

Continued from page 3 that the assembly consider its mission, its responsibilities, and what it means to trust God. The parish bulletin regularly prints financial information to support both aspects of the parish's mission, caring for the poor and for the Church. Writing a check or coming up with cash is a vital liturgical deed in the root meaning of liturgy, a work done by people on behalf of the larger community. (CCC: 1070)

Selected members of the assembly then bring the gifts of the assembly in procession to the presider who receives them in thanksgiving as the personal sacrificial offerings of the people of God. (CCC: 1350, 1351)

After the Prayer over the Gifts, the Eucharistic Prayer begins. Here we are at the centre of Catholic praying and that centre is Eucharistic. The presider gives the ancient summons to "lift up your hearts" and to give the Lord praise and thanks. The dialogue is chanted -- strongly, loudly, and back and forth to make clear that what is about to happen needs the full and active participation of everyone. The presider's posture and gestures invoke such participation, the way his voice does in dialogue and proclamation.

This participation in the Eucharistic Prayer has been the greatest change at Our Lady of the Angels. The parish always worked for good singing and good lectors. But the Eucharistic Prayer was a kind of orphan. People said, "We lift them up to the Lord," and sang the "Holy, Holy." But for years no one could have told you anything about the Eucharistic Prayer except that "the priest does the consecration." Now the parishioners can talk about the experience of standing and singing God's praise together; they can see how much their lives need to be filled with thanksgiving;

Young Families Group: 25th June.

All young families are invited to the 9am Mass on 25th June and then spend time together in Sutton Park, for games, song and a picnic lunch (ending by c. 15:00.)

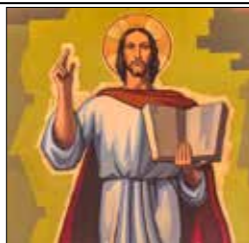
Approximate timetable: 09:00: Mass @St Nicholas Church; 10:30: Meet up @Boldmere Gate - main car park after Miller & Carter 11:00 - 12:30: Games; 12:30: Picnic - please bring your own lunch and a blanket for your family; 14:00 - 15:00: Songs

To register, or for more info, please contact Matteo (matteo.belardi@gmail.com) .

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children in Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 are warmly invited to take part in Sunday Liturgy of the Word during this term time.

This Sunday 11th June at 11am; Sunday 25th June at 9am; Sunday 9th July at 9am



and they recognize that their presence to one another at this table witnesses to the breadth of the Church in place and in time, a holy communion. They can talk about solidarity with one another across all dividing lines. They can talk about sacrifice and the mystery of Christ's passion, death and resurrection that is remembered and realized here in a powerful shaping of their own lives. Above all, they can talk about the way the Holy Spirit is invoked to transform these gifts and themselves. And so they are talking about the presence of Christ in the simple gifts of bread and wine, and in the mystery that is this Church. (CCC: 1352-1354)

Great mystery is conveyed in the faces and postures, singing and silence, gesture and word. Everyone is attentive, bodies engaged as much as hearts. It is clearly the central moment of this Lord's Day gathering. Over the altar and the gifts of bread and wine, all God's saving deeds are remembered, all is held up in praise of God, all is asked of God. The Catholic sensibility to sacrament, to the presence of God, is never more joyous, never more challenging. We need to take care in our thinking and in our language: When we say "Eucharist," we mean this whole action of presider and assembly. That is the Eucharist whose grace and powerful mystery can transform us and, in us, the world. (CCC: 1368)

The presider chants most of the Prayer and the refrains are the same most Sundays of the year, sung to music capable of carrying the liturgy week after week. The exchange between presider and assembly is seamless, as proclamation and acclamation are woven together. The Prayer takes only four or five minutes, but in its intensity it is clearly the centre of this Sunday gathering. As was said long ago, the Church makes the Eucharist and the Eucharist makes the Church. And that is what we take part in on a Sunday morning. No wonder that when the great "Amen" is concluded, one can sense a collective sigh, a deep breath.

The chanting of the Our Father then carries the assembly toward Holy Communion. The peace greeting is not long or protracted, but it is anything but perfunctory. People seem to look each other in the eye. They clasp hands firmly or embrace. As the presider raises a large piece of the consecrated bread to break it, the cantor begins the litany "Lamb of God/Cordero de Dios" that will carry us until the bread is all broken, the consecrated wine all poured into the communion cups, "God's holy gifts for God's holy people."

