

Acts 5:27-32,40-41

The high priest demanded an explanation of the Apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

Psalm 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me.

I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts a moment; his favour all through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn.

The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing: O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever.

Apocalypse 5:11-14

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in creation - everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, explain the Scriptures to us. Make our hearts burn within us as you talk to us. *Alleluia!*

Mass Texts: The Ordinary of the Mass is found on p200 ff of Laudate. During Lent/Easter we use the Apostles Creed at Sunday Mass. The words and settings of the Gloria, Sanctus etc are found in the separate Easter sheet available from the Hymnbook trolley.

Next Week: 4th Sunday of Easter

Scripture readings: Acts 13:14, 43-52 / Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 / Rev 7:9, 14b-17 / John 10:27-30

John 21:1-19

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord', Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?' He answered, 'Yes Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He replied, 'Yes, Lord, you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Look after my sheep.' Then he said to him a third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter was upset that he asked him the third time, 'Do you love me?' and said, 'Lord, you know everything; you know I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go.'

In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, 'Follow me.'

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Congratulations to the young people who are receiving their First Communion at Mass this Sunday. Children will also be receiving their First Communion at Masses over the next two weekends.

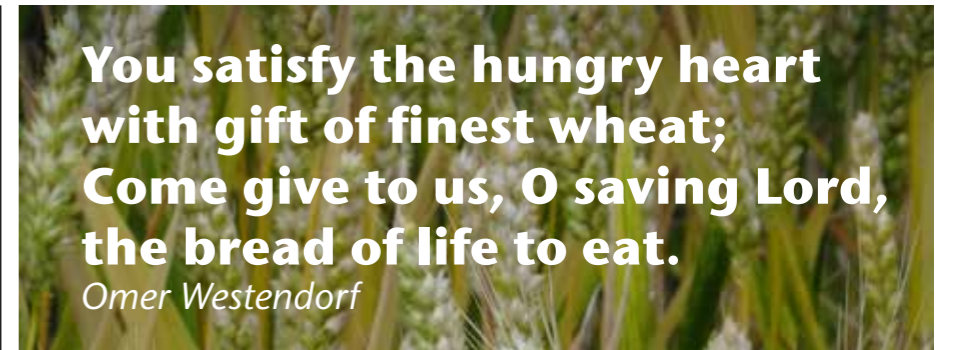


Song after Communion

*I received the loving God,
and my heart is full of joy.
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Jesus says: I am the Bread, sent to you from God Most High. Take and eat, and you will love; you need never fear to die.

Jesus says: I am the Vine, far from whom no life can grow. if you join yourself to me, a rich harvest you will know.



Masses Third Week of Easter

S	4	3rd Sunday of Easter Psalter Wk 3	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Josephine Hennessy (Kenny)
Su	5		0900 1100	Joseph Drozd RIP (Drozd) For the parish
M	6		1000* 1500	Hilda Vines RIP (MRA) Exposition and Rosary for Vocations
T	7		1000*	Aidan Redmond RIP (Redmond)
W	8		1000*	Tom Hempenstall RD (60s pensioners - St Thomas)
Th	9			
F	10		1000 1900*	Mass w. St Nicholas School. All welcome. Natalie Borman - health followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Station of the Resurrection
S	11	4th Sunday of Easter	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Frances Watson RIP (Pocock)
Su	12	Day of Prayer for Vocations Psalter Wk 4	0900 1100 1800	For the parish Joe Kneafcey RD (Wilkinson) Exposition and Evening Prayer

Morning/Evening Prayer 20 mins before weekday Masses, as indicated above *
Exposition: & Vespers 2nd and 4th Suns of month, 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: livegeucharist.wordpress.com/

Please pray for sick parishioners including Joan James, Pat Serafinas; Thomas Stevenson; Peter & Olwyn Foster; Lea Burke and Peggy Gallagher. **Please pray** for Eilish Kearney, Mary Burgess, Joseph Drozd, Monica Brugger, Eileen Bartropp. and all whose anniversaries of death are at this time: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

NB To include names on the list of sick parishioners please complete the form available in the porch and pass to Fr Allen so we meet the requirements of current Data Protection legislation.

On Fridays during Easter, during the time of exposition after the evening Mass, we will pray Stations of the Resurrection, as we continue to remember the victims of abuse in the Church. We have much to learn from the moments commemorated in the Stations of the Resurrection.

To help us keep the season in our daily lives one of these Stations will be posted on the parish blog/Facebook each Monday and Thursday during the Easter season, beginning next week. Share the page with your friends - and do a little simple evangelisation in celebration of Easter!



