

Daniel 12:1-3

'At that time Michael will stand up, the great prince who mounts guard over your people. There is going to be a time of great distress, unparalleled since nations first came into existence. When that time comes, your own people will be spared, all those whose names are found written in the Book. Of those who lie sleeping in the dust of the earth many will awake, some to everlasting life, some to shame and everlasting disgrace. The learned will shine as brightly as the vault of heaven, and those who have instructed many in virtue, as bright as stars for all eternity.'

Psalms 15(16):5,8-11

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

All the priests stand at their duties every day, offering over and over again the same sacrifices which are quite incapable of taking sins away. He, on the other hand, has offered one single sacrifice for sins, and then taken his place forever, at the right hand of God, where he is now waiting until his enemies are made into a footstool for him. By virtue of that one single offering, he has achieved the eternal perfection of all whom he is sanctifying. When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin offerings.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Mark 13:24-32

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.'


Next Week: Sunday of Christ the King

Scripture readings: Daniel 7:13 - 14 / Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5 / Revelation 1:5 - 8 / John 18:33b - 37

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



'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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 are available in the porch.



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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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it is not Advent yet, but...

often people appreciate early notice of the services below

Tues 18 th Dec, 7.30pm	Carols for Christmas.
Thursday 20 th Dec. from 1030 to 12noon from 7 to 8pm	Exposition and Advent Prayer (with chance for Individual Reconciliation). Advent Reconciliation Service (with visiting priests).
Christmas Eve, 24 th Dec 2.30pm 6pm 10pm	Mass with KS1 children and younger. Christmas Eve Mass for KS2 children. Mass in the Night.
Christmas Day 25 th Dec 9am and 11am	Christmas Day Mass.
Monday 31 st Dec, 11pm	New Year's Eve Mass.
Tuesday 1st Jan, 12 noon	New Year's Day Mass.

Masses Week 33 in Ordinary Time

S 17	Sunday	1800	For the parish
Su 18	of 33rd Week Ordinary Time	0900 1100	Jessie Mary Redmond RIP Anniv (Redmond) Janet Walsh Ints (Shannon)
	Psalter Wk 1		
M 19		1000*	Decsd family/friends of Winifred & Richard Lord
T 20		1000*	Decsd family/friends of Angela & Philip Redmond followed by refreshments
W 21	Present'n of BVM	1000*	Decsd family/friends of Joseph and Lisa Shannon
Th 22			
F 23		1900*	Decsd family/friends of Stephen Burke followed by 30 mins exposition
S 24		1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Decsd family/friends of Patricia Platt
	Christ the King		
	Psalter Wk2		
Su 25		0900 1100 1800	For the parish Decsd family/friends of Jean Lawlor Exposition and Evening Prayer (4th Sunday)

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 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 Fr Neil Bayliss. **Please pray** for Hugh Douglas, George Hart, Brian Hill, Mary Orrock, Mark Foster, Ane Ball, Samantha Wilson whose anniversary of death is at this time, and for Robert Lewis Pilley whose funeral service is here on Tues 27th Nov at 12.45. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.** **NB** 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.

Proceeds will be sent to support *The National Association for People Abused in Childhood* (NAPAC), a national charity supporting adult survivors of all types of childhood abuse, including physical, sexual and emotional abuse and neglect..

Donations are now being sought for the stalls: Cakes, bottles, raffle prizes and tombola gifts are very much needed. Also donations of Books, DVDs, CDs.

The School will be open from 11.00am to 1.00pm on Saturday 1st Dec to receive items for sale on the above stalls and also to get the Hall ready.

Help on the stalls and getting the Hall ready would be appreciated. Just come along Saturday 1st Dec at 11am

Gifts for the stalls may be left after Masses in the box in the Church porch

Reception Places at St Nicholas school: admission in Sept 2019

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



Parish

Rotas for Ministers for Christmas Liturgies (Readers, Musicians and Ministers of Holy Communion. If you have not already advised of your availability for Christmas liturgies please pass details to Fr Allen this week so planning can proceed. (Forms in porch) Thank you!

Blessing of Graves. New Hall 18/11 at 2.30pm; Witton 25/11 at 2.30pm.

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.

Thank you for the donations of £307.54 to the Johnson Fund for sick and retired clergy.

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. **NB Next prayer is on Monday 19th Nov.**

First Communion families. The rotas

for children and their families to assist with the Offertory at Mass are available in the porch and on the website.

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.

Scripture group Next meeting **7.30pm, Tues 11 Dec**, in the Benedict Room. We will look at Chapters 7 & 8. 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 2nd Dec.

Parish Book Clubs meet in the parish house, and all are welcome. **(A) The Daytime Group** Next meets 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. **(B) The Night Time Club** Next meets at 8pm on Mon 3 Dec 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.'