From *Gather Faithfully Together: A Guide for Sunday Mass*. Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles

Sunday Friends

All are welcome, especially people with a learning disability and or autism and carers, to join us for an inclusive, fun afternoon. All ages welcome. Sunday 11th June. 2-4pm, Newman Community Centre, Boldmere Road, B73 5US. Access from St Nicholas Church car park.



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JUNE 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	10	6pm		For the parish
Su	11	9am	Corpus Christi	Jessie Mary Redmond RIP (R)
		11am		Jan and Maria Szambir RIP
M	12	10am		Nadine Boddaet RD (Cummings)
T	13		S. Antony of Padua	NB Mass at 9.15am
W	14	10am		
Th	15			
F	16	7pm	Sacred Heart	Teresa Dowd RD (Leese)
Sa	17	6pm	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	For the parish
Su	18	9am		Angela Hayes RIP (McGrath)
		11am		Margaret Ward RIP (Ward)

Anointing of the Sick: Next celebration is 30th June at 11am

Sacrament of Confession: Friday 18.30-18.55; 19.30 (after Mass), until 20.00; and Sat 5.30-5.45 — and by appointment

Please pray for those who are sick including Andy Kean, Brenda Davies; David Cotton, Rita Rhodes, Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin; Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Jean Lawlor; Joanne McShane & Teresa Monteiro. **Please pray** for Margaret Perks who died recently and whose funeral mass is at 10am on Friday 23rd June, and for Elizabeth Doyle, Herbert Roberts, Anne Masterson, and all whose anniversaries are at this time.

RESOURCES FOR PRAYER.

1. Parish prayer on Zoom (links on parish website homepage) **Morning Prayer:** Zoom meeting Monday to Saturday at 8.30am; **Lectio** Sunday at 4pm; **Rosary** Mon at 7pm.
2. Readings of the day and much more at Universalis.com

Parish Car Park

Free parking is available for anyone at anytime in our parish carpark. In addition, automatic free parking permits are issued:

- On **Saturdays** for those arriving after 5.30pm and leaving before 7.30pm; and on **Sundays** for those arriving after 8am and leaving before 2pm
 - On **Mondays to Wednesdays** for those arriving after 9.30am and leaving before 11.30am and on **Fridays** those arriving after 6.30pm and leaving before 8.30pm
- At other times, if on site for parish meetings and the like - to park for more than 1 hour, please scan the QR poster in the church or Benedict Room to extend your 'free' parking time.

First Communion and Confirmation

There is an introductory meeting at beginning of July for parents of children who will celebrate these sacraments in 2024. If you have not already received a letter about this, please see Fr Allen as soon as possible.

Corpus Christi and Parish Lunch

On Sunday 11th June, come and join in a parish lunch in the Newman Centre after the 11am Mass and Corpus Christi procession with children from this year's parish Communion Programme.

Entry fee (includes Burger/hot dog, salad and a soft drink) £4 per adult, £2 per child, £10 family of four, children aged 3 and under go free - as do First Communion children taking part in the procession.

RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE OF THE DIOCESAN VISION

In a recent Pastoral Letter Archbishop Bernard reminded us of his call to the Diocese:

- *to come to church, to pray and to encounter Christ – to help form missionary disciples and parishes.*
- *to invigorate and deepen our worship and sacramental celebrations so that we share in and reflect the divine life of the Trinity*

Over the coming weeks the newsletter contains material for our reflection on some of this

As you read it, ask yourself how this compares to how things are at St Nicholas. Ask yourself too whether there is something you might do to help us better fulfil the vision. And where you see others making their contribution to our common life - whether you have said 'thank you' to them recently?

SUNDAY MASS, 2000

Part Four: The Liturgy of the Eucharist

(After the Liturgy of the Word) everyone sits down to recollect themselves and to focus their attention on the table of the Lord, which is now reverently prepared with the plate of bread, the cup and a large flagon of wine. Nothing distracts from the power of the bread and wine in their simple vessels. Last Sunday the choir sang, but today all keep silent as the table is prepared. Ushers pass baskets. More than once over the past years the homilists have talked about almsgiving in the Catholic tradition, for both the Church and the poor. These have been homilies, not "money talks," when the Scriptures or something else in the day's liturgy suggested

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The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

My God loves me. His love will never end.
He rests within my heart for my God loves me.