Parish

Thank you for your recent donations to parish collections. The **Holy Thursday** collection for the SVP raised £285.80 (any additional Lenten Alms intended for the SVP can be placed in an envelope marked SVP and put in the Sunday Collection or brought to the parish house this week or next); the Good Friday collection to support the Holy Places raised £289.68.

- **Please note that next Sunday is Vocation Sunday and there will be a retiring collection for the Clergy Training Fund.** Thank you to all those who made regular monthly contributions to this fund by envelope or standing order. If you do not, but would like to please see Philip Redmond or Fr Allen for more information.

Scripture group 7.30pm, Mon 10th May in the Benedict Room to discuss Chapters 15, 15 and 17 of Luke's Gospel. All welcome.

Teas & Coffees in Benedict Room after Sunday morning Masses. All welcome. *NEW ROTA* posted on line.

New Rotas for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion have been emailed and are available in porch and on-line

Preparation for Baptism of Infants. The next preparation programme starts on Saturday 18th May from 11am-12 noon in the Benedict Room. Please Fr Allen beforehand for an application form.

Travelling Solo lunch All who 'travel solo in life' for whatever reason are warmly invited to meet in Benedict Room for coffee after the 11am Mass on Sunday May 5th, and then join the group for a pub lunch.

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

St Nicholas World Development Group Hear about the progress of FML Kabarole school in Uganda. at our *Thank You event*: 5 May 12-2pm, Carpenter's Arms.

First Communion rehearsals this Tuesday at 3.30 and 4.30. Please sign up today - limited spaces at each time.

Missing an umbrella? A couple of umbrellas were left behind after the St Patrick's night Race night. A tall red Dunlop sport umbrella and a small purple umbrella. If one of them is yours please let Fr Allen know.

Diocese

Fundraising at Maryvale. Singing Friar. Fri 10 May. 6.30pm. Tickets £7, available from 0121 360 8118

Vacancy for Lourdes Pilgrimage Office Administrator. 35hrs pw £26K. Full details from gerry.dryden@rc-birmingham.org

Manager needed for Harvington Hall, Kidderminster. Salary £26-29K. Details at www.harvingtonhall.com

Vacancy Full time Admin. Asst for Diocesan Safeguarding Team, based at Cathedral House, St Chad's, Queensway, Birmingham. Full details at 'jobs' on www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk 35 hrs pw; 21-23K pa.

Young People's Summer Camp 2019 Book now for Week 1: Aug 4-8 or Week 2: Aug 11-15. Experience a life-changing encounter with God in a way like never before through powerful moments of prayer, crazy activities, exciting day trips, challenging talks and so much more... Don't miss out on your place at Summer Camp 2019! For more information email beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

St Joseph's Home, Coleshill, offers Catholic residential care to older people and those living with dementia. 01675 434500.

Birmingham Diocesan Education Service Sat 11 May *A day for practising Catholics aspiring for a leadership role in our schools in the Archdiocese of Birmingham.* Don Bosco House, Coleshill. B46 3EA (8.30 to 3.30 pm.) To book, visit www.bdes.org.uk .

Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Byrne at St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday 18 June 2019 at 12 noon - to celebrate his appointment to Hexham and Newcastle.

Stories from the Holy Land: CAFOD meeting for deanery volunteers and supporters Tues 7 May, 7.00pm. Meeting and simple bring-and-share supper. Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Sutton Coldfield. Hear from our *Step into the Gap* volunteer, Caroline Collins, about her visit to the Holy Land, and CAFOD projects, partners and communities supported there. We'll also have a look at our exciting new ambition *No One Beyond Reach* and *Our Common Home Climate Campaign*. All very welcome! To book place, email rgriffith@cafod.org.uk or ring 01922 722944.

Dads' Get Together

The next meeting is on Monday 20th May at 8pm.

It will include a reflection from Mr Brian Neilan — Deputy Head at Bishop Walsh Catholic Secondary School — on providing positive role models for youngsters.



Lively conversation, with nice food and drink too.

