

Using the Sunday Scriptures

to prepare for Sunday Mass, and to bring to prayer in the days after is one of the most best ways of ensuring that our faith is nourished by the Mass. The readings for next Sunday are Acts 3:13 – 15, 17 – 19 • Ps 4:2, 4, 7 – 8, 9 • 1 Jn 2:1 – 5a • Lk 24:35 – 48



Why the Tabernacle is open and empty ... at the moment

Simply because, at the end of Easter Vigil, when the Blessed Sacrament was placed there after the first Mass of Easter - and the tabernacle was locked - the lock broke!

One of our parishioners is very skilled when it comes to locks and has come to our rescue, opening the tabernacle without damaging the plated doors. This has allowed the Blessed Sacrament to be reserved elsewhere for the time being so that it can be kept safe and available for ministry to the sick — the principal reason for its reservation.

It is hoped that the lock can be repaired/replaced in the very near future..

Parish Repository: Cards and gifts for celebrations of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Open before or after all Saturday/Sunday Masses

The New Lectionary

A new translation of the Lectionary, which includes the scripture readings for Mass and the sacraments, will come into use in Catholic parishes in England and Wales, and Scotland, from Advent 2024.

The *English Standard Version* (ESV) of the Scriptures, and the *Abbey Psalms and Canticles* replaces the *Jerusalem* and *Grail* translations used since 1969.

The translations in our current Lectionary is now looking 'tired' - for example there is virtually no sensitivity to the issue of inclusive language. The new translations provide a more literal rendering of the Hebrew and Greek original texts, and the ESV translation is a revision of the Revised Standard Version, which stands in the tradition of English translation reaching back to the Authorised Version and the first translation into English of the Bible by Tyndale (and drawn on by the Douai Bible)

Archbishop George Stack has commented: "As we mark the sixtieth anniversary of the Second Vatican Council we can see that the Lectionary is one of the great fruits of the Council. It fulfils the mandate of the Council Fathers to open up the scriptures for the faithful so that Sunday by Sunday Christ himself speaks to us in the word.

"The new Lectionary gives us an opportunity to hear that word with fresh ears as we engage with a text which is intended for public proclamation and reflects up to date biblical scholarship.

"I hope that parishes and other communities will engage in preparation for the Lectionary so that all the faithful will hear the word of God with deepened faith and understanding."

Living and sharing in Communion

We hear regularly of how isolated people can become when they are housebound. Many lack family living close, many find they are able to see friends much less often - and those people who are housebound and Catholic can feel especially separated from the Church when — as is often the case — their friends and families are not practicing.

One of the ways in which their connection with the Church can remain real and vital - and helpful to them — is when more able members of the parish can bring spiritual support to those presently housebound. We surely do this for those for those we know personally - but there are many who are in our community who are relatively 'anonymous' Catholics. If we are to offer support to all of those who seek it we need to organise some things centrally too.

Probably high on that list is support in prayer and the opportunity to receive Holy Communion regularly.

The hope is that our parish can offer to all who are housebound the opportunity to receive the ministry of Word and Holy Communion weekly (fortnightly from Fr Allen, and fortnightly from a lay minister). But to do this we need many more ministers willing to offer half an hour or so twice a month to support our parishioners, adding to what Fr Allen can do.

On Sunday 27/28 April after each Mass there will be a 20 minute meeting in the Benedict Room for anyone who is interested in learning what would be involved in helping take part in this parish support of some of our 'less visible' members.



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Our Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216

APRIL 2024: PARISH MASSES

Sa	6	6pm		Kevin McGovern RIP (Shiel)
Su	7	9am	2nd Sunday of Easter	For the parish
		11am		Angela Hayes RIP (McGrath)
M	8	10am	Annunciation of the Lord	Ints Lucy Szambir (St N's SVP)
T	9			
W	10			
Th	11			
F	12			
Sa	13	6pm	3rd Sunday of Easter	Audrey Gregory RIP (G)
Su	14	9am		Paul Craig RIP
		11am	For the parish	

Anointing of the Sick: Next celebration is 26th April 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

RESOURCES FOR PRAYER.

