

Paris

**Parish Pilgrimage:
Mon 27th to
Weds 29th October**

**Please email Fr
Allen to receive
details of the
pilgrimage as
things are
firmed up.**

**No obligation
involved!!**

A pilgrimage with a difference...

Book your own travel and accommodation, to suit your own situation and needs. Arrive before the 27th, or leave after the 29th just as you wish.

The pilgrimage is during Half Term. Families with children might like to dip into the pilgrimage and come to what suits – and then take off for more children-friendly events in Paris or nearby (Anyone for Disneyland?)

Details are still in the process of being confirmed but what is planned includes the following (and gives plenty of 'free' time for everyone to do their own thing and make the most of their visit to Paris)

Monday 27th October

- A late afternoon visit to Notre Dame cathedral, including the evening Mass at 5.30pm

Tuesday 28th October

- Morning visit to the church of St Vincent de Paul for prayer and the chapel of the Miraculous Medal for Mass

Wednesday 29th October

- Visit to Sacre Coeur for Mass at 11am and an afternoon visit to the Louvre museum (open to 9pm on Wednesdays, for those who want to linger!)

COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN CATHOLIC SUTTON COLDFIELD



At the recent meeting to follow up the *Do Justice* Day there was discussion of how best to facilitate sharing of information within the Cluster.

It was recognised that it was not always easy to know who to contact to get things in newsletters and on noticeboards, and that often it was helpful to use social media like Facebook and WhatsApp.

A document has been prepared to help groups best make use of what parishes can offer - and also to guard against unforeseen consequences of WhatsApp etc. If you are a group leader or managing a WhatsApp group to help further the Church's mission, do please take a look.

If you wish to understand the body of Christ, listen to the apostle as he says to the faithful, 'You are the body of Christ and his members' (1 Corinthians 12:27).

If, therefore, you are the body of Christ and his members, your mystery has been placed on the Lord's table you receive your mystery. You reply 'Amen' to that which you are, and by replying you consent. For you hear 'The body of Christ,' and you reply 'Amen.'

Be a member of the body of Christ so that your 'Amen' may be true. *St Augustine*

We Believe is a Festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope being held at, St Mary's College, Oscott from 25-28 July 2025.

We Believe has been designed with parishes and families in mind, as an opportunity to receive inspiring faith formation together, to bond as a community and to celebrate the Jubilee in a tangible way.

The festival programme gathers the Catholic communion with an interesting line-up of contributors so far, including Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray OP, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, The Southwell Consort, Fr Toby Lees OP and many more.

Pilgrim-attendees can choose to join for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or go for a day at £40. All ticket options, festival programme and other material are available via www.webelievefestival.com

Visit of Relics of Sts Columba, Andrew & Margaret of Scotland. Holy Name, Great Barr. 17 & 18 May
Details at <https://bit.ly/4m9C5wz>

Social Justice & Catholic Sutton Coldfield A follow-up meeting to the March *Do Justice* day was held this week. Details on the parish blog or at <https://bit.ly/42WjmvB>

Explore the Final Synod Document over six weeks with an inspiring cast of experts including Archbishop Gordon, Trinidad and Tobago. Wednesdays 7:30–8:30pm, 21 May to 25 June, or anytime on YouTube. <https://bit.ly/42Z7AjU>



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

MAY 2025: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

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| Sa | 10 | 6pm | 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER | Tim Gallagher RD (Twort) |
| Su | 11 | 9am | | Hugh McGrath (McG family) |
| | | 11am | | For the parish |
| M | 12 | 10am | | Brian Hickey RIP (Leese) |
| T | 13 | 10am | | Margaret, Thomas, Richard O'Gorman RIP |
| W | 14 | 10am | St Matthias | Caroline Maynard b'day (Green) |
| Th | 15 | | | |
| F | 16 | 7pm | Confirmation Mass: reserved for Candidates & family/friends | |
| S | 17 | 6pm | 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER | Teresa Gill RIP (Gill) |
| Su | 18 | 9am | | Aidan Redmond RIP * |
| | | 11am | | For the parish |

Anointing of the Sick: Next Liturgy at 10am on 25th June

Sacrament of Confession: Friday 19.30 (after Mass) until 20.00; Saturday 5.30-5.45 – and by appointment

Please pray for those who are sick including Stephen Gateley, Rita Rhodes, Mary Daniels, Lucy Szambir, Brenda Davies; Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin & Jean Lawlor. **Please pray for** Margaret Knowles, Annemarie Murphy, aniel Murray, Gerry Coyle and all whose anniversary occurs at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

RESOURCES FOR PRAYER.