Parish Book Club: 8pm on Monday May 6 to discuss *The Rotter's Club* by Jonathan Coe. Three teenage friends grow up in 1970s Brum watching their lives change as their world gets involved with IRA bombs, progressive and punk rock, girls and political strikes. *All are welcome. Read the book and come to chat about it, and enjoy good company and 'refreshments'. Meet in parish house.*

Other

A Lifeline for Marriages Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be what you need! Info from 0788 729 6983 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

ACTA talk: Sun Apr 28 *Renewing the Prophetic Imagination.* David Mcloughlin. St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Rd, Harborne, B17 0DN. 2pm. Website: acalltoaction.org.uk

Edward Cadbury Lectures. Prof Mioslav Wolf. St Martin in the Bullring. Tues, Weds, Thurs 28-30 May, 6.30-7.30. *God in the World: Homelessness, God's Home; At Home in the World.*

Catholic People's Weeks. For full details of this year's gatherings for community, discussion, study etc, go to www.catholicpeoplesweeks.org

Vocations Weekend for young women: *Discernment and Vocation.* 24-26 May 2019, in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). *There is nothing quite like religious life — it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them.* For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

Shop 'til you drop (in the parish Repository!)

Holy Communion gifts all available now!

For the sick and those who care 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.

Need help to get to the service? Let Fr Allen know.

11am on First Fridays. Next service: Friday 7th June

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for May is that the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

To find the Pope's other current prayer intentions please visit <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>



Planning for the future

1. Scheduled Building Work: Arrangements are in hand for the repair and refurbishment work to the roof and walls of the church, to the side porch - required following the recent Quinquennial, and the changes to the Benedict Room. The works will begin at the beginning of July and will be completed by the beginning of September. In consequence the Benedict Room and McEvilly Room are not likely to be available for parish use during July/August - but this expectation will be confirmed/amended in the coming weeks as our Contractors complete the detailed plans for their work.

2. The next major works will involve the interior of the church. Decoration is needed. We also need to look again at how we make it easier and safer for people to enter and exit the church; how to make the most of the narthex/porch; looking afresh at how the church is lit, and heated; along with other things like how we best to accommodate people in wheelchairs, and best provide for the less well-attended times of prayer. There will be ample opportunities for consultation and consideration of options in the coming months. But first of all we need to explore what might be options. If you have professional experience in any of these matters please contact Fr Allen for a chat.

3. There is a certain encouragement to parishes to offer Liturgies of the Word offering opportunities for prayer, reflection on God's self-revelation and Gospel and encouraging life lived in response to the love of God and the graciousness of his many gifts. Thought is being given to offering one such service a month on a Sunday evening. If you would be interested in being part of the team developing, preparing and delivering such a service please speak with Fr Allen.

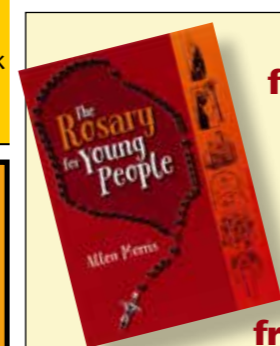
The Bell

Our popular parish magazine appears twice a year.

A dwindling group of parishioners meets for a couple of hours before each edition is commissioned to make suggestions about content and to act as channels of communication with fellow parishioners.

If you would like to help and could spare a couple of hours twice a year please speak to Martin Malpas or any other members of the committee or Father Allen.

martin-malpas@tiscali.co.uk or 0121 649 2202 or 07415 242203.



Ready for May 2019?

£2.50 from the Repository

Interested in learning more about our Catholic faith?

Maybe considering becoming Catholic?

Come and meet with Fr Allen in Benedict Room on Wednesday 30th April, at 7.30pm, watch a video about Catholic faith in Jesus, and chat about what sort of help or support you might find helpful in exploring where you stand on things, and where you might want to go with them..



Deepening love and holiness

Growth in love and holiness does not just happen.

We rely on the maturing of the grace of God in us, and even God's grace builds on nature, our will and desire to respond to the opportunities that he sets before us.

In recent times Pope Francis has offered the Church reflections on Marriage and family, and on holiness.

Two key chapters from those reflections have been extracted and are made available on the parish website for easier access. They are surely likely to be valuable reading for anyone, but are offered especially for parents to support their vocation, their responsibility, for sharing faith in their families.

- Chapter 4 of the Pope's letter on Love and Family life.
- Chapter 3 of the Pope's letter on holy living.

stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/deepening-love-and-holiness

In Hospital or going there?

Roman Catholic Chaplains are appointed to all of the local hospitals.

Patients, and relatives of patients, are urged to make sure that Catholic patients admitted to hospital are registered as Roman Catholic on admission. If they wish to be visited by the Catholic Chaplain, they should ask the ward nurse to arrange this.

Data protection legislation means that unless this is done your details will not be passed to the Chaplain.

If you wish to be visited by Fr Allen as well as the hospital chaplain then please let him know. It is very helpful if you can give details of the ward the patient is on.

Many people find it helpful to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick when they experience serious ill health. If you would like to receive the Sacrament, please let Fr Allen know.