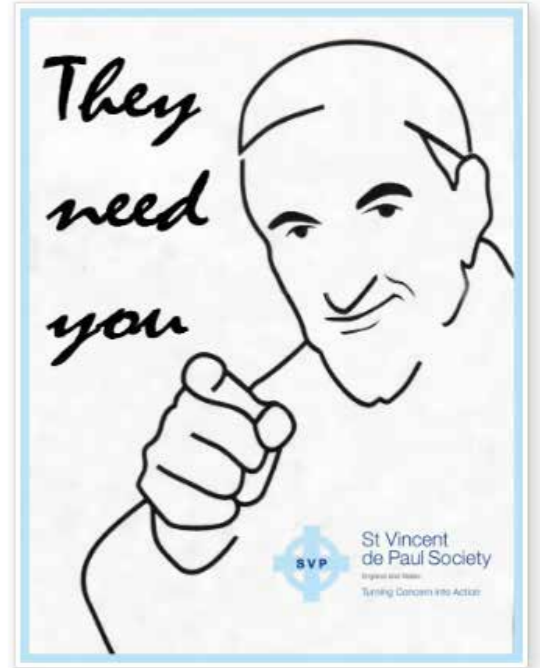
1. Parish **Zoom Morning Prayer:** Mon to Sat at 8.30am (link on website)
2. Readings of the day and much more at Universalis.com
3. Resources for the Year of Prayer: <https://bit.ly/47kMBYS>

Please pray for those who are sick including Sue Gill, Mary Daniels, Lucy Szambir, Betty O'Connor; Theresa Monteiro; Craig Brooks, Brenda Davies; Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin & Jean Lawlor. **Please pray** for Hazel Kemp, Attilo Bisso, Breda Corbett, Anne Murphy, Audrey Gregory, Colin Kiernan, May Kerrins and all others whose anniversaries occur at this time.

WEEKDAY SOCIAL. Tuesdays after 10am Mass. All are welcome.

PARISH CAR PARK Free parking for 1 hour is available for anyone at anytime in our carpark. Automatic free parking permits are issued to cover all parking on **Sat** from 5.30pm to 7.30pm; on **Sunday** from 8am to 2pm; on **Mon, Tues, Weds** from 9.30am to 11.30am and **Fri** from 6.30pm to 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.*

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory **Safeguarding** Guidance and the National and Archdiocesan policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mary Rose. She can be contacted at: sg.stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk



The St Nicholas SVP helps to look after local people who need a bit of friendly support. They do this by

- visiting
- helping with some financial support
- providing a healthy breakfast for school children

You can help the SVP make a big difference to local people...

And in two ways in particular

- By praying for the SVP and their work (perhaps using the prayer below.)
- considering whether you might be able to join the SVP in their work... There will be an opportunity to learn more about this work at Masses on 13th and 14th April...

Lord Jesus, you who willed to become poor, give us all eyes and a heart directed towards the poor; help us to recognise you in them - in their hunger, their loneliness, and their misfortune. Enkindle within our parish community unity, simplicity, humility and the fire of love that burned in St. Vincent de Paul. Strengthen us, so that, faithful to the practice of these virtues, we may contemplate you and serve you in the person of the poor, and may one day be united with you and them in Your kingdom. Amen

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

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



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.

Penitential Act

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

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.

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 command-
ed us; this is what loving God is - keeping his com-
mandments; and his commandments are not difficult,
because anyone who has been begotten 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: 'Re-
ceive 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 disci-
ples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Un-
less 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 be-
lieve.' 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 Thom-
as, '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 be-
lieving this you may have life through his name.

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

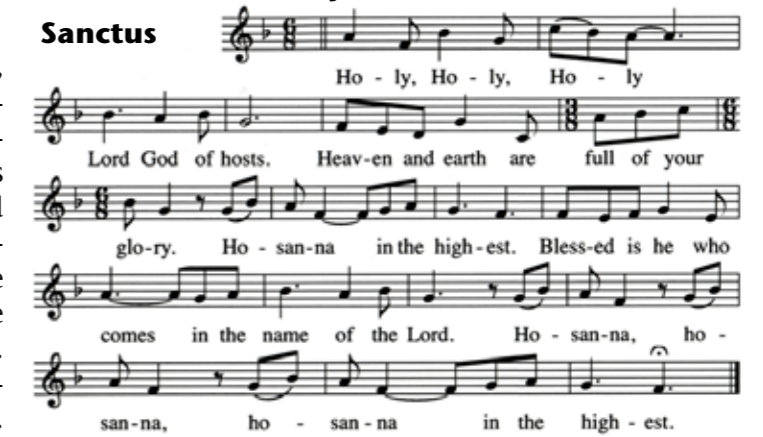
All: Through our lives and by our prayers,
your kingdom come.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory NB Our next collections for the Bethany
Food Bank are April 7th and April 21st.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus



The mystery of faith



The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

Final Song



lú-ia : Ora pro nó-bis Dé-um, alle-lú- ia.

*Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.*

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