

A Refresher Day for parish liturgical ministers

Arranged particularly for ministers from parishes in the northern part of the new Deanery of Birmingham North and East - but

All ministers are welcome

St Nicholas, 243 Jockey Road, Boldmere, B73 5US.
Saturday, 18th June 2022.

The Day begins at 10am and will finish at 3pm
— come for as much or as little as you like.

- 10.00 Refreshments and chat
- 10.30 Question Time - especially for Ministers of Holy Communion and those who visit the sick and housebound
- 11.00 Exploring *The Pastoral Care of the Sick* - the Church's rites for visiting the sick and praying with them.
- 12.00 Lunch break (Free tea and coffee available!)
- 12.30 Question Time - especially for Readers, Musicians and members of Hospitality Teams
- 13.00 Exploring the Psalms - where they come from; how they work, how we might use them
- 14.00 Holy Hour, including prayer for parish ministers



The above 'day' is a day for ministers from our Deanery. In addition, other parishioners are invited to come for all the 'day' or for part of it. The sessions give an opportunity to learn a little more about the psalms and to have the chance (without any obligation!) to learn more about parish ministry to the sick and housesbound.

It would be good to build up the size of the currently very small team of parish ministers who visit the sick, and also of those who take Holy Communion to the housebound.

No need to book - just come along on the 18th!

PARISH CAR PARK

Over recent years the number of people making use of the parish car park during the week has meant that regularly it has been over-crowded.

5 years ago the time of our weekday morning Masses was changed, partly to alleviate a problem of a cross-over time between parish use and a peak traffic time for the school. The benefits of that change have long gone.

Recently other changes have been made - with the school reducing the number of its vehicles parked on the parish car park. This will mean there is more space for parish users, and those coming to the church for Mass and funerals. It also means that the car park will be safer for pedestrian users from parish and school at all times.

Parish of St Nicholas Jubilee BBQ

Newman Community Centre. Sun 5th June: Midday onwards - hosted by *Sutton Coldfield Adventure Unit @St Nicholas*

Bring your friends and family to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - with music from the coronation era, running a Jubilee themed quiz with plenty of games to keep your children busy.

Soft drinks, teas, coffees, and food will be provided for a donation. We look forward to seeing you all.



Preparing for Sacraments

The next meetings for *parents preparing for the baptism of infants* will begin on Saturday 2nd July at 12noon with a meeting in the Benedict Room. Parents wishing to take part should see Fr Allen as soon as possible.

Application forms for the *parish programme for children preparing for Confirmation and Holy Communion in 2022/23* are available now from Fr Allen. There is a Zoom meeting for the parents of children who will be preparing/celebrating with the parish at 7pm on Tuesday 5th July. **Forms should be returned to Fr Allen in good time before 5th July.**



Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Christ the King parish - details in porch.

Praying the Mass

As children receive their first Communion, it is good for us all to reflect on what can help us all continue to draw benefit from the riches of the Mass.

Maybe the most obvious thing we can do is be there! And also take a certain care how we prepare before coming, and continue to engage with what we receive afterwards.

The Sunday Scriptures can be a great help here. Many find it useful to read them before hand (so they have a better idea of what we are listening to), and praying with them afterwards (continuing to respond to what they heard - be that encouragement, challenge, comfort...)

We can do this just by ourselves. The Lord speaks to each of us personally through his word. But when we take the opportunity to share what we hear and how we respond with family or friends the benefits are multiplied.



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Life in Communion

This Sunday, and over the next two Sundays, children of our parish are making their first Holy Communion. Thank you to all who have helped prepare them for this important step, and to all who have been keeping the children and their families in their prayer. And welcome to all those who come to join in these celebrations.

This special time in the life of the parish is an opportunity for us all to reflect on how we live our Communion - our communion with the Lord, and our communion with the Church, and our communion with our neighbours - our call to be as Christ for them.

This quality of life does not just happen. It will only happen where it is actively chosen by an individual or by a family. And it is not something that can be ours by our making a once and for all choice. It is a choice we need to make again and again. There are many other things that compete for our time and energy: unless we are clear about the value of faith and worship to us, these things will become increasingly marginal to our lives.

In the days and weeks and months following children's first communions parents and godparents have a key role in helping the children to explore the meaning of communion once the excitement of a First Communion day has past. This is not a complicated thing to do! It can be as simple as making sure that Sunday Mass is part of the family's weekend schedule (even if it needs to be a different Mass time, and even a different church some weekends) and that there is conversation about what we are hearing in scripture, and thinking about in our prayerful conversations with Jesus.

Those who are privileged to accompany children as they become more and more fully participants in what we do and what we receive at Mass, will themselves likely receive so very much from the sharing of faith.



It can seem like that is God's way of saying thank you to those who take care.

Fr. Allen

Great and loving Father, your will for us in Jesus is the peace the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised.

Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear.

Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling.