1. Parish Morning Prayer: Mon-Sat, at 8.30am (Zoom link on website)

2. Readings of the day and much more at Universalis.com

3. The Sunday Scriptures are a richer resource for spiritual growth when we read and pray with them before the Sunday (and again after the Sunday). Next Sunday's readings are Acts 14:21–27 • Psalm 145:8–9, 10–11, 12–13 • Revelation 21:1–5a • John 13:31–33a, 34–35

WEEKDAY SOCIAL. Usually Tuesdays after 10am Mass.

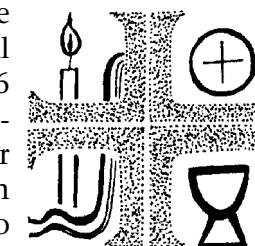
PARISH CAR PARK Free parking for 1 hour is available for anyone at anytime in our carpark. Automatic free parking permits are issued to cover all parking on **Sat** from 5.30 to 7.30pm; on **Sunday** from 8am to 2pm; on **Mon, Tues, Weds** from 9.30 to 11.30am; and **Fri** from 6.30 to 8.30pm. *At other 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

Our parish is part of the Catholic Sutton Coldfield Cluster of Parishes, together with the parishes of Holy Cross & St Francis, Walmley; Sacred Heart, Four Oaks; and Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield.

Preparing for Confirmation and Holy Communion

Parents whose children who will be in year 3 or 6 next year are invited to consider whether they wish their children to prepare to receive Holy Communion or Confirmation at St Nicholas parish in 2026.



If you do, then at the end of this mass please sign up for a meeting with Fr Allen to discuss things and receive an application form for the programme.

The meeting is to introduce the programme and help families' particular circumstances to be taken into account, while ensuring children are helped to best take their next steps to a fuller life as members of the Church.

There is a shared parish programme for all children receiving these sacraments, with different 'tracks' for those children in secular schools and those in Catholic schools.

Prayer commonly said before receiving Holy Communion

O my God,
help me to make a good Communion.
Mary, my mother, pray to Jesus for me.
All you holy Angels & saints, pray for me.
My dear Angel Guardian,
lead me to the altar of God.

Prayers commonly said after receiving Holy Communion

O Jesus,
I believe that you have come to me
in Holy Communion because you
have said it and your word is true.
O Jesus, I love you.
Make me love you even more.

The Introductory Rites
Opening Song
Hail Redeemer, King divine!
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine;
King, whose reign shall never cease,
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing:
“Praised be Jesus Christ our King;
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,
King of love on Calvary!”*

King, whose name creation thrills,
rule our hearts, our minds, our wills;
till in peace, each nation rings
with thy praises, King of kings.

King most holy, King of truth,
guard the lowly, guide the youth;
Christ thou King of glory bright,
be to us eternal light.

Shepherd-king, o’er mountains steep
homeward bring the wandering sheep;
shelter in one royal fold
states and kingdoms, new and old.

Penitential Act

Gloria

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 13:14, 43b-52

In those days: Paul and Barnabas went on from Per-
ga and came to Antioch in Pisidia. And on the Sab-
bath day they went into the synagogue and sat down.
Many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed

Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them,
urged them to continue in the grace of God.

The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered
to hear the word of the Lord. But when the Jews saw
the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began
to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him.
And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, ‘It
was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to
you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves un-
worthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the
Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,
“I have made you a light for the Gentiles, that you may
bring salvation to the ends of the earth.” ’ And when
the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glo-
rifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were ap-
pointed to eternal life believed. And the word of the
Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. But
the Jews incited the devout women of high standing
and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecu-
tion against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out
of their district. But they shook off the dust from their
feet against them and went to Iconium. And the disci-
ples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Ps 100(99):1-2. 3. 5.

Cry out with joy to the LORD, all the earth.
Serve the LORD with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the LORD, is God.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.
He made us; we belong to him.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the LORD,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17

I, John, looked, and behold, a great multitude that
no one could number, from every nation, from all
tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the
throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes,
with palm branches in their hands.

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, ‘These
are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.
They have washed their robes and made them white
in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore they are before
the throne of God, and serve him day and night in
his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter
them with his presence. They shall hunger no more,
neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of

the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide
them to springs of living water, and God will wipe
away every tear from their eyes.’

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord.
I know my sheep and my own know me. *Alleluia.*

John 10:27-30

At that time: Jesus said, ‘My sheep hear my voice,
and I know them, and they follow me. I give them
eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one
will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who
has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one
is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. I and
the Father are one.’

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

The Eucharistic Prayer
Sanctus

The mystery of faith

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

*A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.*

By this shall all men know
that you are my disciples:
If you have love one for another.

You are my friends
if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.

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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