His gentle hand he stretches over me.
Though storm-clouds threaten the day he will set me free.

He comes to me in sharing bread and wine.
He brings me life that will reach past the end of time.

My God loves me, his faithful love endures.
And I will live like a child held in love secure.

The joys of love as offerings now we bring.
The pains of love will be lost in the praise we sing.

Gloria



Glo - ry to God in the highest... and on earth peace to peo - ple 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.

Glory to God...

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.

Glory to God...

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.

Glory to God... Amen. Amen. Amen.

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

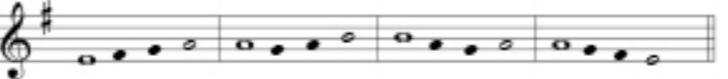
Deuteronomy 8:2-3,14-16

Moses said to the people: ‘Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord.

‘Do not become proud of heart. Do not forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.’

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Psalm 147:12-15,19-20



O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates
he has blessed the children within you.

He established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command.

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees.

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread which has come down from heaven, says the Lord. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever. *Alleluia!*

John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: ‘I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.’

Then the Jews started arguing with one another: ‘How can this man give us his flesh to eat?’ they said.

Jesus replied: ‘I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.’

Homily

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayer of the Faithful

All: Through our lives and by our prayers,
your kingdom come.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory NB Our next collections for the Bethany Food Bank are today and June 18th

*Take our bread, we ask you, take our hearts, we love you,
Take our lives, oh Father, we are yours, we are yours.*

Yours as we stand at the table you set,
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can’t forget.
We are the signs of your life with us yet;
We are yours, we are yours.

Your holy people stand washed in your blood,
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.
Poor though we are, we have brought
Ourselves to you: We are yours, we are yours.

The Eucharistic Prayer
Sanctus



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly



Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your



glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho -



san-na, ho - san-na in the high-est.



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-



claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a -



gain, un - til you come a - gain.

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving (at 6pm and 9am only)
Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us.
Blessed Redeemer, Living word.

At 11am following the Post Communion prayer
Sweet Sacrament divine, hid in thine earthly home;
lo! round thy lowly shrine,

with suppliant hearts we come;
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
In songs of love and heartfelt praise: sweet Sacrament divine.

Sweet Sacrament of peace, dear home of every heart,
where restless yearnings cease,
and sorrows all depart.
there in thine ear, all trustfully,
we tell our tale of misery, sweet Sacrament of peace.

*We process from the church
and gather in front of St Nicholas School.*

Behold the Lamb of God, behold the Lamb of God
He takes away the sin, the sin of the world.

*After our reading and prayer,
we process back to the church, as we sing*

In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful: In the Lord I will rejoice.
Trust in him, do not be afraid.
In him rejoicing the Lord is near (x2)

*The Blessed Sacrament is placed on the altar.
All kneel and sing:*

Sweet Sacrament of rest, ark from the ocean’s roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore;
save us, for still the tempest raves,
save, lest we sink beneath the waves: Sweet Sacrament of rest.

Sweet Sacrament divine, earth’s light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
the Godhead’s majesty;
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
that earthly joys may fade away: Sweet Sacrament divine.

The Divine Praises

Blessed be God.
Blessed be His Holy Name.
Blessed be Jesus Christ, true God and true man.
Blessed be the name of Jesus.
Blessed be His Most Sacred Heart.
Blessed be Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Altar.
Blessed be the Holy Spirit, the paraclete.
Blessed be the great Mother of God, Mary most holy.
Blessed be her holy and Immaculate Conception.
Blessed be her glorious Assumption.
Blessed be the name of Mary, Virgin and Mother.
Blessed be Saint Joseph, her most chaste spouse.
Blessed be God in his angels and in his Saints.

Come, adore this wondrous presence,
bow to Christ, the source of grace.
Here is kept the ancient promise
of God’s earthly dwelling place.
Sight is blind before God’s glory,
Faith alone may see his face.

Glory be to God the Father,
praise to his co-equal Son,
adoration to the Spirit,
bond of love, in Godhead one.
Blest be God by all creation
joyously while ages run. Amen.