



# St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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## Readings for 2nd Sunday of Easter

### Acts 4:32-35

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

### Psalm 117(118):2-4,15-18,22-24

*Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.*

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up. I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds. I was punished, I was punished by the Lord, but not doomed to die.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

### 1 John 5:1-6

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult because anyone who has been be-

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## Praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet

Step 1 – Use a regular set of Rosary beads, and begin at the cross by making the sign of the cross.

Then repeat three times: *O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fountain of Mercy for us, I trust in You!*

Step 2 – On the first three beads of the Rosary pray the Our Father, the Hail Mary and the Apostles Creed.

Step 3 – Begin each decade with the 'Our Father' bead and pray this prayer: *Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son,*

*Our Lord Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world.*

Step 4 – Complete the decade on the 10 'Hail Mary beads' by praying this prayer instead: *For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*

Step 5 – When you have prayed all 5 decades, finish the Chaplet by praying the following prayer 3 times: *Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*



## Masses Second Week of Easter

<b>Su</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2nd Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Psalter Wk 2</i>	1700	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> Thanksgiving for Divine Mercy
			1800	
<b>Su</b>	<b>8</b>		0900	Ints of Sr Nirmala Perera (Drozd) Thomas Swift Ints <i>Exposition and Evening Prayer</i>
			1100	
			1800	
<b>M</b>	<b>9</b>	ANNUNCIATION	1000*	Ruth Wilkinson (Wilkinson)
<b>T</b>	<b>10</b>		<b>0800</b>	Bridie Quinn RIP (O'Gorman)
<b>W</b>	<b>11</b>	St Stanislaus		
<b>Th</b>	<b>12</b>			
<b>F</b>	<b>13</b>		1900*	Audrey Gregory RIP Anniv (Gregory)
<b>S</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>3rd Sunday of Easter</b> <i>Psalter Wk 3</i>	1700	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> Bridie Quinn RD (Finn)
			1800	
<b>Su</b>	<b>15</b>		0900	
			1100	Kathleen Connolly RIP (Kennedy)
			1800	<i>Exposition and Evening Prayer</i>

**Morning/Evening Prayer** 20 mins before weekday Masses as indicated above\*

**Exposition & Vespers** 2nd & 4th Suns, 6-7pm

**Rosary and Benediction** Mondays 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/](http://livingeucharist.wordpress.com/)

**Please pray for sick parishioners** including Margaret Stroud, Philip Redmond, Jude Turner, Margaret O'Gorman, Peter & Olwen Foster, Mary Gavin, Frank Kemp, Josie Newman, Brenda Davies; Leah Burke, Tess Carnero, Joan James, Sarah Johnston, Bridie Moffatt, Bernie Morton, Danuta Evans, Michael McDermott - and Fr Gabriel Maguire, our Dean. **Please pray for all who have died** including Jacky Wilson who died recently and Patrick Muldoon whose funeral Mass is here at 1pm on 16th April and also Attilio Bisso, Breda Corbett, Almenia O'Brien, Anne Murphey, Audrey Gregory and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

## Parish

### **A gathering in prayer a year on from Taize Birmingham 2017**

promoted by Churches Together in Boldmere, Wylde Green and Banners Gate. Sunday April 15th at 6pm. All takes place here at St Nicholas: 4.30pm Music rehearsal (for those who wish); 5.15pm Cake and a cuppa and update on TB2017 and news from Taizé

**Thank you.** The collection on Maundy Thursday collection raised 431.18 for Tabor House and on Good Friday £282.95 for the Holy Places.

**Do you drive to church on Sunday morning?** If so - unless you are disabled - please use the school car park, accessible at the end of Wakefield Close, the next turning on the right, away from Boldmere Road. This means that the church car park is kept relatively free for those who most need to use it. They will be most grateful for your thoughtfulness.

**Refreshments** in Benedict Room after Sunday 9 and 10am Masses. All welcome.

**Monday Rosary for Vocations.** The Rosary group meets tomorrow, Mon, 9 April at 3pm. Come and pray the Rosary before the Blessed Sacrament. The intention of our prayer is always for vocations in the Church - priestly and religious vocations, but also for the vocations of parents and grandparents, and of people's work in public services and all sorts of other work too. **This week we pray for teachers and catechists.** Do come and join us.

**Travelling Solo** Next lunch meeting is after 11am Mass today. All who 'travel alone' - single, the divorced or separated, widows and widowers - are welcome.

**Preparation for Baptism of Infants.** The next preparation programme begins Saturday 14th April from 11-12noon, in the Benedict Room. Pl see Fr Allen before hand and complete an application form.

**Parish Scripture Study Group.** The next meeting is on Weds 25 April at 7pm to look at the Book of Psalms. The Psalms are a key element of the Church's daily prayer and feature in our every celebration of Mass. Where do they come from? How do we pray them? Can we pray them? All are welcome. *For a sheet of psalms to read in preparation for the meeting, please see Fr Allen*

**Parish Book Club.** The next meeting looks at C.S. Lewis's *Surprised by Joy*. Mon 30th April at 8pm in the parish house. All welcome.

## Diocese

**Residential and Respite Care** St Joseph's Home, Coleshill, offers residential care in a Catholic setting to older people and those living with dementia. Respite bedrooms are also available for those who could benefit from a short stay. If you or someone you know might benefit from the care offered at St Joseph's, please call 01675 434500 for an informal chat or to arrange a visit.

**Chaplaincy vacancy for a priest, religious or lay person at HMP Birmingham** There is a vacancy for a full-time Roman Catholic Chaplain at HMP Birmingham. The advert can be found at the following link and the minimum qualification is the Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS): [http://careers.g4s.com/jobs/Roman-Catholic-Chaplain\\_108520/](http://careers.g4s.com/jobs/Roman-Catholic-Chaplain_108520/). The closing date for applications is 17 April 2018.

**Archdiocese of Birmingham Pilgrimage to Walsingham** Saturday 12 May 2018 12.noon Rosary Procession from Friday Market Place to the Chapel of Reconciliation; 1.30pm Lunch; 1.30pm The Sacrament of Reconciliation; 1.30pm Eucharistic Adoration; 3.00pm Benediction; 3.30pm Mass: Celebrant: Bishop David McGough

## Other

**Rosary on the Coast for Faith, Life and Peace in the British Isles** Sunday 29 April 2018 at 3pm. This is a day of Pilgrimage and Prayer for the re-flourishing of our Faith, for the grace to build a Culture of Life and for True Peace to reign in the hearts of all peoples and nations. A one-page summary about the Rosary on the Coast event is available at [www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk](http://www.rosaryonthecoast.co.uk) including the interactive map and form and the context of the prayers for faith, life and peace.

Baroness Nuala O'Loan's **Conscientious Objection (Medical Activities) Bill** is proceeding through Parliament. This Bill will protect medical staff from having to be involved in abortion-related activities and activities involving the withdrawal of medication, nutrition and fluids from patients at the end of life. This is an important Bill and further information about it, including how to contact your MP, can be found at <http://www.freeconscience.org.uk>

**Next Week: 3rd Sunday of Easter** *Scripture readings: Acts of the Apostles 3:13 - 15, 17 - 19 / Psalm 4:2, 4, 7 - 8, 9 / 1 John 2:1 - 5a / Luke 24:35 - 48*

gotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world - our faith.

Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness - since the Spirit is the truth.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!* Jesus said: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' *Alleluia!*

## John 20:19-31

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.