

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 4:8 – 12 • Ps 118:1, 8 – 9, 21 – 23, 26, 28, 29 • 1 Jn 3:1 – 2 • Jn 10:11 – 18



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.



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.”



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APRIL 2024: PARISH MASSES

Sa	13	6pm	3rd Sunday of Easter	Audrey Gregory RIP (G)
Su	14	9am 11am		Paul Craig RIP For the parish
M	15	10am		Ints Lucy Szambir (St N's SVP)
T	16	10am		
W	17	10am		
Th	18			
F	19	7pm		
Sa	20	6pm	4th Sunday of Easter	Gino Mastroianni RIP
Su	21	9am 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/47kMBY5>

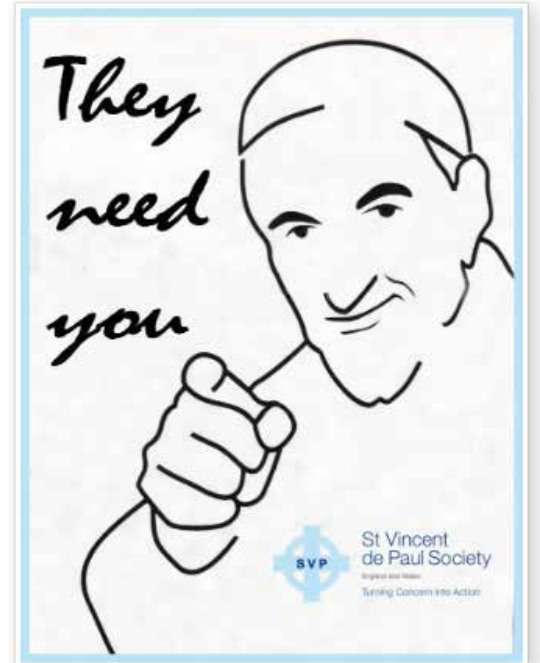
Please pray for those who are sick including Sue Gill, Mary Daniels, Lucy Szambir, Betty O'Connor; Theresa Monteiro; Craig Brooks, Brenda Davies; Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin & Jean Lawlor. **Please pray** for Audrey Gregory, Colin Kiernan, May Kerrins, Patrick Muldoon, Anne Palgrave, Betty Lordan and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

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 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

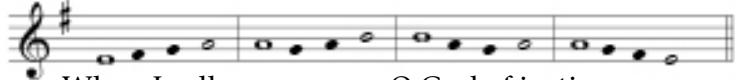
- By praying for the SVP and their work (perhaps using the prayer below.)
- considering whether you might be able to join the SVP in their work...
- You can learn more about this work at Mass today, with the opportunity of a followup meeting in the Benedict Room at 7.30pm on 23rd April.

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

'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



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 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.'

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 21st and May 5th

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly
Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho - san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na, ho -
san-na, ho - san-na in the high - est.

Interested in Midland Catholic History?
See fliers in the porch.

The mystery of faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a -
gain, un - til you come a - gain.

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

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 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.

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

Final Song

R Egína caéli * laetáre, alle-lú-ia : Qui-a quem me-
ru- ísti portáre, alle-lú-ia : Resurréxit, sic-ut dixit, alle-
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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