Boldmere Nativity Parade

Saturday 15th Dec, 3.30pm

Dress up as your favourite Nativity Character, carry a star, bring a toy sheep or just be yourself.

Starts at Boldmere Methodist Church, Boldmere Road, and takes a route via St Nicholas Church; Wylde Green URC; and finishing at St Michael's Church, Church Rd.

Maybe bring a lantern or torch. **Short Christmas reading and a carol at each church.** Everyone is welcome

Resources to learn more about faith

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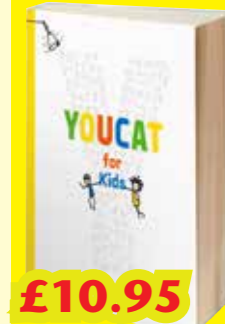
A Year with the Catechism offers an achievable method of reading the Catechism in one year. It includes focus reading references from the Catechism for each day and reflections on the text to aid understanding and to help readers find meaning in the passages.

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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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/>

For the sick and those who are 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

ST JOHN PAUL II Multi Academy

Admissions 2020/2021 to schools St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Sutton Coldfield; St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Boldmere; Holy Cross Catholic Primary School Walmley; and Bishop Walsh Catholic Secondary School that form part of the St. John Paul II Multi Academy.

The Board of Directors have published the proposed Admissions Policy and SIF (Supplementary Information Form) to be implemented for the school year 2020/2021. These documents are now available on the individual schools websites for the consultation period.

Please refer to these new policies if you are considering making an application for the 2020/2021 intake in any of the above schools.

Should you want to comment or discuss the proposed policy content please email j.farrell@sjp2.net before 1st February, 2019

The major proposed change has to do with the Certificate of Catholic practice.

The MAC wishes to adopt a new national definition of Catholic practice to privilege practicing Catholic applicants. Priests are advised that in consequence a certificate of Catholic practice should be issued (except in truly exceptional circumstances) when parents have attended Mass weekly for 5 years and (in the case of applications to Secondary School) where the child concerned has attended Sunday Mass weekly since the age of 7 also. Details of that guidance is provided at www.bdes.org.uk/admissions.html

The consultation process allows parents and others to indicate approval or otherwise of the change before a final decision is made.

Boldmere Night Shelter and Homelessness in Brum

Over the past three years the *Boldmere Night Shelter* has been a very helpful and much appreciated parish outreach and service project. Thank you to Mary James and all the volunteers who so generously supported the work and our guests

Sadly the *Boldmere Night Shelter* cannot open this winter.

We have operated under the auspices of *Birmingham Churches Winter Night Shelter* scheme, and its organisers have decided that they can no longer coordinate and manage the scheme.

Their statement follows.

Birmingham Churches Winter Night Shelter has run for the last 7 years, during which time it has grown substantially from 5 host venues over 6 weeks to 18 host venues over 14 weeks across the city.

This has meant that the shelter has become increasingly complex to coordinate and manage, and after much consideration we realise it has now grown beyond the scope and capacity of Thrive Together Birmingham to coordinate, and an alternative structure needs to be explored.

Having consulted with key strategic partners, we have made the very difficult decision not to run the shelter this year. We have met with churches and partners and agreed that we will instead use this time to explore another structure or organisation to take the shelter forward in the hope it will be a stronger and more sustainable project in the future.

Thrive Together Birmingham remains committed to the project and to working with churches and partners to find a way forward. A working group of churches and partners is being established to explore what might be possible in the future and how it might be sustained; any funding raised by Thrive for this project will remain ring fenced and support future developments of the shelter.

In the meantime there are a number of events being developed for the new year to help equip people to better understand homelessness, these will be led by some of the partner organisations involved the



shelter. We are also encouraging churches and individuals to support some of these partner organisations, in particular Birmingham City Mission, Reach Out Network, SIFA Fireside and Tabor House, in their ongoing work supporting people who are experiencing homelessness.

Without and our other collaborators working 'in the background', Boldmere Night Shelter has no guests 'provided' for our care, and we do not have the skills and resources to safely offer an independent operation.

While we wait to see what other local initiative we might make in the future, you might like to offer help and support to other charities working to support the homeless.

These include

- *Tabor House* – Birmingham's only permanent night shelter for people experiencing homelessness in Birmingham – a project of Fr Hudson's Care
- *SIFA Fireside* – the main access point to support and services for vulnerably housed and homeless adults in Birmingham. Visitors to the Drop In are able to access food, showers and clothing as well as a range of support services dealing with physical and mental health and different aspects of everyday well-being.
- *Reachout Network Ministries* provide outreach on the streets as well as running a centre for change, supporting rough sleepers and those who have been homeless.
- *St Chad's Sanctuary* which offers welcome and support for asylum seekers and refugees.
- *Birmingham City Mission*

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

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.