

Daniel 12:1-3

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Psalm 92(93):1-2,5

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power.

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are.

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time.

Apocalypse 1:5-8

Grace and peace to you from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the First-Born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on him who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David! *Alleluia!*

John 18:33-37

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?'

Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have handed you over to me: what have you done?'


Next Week: First Sunday of Advent

Scripture readings: Jer 33:14-16 / Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 / 1 Thes 3:12-4:2 / Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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



Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.'

So you are a king then?' said Pilate.

'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

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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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.

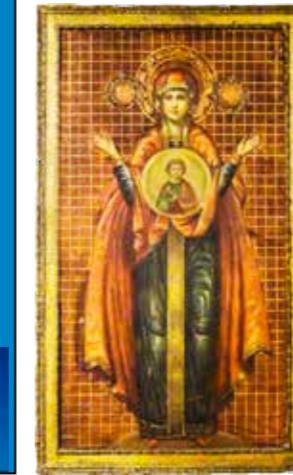
Starts at Boldmere Methodist Church, Boldmere Rd, and goes via St Nicholas Church; Wylde Green URC; and ends at St Michael's Church, Church Rd. Maybe bring a lantern or torch. **A short Christmas reading and a carol at each church.**

Everyone is welcome



Planned your family prayer for Advent? (See back page if not)

The intention has been to give a Marian flavour to these times of prayer. However Lesley Devlin has helpfully observed that this may not suit those who are inviting friends of other Christian traditions or people who have other issues about 'praying to Mary.'



If that is the cause for you and making you hesitate about inviting people to join you for prayer, you could stick with the same Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary and simply replace the *Hail Mary* with the ancient *Jesus Prayer: Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

What would be good is,, to find an occasion for family and friends to gather prayer. And how we pray is down to us!

Masses Week 34 in Ordinary Time

S	24	Christ the King <i>Psalter Wk2</i>	1700	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> Decsd family/friends of Patricia Platt
			1800	
Su	25		0900	For the parish Decsd family/friends of Jean Lawlor <i>Exposition and Evening Prayer (4th Sunday)</i>
			1100 1800	
M	26		1000*	Decsd family/friends of Wilkinson family
T	27		1000* 1245	Decsd family/friends of Drozd and McGee families <i>followed by refreshments</i> Funeral service of Robert Lewis Pilley
W	28			
Th	29		1000*	Victims of Earthquake/Tsunami
F	30	St Andrew	1900*	Evelyn Coffey RIP (Drozd) <i>Mass followed by 30 mins exposition</i>
S	1	1st Sunday of Advent <i>Psalter Wk 1</i>	1700	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> Tommy Quinlisk RIP (Gill)
			1800	
Su	2		0900 1100	For the parish Victims of recent earthquake/Tsunami

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 Claire Banks; Pat Serafinas; Thomas Stevenson; Peter & Olwyn Foster; Bernie Morton and Fr Neil Bayliss. **Please pray** for Jane Ball, , Susan Hutchinson, Samantha Wilson, and Kay Cooper whose anniversary of death is at this time, and for Robert Lewis Pilley whose funeral service is here on Tues 27th Nov at 1245. **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

Parish

There is a retiring collection today for the Catholic Youth Service.

Blessing of Graves. Witton 25/11 at 2.30pm.

Rosary for Vocations. The Rosary group meets in church on Mondays at 3pm to pray for vocations. All welcome.

First Communion families. Forms to parents to register their preference for the date of their child's First Communion are available after Mass today.

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 to read 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 9th Dec. **Parish Book Clubs** meet in the parish house, and all are welcome. **(A) The**

Dads' Get Together

Thank you to Mark O'Rourke who spoke really powerfully and helpfully about he has learnt about being a Dad from his experience as a teacher and Head of Year at Bishop Walsh. Some lively conversation followed, and some nice food and drink too. The next meeting will include a reflection from Matt Long - date (in January) and topic to be confirmed shortly.



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

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/>

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	Mass with KS1 children and younger.
6pm	Christmas Eve Mass for KS2 children.
10pm	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.

