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to allegations of child sexual abuse and the help and reparations offered to victims and survivors.

As well as evidence heard during that hearing, this report will consider common themes and issues identified by the Inquiry in relation to the Roman Catholic Church as a whole within its previous reports.

The Inquiry previously held public hearings into the Diocese of Birmingham and the English Benedictine Congregation case studies of Ampleforth, Downside and Ealing Abbey and St Benedict's Schools. The reports into those case studies, published in August 2018 and June and October 2019, concluded that the Church's response to claims of child sexual abuse was marked by cover-up, denial and the failure to act.

The reports also identified themes in the institutional responses to child sexual abuse by the Catholic Church, describing a closed and defensive culture, where leaders were reluctant to support allegations of abuse for fear it would undermine the institutions and the Church. That made it harder for complaints to be made, and easier for the abuse to continue.

When published, the full report and executive summary will be available on our parish blog.

Guiding People to Free Debt Advice

A webinar run by Advice4Renters on 11th Nov from 6.30pm to 8.30pm aimed at helping those who advise on problems of personal or household debt. The workshop covers the causes of debt problems and how to respond when someone tells you they're in debt. Join online by signing up at <https://bit.ly/3k4M5GH>

Financial support for the Church: You will appreciate that parish income has been cut right back over the past months, but our bills have not reduced by anything like as much! If you are in a position to help, you might like to consider the following.

- **GIFT AID** allows the Church reclaim tax paid on your offering, to raise a further 25% for the church at no further cost to you.
- **STANDING ORDERS** are a helpful way of making your offering. *Forms for GA and SO are available from Fr Allen or the parish website.*
- **GIFT AID OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** Numbered envelopes are available or those in the Gift Aid scheme who still use the envelopes.

Can you support local Catholic schools by serving as a Foundation Governor?

Practicing Catholics are needed to serve the Church in this way. All sort of skills can be of great benefit to a Board of Governors - financial, personnel, admin, legal. For a brief outline of the role go to <https://bit.ly/35snl53> And for more information - and a form to apply - please speak to Fr Allen.

November prayers at the graves of family and friends.

There are no Deanery services this year. But the following pattern of prayer can be used by anyone visiting a grave at this time.

Introduction

We come to pray for those we love who have died and gone before us.

As we remember the death of our loved one(s) we pray in faith that by the new creation they may bear the image of Jesus who was raised to glory.

Reading

St Paul wrote:

We believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more.

Romans 6:8-9

Prayer

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, we may be gathered together
with N., 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.**

Those gathered in prayer might like to now sprinkle the grave with Holy Water, or place flowers on the grave.

Now let us pray as Christ the Lord has taught us:

All say: Our Father....

Eternal rest grant unto *him /her*, O Lord.

And let perpetual light shine upon *him/her*.

May *he/she* rest in peace. **Amen.**

May *his/her* soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. **Amen.**



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IICSA report into child sexual abuse in the Catholic Church

IICSA is The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse, chaired by Professor Alexis Jay OBE.

It was set up because of serious concerns that some organisations had failed and were continuing to fail to protect children from sexual abuse. The remit of IICSA has been huge - right across our society. As a statutory inquiry it has had unique authority to address issues that have persisted despite previous inquiries and attempts at reform.

The Inquiry will publish its overarching Catholic Church investigation report at midday on Tuesday 10 November.

It will make painful reading for those who love the Church and cherish her mission. It will again shine a light on past failures. But we have nothing to fear from the truth, and much to gain if we allow it to continue to help us to better ways of protecting and caring for the vulnerable - not least those who we have so grossly failed in the past.

This report is based on public hearings held during October and November 2019, which examined the response of the Catholic Church to allegations of child sexual abuse, as well as the adequacy of the current safeguarding regime and any improvements needed to policies and practices.

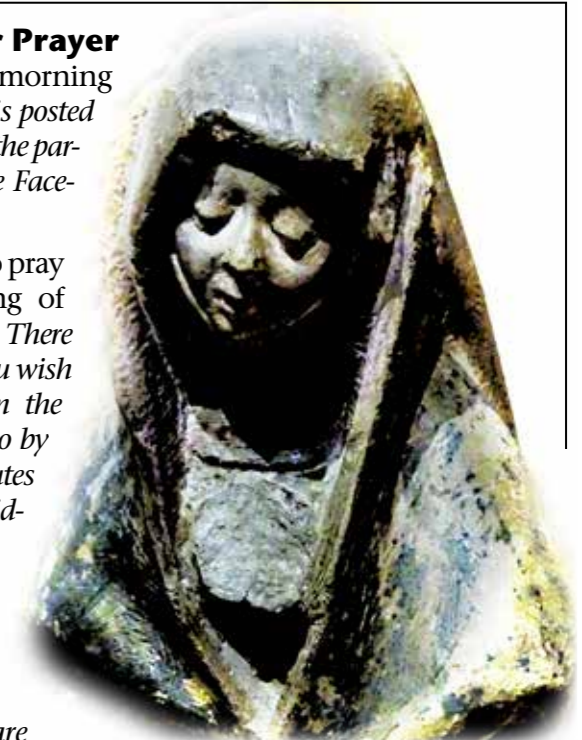
The hearings examined the Pontifical Commission for the Protection of Minors and the Valladolid (Campus) Training and took a closer look at the National Catholic Safeguarding Commission and the Catholic Safeguarding Advisory Service.

