



# St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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## Readings for the Liturgy of the Word: 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Acts 2:42-47

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

### Psalm 117(118):2-4,13-15,22-24

*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.’

I was thrust down, thrust down and falling,  
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory  
in the tents of the just.

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.

*Continued overleaf*

**If there are people you would like prayed for at daily Mass, please email or phone them to Fr Allen, or simply add them to the lead post on the parish Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/stnicholasboldmere](http://www.facebook.com/stnicholasboldmere)**

<b>Sa</b>	<b>18</b>	Easter Saturday	Mass intention: Michael Reardon RIP (Devlin)
<b>Su</b>	<b>19</b>	2nd Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	Mass intention: Simon Howlett RIP (Platt)
<b>M</b>	<b>20</b>		Mass intention: For the parish
<b>T</b>	<b>21</b>		Mass intention: Kay Lorraine Ints
<b>W</b>	<b>22</b>		Mass intention: Mrs and Mrs J Gillespie Ints (Perks)
<b>Th</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>ST GEORGE</b>	Mass intention: Paul & Maria Nguyen RIP (Nguyen)
<b>F</b>	<b>24</b>		Mass intention: Andrew James RIP (Ord)
<b>Sa</b>	<b>25</b>	St MARK	Mass intention: Paul Mooney RD (Mooney)
<b>Su</b>	<b>26</b>	3rd Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Week 3</i>	Mass intention: Tony McCorry RIP (Burke)

### Scripture readings for the 2nd Sunday of Easter

*Acts 2:42-47 / Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 / 1 Pt 1:3-9 / Jn 20:19-31*

**Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick** by arrangement.

**Baptism, Matrimony**, suspended until further notice

**Nourishing prayer at home:** *Living Eucharist:* <https://livingeucharist.wordpress.com/> Also [universalis.com](http://universalis.com) or <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>

**Please pray for sick parishioners** including Jenifer Cummings, Betty Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; Lea Burke, Peggy Gallagher and for all who are self-isolating at this time. **Please pray for those in the health and care services. Please pray also** for those who have died recently, especially for Gerry Coyle, Mary Gilnagh, Hazel Kemp, Kathleen Passey and Margaret O’Gorman. please pray also for those whose anniversaries of death are at this time, including Anne Palgrave, Betty Lordan, Kathleen Callaghan, Dom Tomlinson, Patricia Gallagher. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Love bade me welcome; yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,  
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning  
If I lack’d anything.

‘A guest,’ I answer’d, ‘worthy to be here:’  
Love said, ‘You shall be he.’

‘I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,  
I cannot look on Thee.’

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,  
‘Who made the eyes but I?’

‘Truth, Lord, but I have marr’d them: let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve.’

‘And know you not,’ says Love, ‘Who bore the blame?’  
‘My dear, then I will serve.’

‘You must sit down,’ says Love, ‘and taste my meat.’  
So I did sit and eat.

*George Herbert*

## 1 Peter 1:3-9

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

## Funeral arrangements during the present health crisis

There are restrictions on how funerals are conducted during the present crisis.

Our Catholic churches and chapels are closed at present, and so it is not possible for loved ones to be brought into church the night before their funeral service or for a funeral Mass to be offered in the church.

There are at present only two options with regard to the funeral service itself.

- A liturgy at the graveside – when someone's mortal remains is being buried
- A liturgy in a crematorium chapel – when someone's mortal remains are to be cremated.

For more information - including the texts to be used at these services, and suggestions to assist families in their prayer at home - please go to the parish website: <https://www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/funerals-and-praying-for-the-dead.html>



## 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.

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## The Stations of the Resurrection,

over recent years, have become a popular devotion. Their focus is even more important this year, as we look for hope, and are reminded of our ultimate reason for hope.

One of these *Stations* is posted on the parish blog/Facebook each weekday afternoon during the Easter season (on cyclical repeat from the 13th Station onwards.)

Why not share the link with family and friends and encourage them to pray and engage with the fullest meaning of Easter.

## Parish Prayer for the Dead and for Mourners

You are invited to join with Fr Allen and other parishioners in praying on Sundays for those who have died recently, and for their families and friends.

- After sunset Saturday, as Sunday begins, a first prayer time where we especially express our sorrow at the passing of our sister or brother in faith
- After sunrise on Sunday morning we pray even more confident in the love and mercy of God and for the fulfilment of the promises of eternal life received in baptism.

*Texts are posted on the blog Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.*