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Readings for 3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

Psalm 4:2,4,7,9

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord
 When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say. Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

1 John 2:1-5

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be

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Mary, Mother of the Church

The Monday after Pentecost is now to be celebrated as the **Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church**. The new celebration is to help us remember that growth in the Christian life must be anchored to the Mystery of the Cross, Christ's self-offering in the Eucharistic Banquet and to the Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed, the Virgin who makes her offering to God.

This year the celebration falls on Monday, May 21. It is an opportunity for us in the parish to raise the profile of the Rosary as a family prayer.

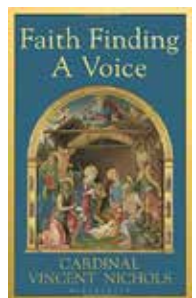


Faith Finding a Voice

is an invitation to join Cardinal Vincent in an exploration of the presence of God in our lives. How might we attune our ears to listen with greater attention to the voice of God, through Scripture, the teachings of the Church, divine worship and the exercise of love? How might the gift of faith be realised in our lives in order that an authentic voice might be heard through our words and actions?

Copies of the book can be ordered from the Repository.

The book can be read for the parish book club in June – as we launch a second group that will meet during the day-time.



Masses Second Week of Easter

Su	14	3rd Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Wk 3</i>	1700	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> Bridie Quinn RD (Finn)
			1800	
Su	15		0900	For the parish Kathleen Connolly RIP (Kennedy) <i>Taize Prayer - ecumenical service</i>
			1100	
			1800	
M	16		1000*	Mary Waggot RIP (Cummings) Funeral Mass of Patrick Muldoon <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Rosary</i>
			1300 1500	
T	17		1000*	Fr Joyce - intentions (Fegan)
W	18		1000*	John Concannon RIP (Devane)
Th	19			
F	20		1900*	Breda Corbett RIP Anniv (Craig)
S	21	4th Sunday of Easter <i>Psalter Wk 4</i>	1700	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> Brian Kerins RIP (McDermott)
			1800	
Su	22		0900	For the parish Maria Phan and Paul Nguyen RIP (Nguyen) <i>Exposition and Evening Prayer</i>
			1100	
			1800	

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/

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 Patrick Muldoon (Funeral Mass 16 April) and May Kerins (Reception 7pm on 23 April and funeral Mass at 9am on 24 April who have died recently and for Anne Palgrave, Betty Lordan, Kathleen Callaghan and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Parish

Taize Prayer tonight at 6pm: a gathering in prayer a year on from Taize Birmingham 2017. promoted by Churches Together in Boldmere, Wyld Green and Banners Gate. 4.30pm Music rehearsal (for those who wish); 5.15pm Cake and a cuppa and update on TB2017 and news from Taizé

There is a retiring collection next week for the Clergy Training Fund.

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 (also after 10am Mass on Tuesdays). All welcome.

Monday Rosary for Vocations. The Rosary group meets each Monday at 3pm to pray for all vocations in the Church. **This week we pray for religious.**

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 19th May 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.

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.

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 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>

Pope Francis on Holiness: *Holiness is a gift that is offered to everyone, no one is excluded; it constitutes the distinctive character of every Christian*

In his new Letter to the Church, *Gaudete et Exultate*, Pope Francis sets out the many challenges and practical ways that we can live a life of Holiness in today's world. Click here to find out more... Available for free on the Vatican website or can be ordered for £ 4.95 from the Repository.

A Trip to London: Wednesday 30th May

A visit to the British Library and to Westminster Cathedral has been organised for our parish's Readers. Other members of the parish are welcome to join us. Timings for the trip are (1) Meeting in the lobby of the British Library ready to go into the permanent exhibition of ancient biblical manuscripts (free) at 10.30am. (The visit will take c1hr). (2) Meeting inside the main doors at Westminster Cathedral for tour at 2pm, and Mass at 3pm.

Those on the trip are welcome to take part in either or both events. Those coming should make their own travel arrangements - rail or bus.

sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Luke 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

Next Week: 4th Sunday of Easter

Scripture readings: Acts of the Apostles 4:8 - 12 / Psalm 118:1, 8 - 9, 21 - 23, 26, 28, 29 / 1 John 3:1 - 2 / John 10:11 - 18

Pope Francis' Message for the 33rd World Youth Day has recently been published and takes the theme: "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God" (Lk 1:30). The document is available in various languages on Vatican website: <http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/youth/index.html>.