The Inquiry heard evidence from senior Church leaders, safeguarding experts and victims and survivors on their views of the Church's response

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On-line Support for Prayer

- Morning Prayer each morning at 9am. *The Zoom link is posted on the parish website, on the parish blog and it heads the Facebook page.*
- The bishops invite us to pray together each evening of the lockdown at 6pm. *There is no set format, but if you wish to join with others from the parish then you can do so by Zoom for a simple 5-minutes of prayer. The link is provided as above*
- Weekly parish Zoom prayer meetings - Sun at 4pm for *Lectio Divina* and Mon at 7pm for Rosary. *Zoom links are posted on the parish Blog on the day.*
- Reflections on the Readings and Prayers of the following Sunday's Mass are posted daily on the parish Blog (Weds to Sun). *Spending time with the readings and prayers before Mass is a good way of helping the Scriptures and Mass be more fruitful for us.*



MASS DURING THE CURRENT LOCKDOWN

While the parish church remains closed for public worship Fr Allen celebrates Mass 'privately' in the church, usually at 0830.

Sa	7	32ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Mary Gavin RIP (Mooney)
Su	8	<i>Psalter Week 4</i>	Decsd members of Li and Nheu families
M	9	Ded'n of Lateran Basilica	Bridget Kennedy Ints (Reeves)
T	10	St Leo the Great	Decsd family and friends of P&A Redmond
W	11	St Martin of Tours	The Ints of the Carr family (Warrallo)
Th	12	St Josaphat	For the parish
F	13		Thomas Shute RD (Redmond)
Sa	14	33ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Anthony Cleary - Anniv (Sterling)
Su	15	<i>Psalter Week 1</i>	Joseph and Anna Pham RIP (Nguyen)

Sacrament of Reconciliation The current restrictions make it impractical to celebrate the Sacrament in the Confessional room. However, if you wish to celebrate Reconciliation, please contact Fr Allen who will be happy to arrange a time and place to celebrate this sacrament of mercy with you.

Please pray for sick parishioners including Betty Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; Lea Burke. Please pray for Mary Joan McGill who died recently and for Philip Hindle, Stephen Yates, Bridet McGinness, John Delaney, Leslie Cecil, Evelyn Coffey and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

The Liturgy of the Word

By hearing the word proclaimed in worship, the faithful again enter into the unending dialogue between God and the people of the covenant shared in Christ, a dialogue sealed as we share the Eucharistic food and drink. The proclamation of the word is essential to the Mass

A brief time of quiet after the readings allows those present to take the word of God to heart and begin to prepare a prayerful response to what we have heard.

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her.
Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them.
Watch for her early and you will have no trouble;
you will find her sitting at your gates.
Even to think about her is understanding fully grown;
be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you.
She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her
and graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Psalm 62(63):2-8

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be

taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Stay awake and stand ready,
because you do not know the hour
when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

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Evening Prayer for the Faithful Departed

O God, come to our aid.
O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
*as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Alleluia.*

Psalm 120 (121) *The guardian of the people*
They will never hunger or thirst again; neither the sun nor the scorching wind will ever plague them, (Rev 7:16).

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.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Psalm-prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared a quiet place for us in your Father's eternal home.

Watch over our brothers and sisters
whose lives here have ended.

Listen with compassion to our prayers, Lord.

The forgiveness of sins is yours.
Do not look on any wrong our brothers and sisters may have committed but bring them home with you and forever. Amen.

Short Reading

1 Corinthians 15:55-57

Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Magnificat

My soul glorifies the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God, my Saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
henceforth all ages will call me blessed.

The Almighty works marvels for me.
Holy his name!

His mercy is from age to age,
on those who fear him.

He puts forth his arm in strength
and scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones
and raises the lowly.

He fills the starving with good things,
sends the rich away empty.

He protects Israel, his servant,
remembering his mercy,
the mercy promised to our fathers,
to Abraham and his sons for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning,

is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Intercessions

We pray to Christ who gives us the hope that our mortal bodies will become like his in glory.

Christ, Son of the living God, you raised your friend Lazarus from the dead; grant life and glory to the faithful departed, redeemed by your precious blood.

Compassionate Saviour, you wiped away all tears when you gave back to the widow of Naim her only son; comfort those who mourn because the one they love has died.

Christ, our Redeemer, destroy the reign of sin in our mortal bodies; let us not receive the wages of death but the reward of eternal life.

Christ, our Saviour, look on those who live without hope and do not know you; let them believe in the resurrection and the life of the world to come.

You restored sight to the man born blind and opened the eyes of his faith; reveal your face to the dead who have not seen your glory.

Jesus, hear our prayers for N. and N.: gather them to yourself in love.

Lord, be merciful to us when we leave this earthly dwelling; make for us a home in heaven that will last for ever.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father...

Final Prayer

Grant, Lord, we pray,
that as our faith is built on the Risen Christ,
so too our hope may be steadfast as we await
the resurrection of all the faithful departed.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Conclusion

The Lord bless us, and keep us from all evil,
and bring us to everlasting life. Amen.

Now it's back, what do we call it?

As you know our former parish church, until recently leased out as a community centre, was known as *The Carpenter's Arms*, during the time of that lease. Now it's are back, what do we call it? To suit its new role for Church outreach and service of the local community?

One suggestion has been *The Newman Centre* in honour of St John Henry Newman who celebrated Mass in our first chapel on Boldmere Road.

What do you think? If you have suggestions, please share them with Fr Allen.