better choice, to meet death at men's hands, yet relying on God's promise that we shall be raised up by him; whereas for you there can be no resurrection, no new life.'

Psalm 16(17):1,5-6,8,15 (Sung by all)

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.
Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips.

I kept my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of your glory.

2 Thessalonians 2:16-3:5

May our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who has given us his love and, through his grace, such inexhaustible comfort and such sure hope, comfort you and strengthen you in everything good that you do or say.

Finally, brothers, pray for us; pray that the Lord's message may spread quickly, and be received with honour as it was among you; and pray that we may be preserved from the interference of bigoted and evil people, for faith is not given to everyone. But the Lord is faithful, and he will give you strength and guard you from the evil one, and we, in the Lord, have every confidence that you are doing and will go on doing all that we tell you. May the Lord turn your hearts towards the love of God and the fortitude of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to stand with confidence before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Luke 20:27-38

Some Sadducees – those who say that there is no resurrection – approached Jesus and they put this question to him, 'Master, we have it from Moses in writing, that if a man's married brother dies childless, the man must marry the widow to raise up children for his brother. Well then, there were seven brothers. The first, having married a wife, died childless. The second and then the third married the widow. And the same with all seven, they died leaving no children. Finally the woman herself died. Now, at the resurrection, to which of them will she be wife since she had been married to all seven?'

Jesus replied, 'The children of this world take wives and husbands, but those who are judged worthy of a place in the other world and in the resurrection from the dead do not marry because they can no longer die, for they are the same as the angels, and being children of the resurrection they are sons of God. And Moses himself implies that the dead rise again, in the passage about the bush where he calls the Lord the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob. Now he is God, not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all men are in fact alive.'

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

All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.
Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
is enough reward.

All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.
All that I dream, all that I pray,
all that I'll ever make, I give to you today.

Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you
is enough reward.

All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

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

Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast;
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be;
O Blessed Jesus, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me;
so shall I never, ever part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign;
in death's dread moment make me only thine;
call me, and bid me come to thee on high,
when I may praise thee with thy saints for aye.

Concluding Rites

Final Song

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to him, do not be afraid,
in him rejoicing: the Lord is near;
in him rejoicing: the Lord is near.

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