MAY 2022: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Day	Time	Special Occasion	Notes
Sa 21	6pm	6th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Maria and Stanislav Zajac (Usovicz)
Su 22	9am, 11am		For the parish
M 23	10am		
T 24	10am		
W 25		St Bede	
Th 26	10am, 7pm	ASCENSION DAY	In thanksgiving (McWilliams)
F 27	11am, 7pm	St Augustine of Canterbury	Anointing of the Sick Terry Devenney RIP (Devenney)
Sa 28	6pm		
Su 29	9am, 11am	7th SUNDAY OF EASTER	Janina and Michael Usowicz RIP (U.) For the parish

Anointing of the Sick: Regularly on last Friday of month at 11am

Penance/Reconciliation: Friday 7.30pm, Saturday 5pm

Please pray for parishioners who are sick including Jean Lawlor, Stephen Burke, Brenda Davies, Elizabeth Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Joanne McShane. Please pray for Charie Stroud who died recently, and for Patrick & Bridget Toomey, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Eileen Hill, George Eaton, Leslie Stuchbury, Zachariah Rutherford and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

RESOURCES FOR PRAYER.

1. Parish prayer on Zoom (links on parish website homepage)
Morning Prayer: Zoom meeting Monday to Saturday at 8.30am;
Lectio Sunday at 4pm; **Rosary** Mon at 7pm.
2. Readings of the day and much more at Universalis.com
3. In this month of May pray the Rosary - even one decade a day!

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

*Oh the word of my Lord, deep within my being.
Oh the word of my Lord, you have filled my mind.*

Before I formed you in the womb,
I knew you through and through,
I chose you to be mine.
Before you left your mother's side,
I called to you, my child, to be my sign.

I know that you are very young,
but I will make you strong:
I will fill you with my word.
And you will travel through the land
fulfilling my command, which you have learned.

And everywhere you are to go,
my hand will follow you
You will not be alone.
In all the danger that you fear
You'll find me very near, your words my own.

With all my strength you will be filled
you will destroy and build,
for that is my design.
You will create and overthrow,
reap and harvest I will sow, your word is mine.

The Penitential Act

Gloria

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the highest, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

Verse 1



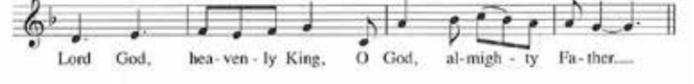
We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we
glo-ri-fy you, we give you thanks for your great glory.

to Refrain



Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, O God, al-migh-ty Fa-ther.

Verse 2

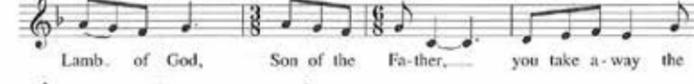


Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way the
sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take a-way the
sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are sea-ted at the
right hand of the Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us.

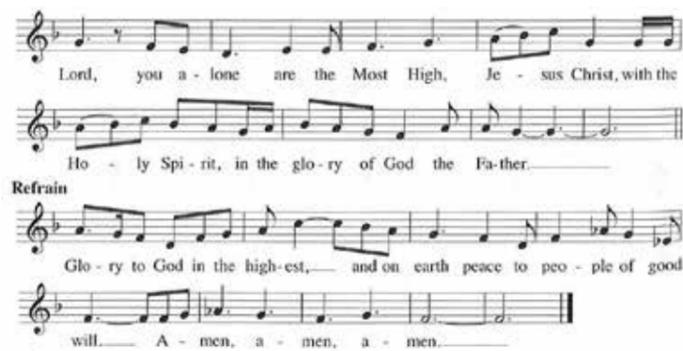
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Verse 3

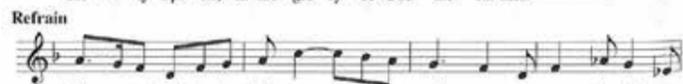


For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the



Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther.

Refrain



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good
will. A-men, a-men, a-men.

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

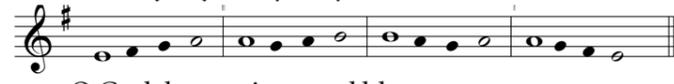
Acts 15:1-2,22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders.

Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them:

The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us; and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols; from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

Psalms 66(67):2-3,5-6,8



O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.
Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus said: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.' *Alleluia!*

John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me.

I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.

You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.'

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

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory

The next parish collection for the Bethany Food Bank will be made on 4th/5th June.

All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have, I offer now to you.
Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

All that I dream, all that I pray,
all that I'll ever make, I give to you today.
Take and sanctify these gifts for your honour, Lord.
Knowing that I love and serve you is enough reward.
All that I am, all that I do,
all that I'll ever have I offer now to you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The mystery of faith.

When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Lord,
until you come again, until you come again.

The Communion Rite

The Lord's Prayer

Communion thanksgiving

Peace, perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord [2]
Thus, says the Lord, will the world know my friends.
Peace perfect peace, is the gift of Christ our Lord.

Love, perfect love...

Faith, perfect faith...

Joy, perfect joy...

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Thank you to the volunteers who are leading these liturgies at the 9am Mass on alternate Sundays. The liturgies are for children who are, *or from September will be*, in Reception, and children currently Yrs 1 and 2. Next Liturgy is on 22nd May.