



# St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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## Readings for Mass of 3rd Sunday of Easter

### Acts 2:14,22-33

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him:

*'I saw the Lord before me always, / for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. / So my heart was glad / and my tongue cried out with joy; / my body, too, will rest in the hope / that you will not abandon my soul to Hades / nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. / You have made known the way of life to me, / you will fill me with gladness through your presence.'*

**MASSES:** Mass is celebrated 'privately' at 0830 each day. A number of parishioners like to spend time at this same time the Mass.

A brief reflection on one of the readings of the day is posted on our parish blog. One way of joining yourself with the daily parish Mass is to follow the following pattern: make a penitential act (eg, the I Confess or the Lord / Christ have mercy); reading the scripture reading and reflection, and making a spiritual communion

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)

Sa	25	St MARK	Mass intention: Paul Mooney RD (Mooney)
Su	26	3rd Sunday of Easter Psalter Week 3	Mass intention: Tony McCorry RIP (Burke)
M	27		Mass intention: Bridie Murry (Maher)
T	28		Mass intention: Annie McGrath RIP (Pocock)
W	29		Mass intention: Margaret Newell (Maher)
Th	30		Mass intention: Frank Kemp IP (KSC)
F	1		Mass intention: Geoff. Mousley RIP (Burke)
Sa	2	St Athanasius	Mass intention: Pauline Venables RD (Lawlor)
Su	3	4th Sunday of Easter Psalter Week 4	Mass intention: Breda McNabb (Devane)

### Scripture readings for the 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10

**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; please pray also for those whose anniversaries of death are at this time, including Dom Tomlinson, Patricia Gallagher, Tony Hands. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

### Psalm 15(16):1-2,5,7-11

Show us, Lord, the path of life. or Alleluia!

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. / I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. / O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; / it is you yourself who are my prize.'

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, / who even at night directs my heart. / I keep the Lord ever in my sight: / since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; / even my body shall rest in safety. / For you will not leave my soul among the dead, / nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, / the fullness of joy in your presence, / at your right hand happiness for ever.

### 1 Peter 1:17-21

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since be-

fore the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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

### **Luke 24:13-35**

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them,

**G**ive us peace, Lord God, for you have given us all else; give us the peace that is repose, the peace of the Sabbath, and the peace that knows no evening. This whole order of exceedingly good things, intensely beautiful as it is, will pass away when it has served its purpose: these things too will have their morning and their evening.

And then you will rest in us, as now you work in us, and your rest will be rest through us as now those works of yours are wrought through us. But you yourself, Lord, are ever working, ever resting. You neither see for a time nor change for a time nor enjoy repose for a time, yet you create our temporal seeing and time itself and our repose after time.

Once our heart had conceived by your Spirit we made a fresh start and began to act well, though at an earlier stage we had been impelled to wrongdoing and abandoned you; but you, O God undivided and good, have never ceased to act well. Some of our works are indeed good, thanks to your Spirit, but they will not last forever, and when they are done we hope that we shall rest in your immense holiness. But you, the supreme Good, need no other good and are eternally at rest, because you yourself are your rest.

*St Augustine. The conclusion of The Confessions.*

### **Funerals during the present crisis**

For details please go to the parish website: and follow the link on the front page.

Please note that the Council is strictly applying its revised regulations. A maximum of 6 people are allowed to attend the service.



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

One of *Stations* is posted on the parish blog/Facebook each weekday afternoon during the Easter season. 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.

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

‘What matters are you discussing as you walk along?’ They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, ‘You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.’ ‘What things?’ he asked. ‘All about Jesus of Nazareth’ they answered ‘who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.’

Then he said to them, ‘You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?’ Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself.

When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. ‘It is nearly evening’ they said ‘and the day is almost over.’ So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, ‘Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?’

They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, ‘Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.’ Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

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