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.'

Diocese

Dance the night away at fundraising ball The 115th Annual Fundraising Ball in aid of Father Hudson's Care takes place on 26 January 2019. This year's event raised over £7,300 for vulnerable children and adults who need support to live independently, and we're hoping next year's Ball will be bigger and better. With a three-course meal, live music and a variety of fundraising activities, it is set to be a great night in aid of a worthy cause. The Ball will take place at the National Conference Centre, Solihull, from 7.30pm

– 1am. Tickets cost £40 and are available from fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk or by calling 01675 434015.

Aspiring for leadership positions in Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham?

Saturday 19th January 2019 8.30am – 3.30pm (no cost for this course). Don Bosco House, Coventry Road, Coleshill, B46 3EA To book course go to <http://w.pfrms.co/2lttp>

Christmas Eve Masses

The 2.30pm Mass is designed for KS1 children and younger. **ALL** KS1 children and younger are invited to come as their favourite Christmas story character. **No rehearsal needed.**

The 6pm Mass is designed for KS2 children and will include a nativity mime as last year, with children being cast in particular roles. **Rehearsal after 6pm Mass on Sat 16th December - all volunteers welcome.**



Red Wednesday On Wednesday 28 November people across the UK will be standing together in solidarity for the world's persecuted Christians. Leading the way in the Diocese will be St Chad's Cathedral, which will be floodlit red for a whole week to incorporate this special day. The cathedral is joining many other churches in the diocese and beyond, as well as major landmarks, to light up red in solidarity for faith and freedom.

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 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.

Friends of the Holy Land (FHL) are holding a Carol Service at Lichfield Cathedral in aid of struggling Christians in the Holy Land on Fri 7 Dec at 7.30pm. Come and support the 'Living Stones' of the Holy Land. Singing will be led by the Cathedral Choir.

Tickets £10 (includes programme and light refreshments) available from 01926 512980 or office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk Olivewood made by Christians in the Holy Land will also be on sale.

Applying for a place in Reception at St Nicholas in Sept 2019?



1. 'Come & See'

at St Nicholas School

There are 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

2. Parish Meeting for parents applying for place in Catholic primary schools.

A chance to meet for a brief meeting, a cup of coffee and ...

- ◆ discuss the application process
- ◆ hand in form for priest's reference
- ◆ discuss the proposed revised Admission Policy for some of the local Catholic schools

There are two meetings. You are welcome to either.

- Sat 8th December, 9am
- Thurs 29th November, 9am

If parents are NOT coming to either meeting then you should hand any forms for signing to Fr Allen at Mass on 1st or 2nd December. They will be ready to collect at Mass the following Sunday

PLEASE hand in ONLY the form for signing, not proof of residence/baptism etc

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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.

Want to join? Please complete a form -available in the porch

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 practising Catholic applicants.

Priests are advised in national and Archdiocesan guidelines that (except in truly exceptional circumstances) to qualify for this certificate a parent should have attended Sunday Mass weekly for 5 years and (in the case of applications to Secondary School) the child concerned should have attended Sunday Mass weekly since the age of 7 also.

The guidance given to priests can be read 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.

I have been asked how parishioners can demonstrate that they have 5 years of weekly practice? If you have been attending regularly in one parish over 5 years, and the priest has not changed in that time, things should be straightforward. If you are regularly away, or if there have been several changes of priest in that time, or if you have moved in from another parish, things are not so clear. It highlights a potential weakness of the policy. **Can the Admission Authority be sure the Admission Criteria can be fairly applied to each family, in the wide variety of circumstances of their lives?**

There has also been discussion about the particular difficulty posed by young people who commonly return to the practice of their faith after the birth of their first child. When they come to apply for a place for that child in their parish school they will not be able to point to 5 years of regular practice. This does NOT mean they will NOT be offered a place, but it increases the possibility. The guidance provided to priests does mean that these families will be 'penalised' for the time they spent as a 'resting Catholic'. **Will the 'rule' help the Church to support young parents returning to the practice of their faith?**

Fr. Allen