



The Rosary for May and for the Parish

It is traditional to consider May to be Mary's month. During the month of May this year, you are invited to pray the Rosary with the parish. The invitation is, beginning on Monday 6th May, to pray one decade of the Rosary. That way, over the four weeks, we will pray our way through the Joyful, Luminous, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries together.

Each day there will be a posting on the parish blog with the details of the Mystery, and an image to help us engage with it, perhaps more imaginatively.

You might pray the decade alone, but why not try to find a time in the day when you might ask others to join you - perhaps other family member, work colleagues, friends and neighbours. It is a particularly easy way for parents to introduce their children to the Rosary - or vice versa! In addition to any other intentions you may have, please pray also for our parish, and the others of Catholic Sutton Coldfield.

Parish groups meeting during these weeks are also asked to find time during their meeting to pray a decade of the Rosary together.

Please pray

for the children of our parish or of St Nicholas Primary School who receive Holy Communion for the first time this Sunday and next.

Please keep them, their godparents and families in your prayer that these celebrations will help them to take fresh hold of their Christian lives and vocations, and deepen their communion with Jesus in his Church.



A NEW TRANSLATION of the Bible for use at Mass is on its way

Hopefully by now everyone does know that a new translation of the Bible - the anglicised *English Standard Version* - is going to be used at Sunday Mass from the First Sunday of Advent.

The new Lectionary is being published by the Catholic Truth Society. They are also publishing new *Sunday Missals*- doubtless weekday Missals will follow.

There are three editions of the Sunday Missal.

The content of the first two is the same, and each are hardbacks, but the quality of the binding/finish varies according to price. The contents are:

- Readings for Sunday and major feasts.
- Order of Mass with all Eucharistic prayers, prefaces, concluding rites and blessings
- Masses for special occasions and needs
- Comprehensive appendix of prayers and devotions for all occasions
- Introductions for major feasts and seasons

1. CTS Sunday Missal - Standard £19.95

2. CTS Sunday Missal - Presentation £29.95

The third volume is a paperback and contains the readings and prayers only for the Liturgical Year beginning in Advent 2024, and ending on Christ the King 2025.

3. CTS Sunday Missal for 2024-5 £9.95

These various volumes will not be published until 14th October. And they will be in stock in the Repository as soon as they are available.

However if you wish to order a volume BEFORE 8th June, you will get a 15% discount on the above prices. You do not need to pay now, but you do need to give your order to the volunteers in the Repository so we can add your order to our parish order and secure your discount!

Finally, as soon as details of any offers on the full Bible are received, you will be able to learn of them here!

Parish Women's Group Next meeting on Friday 24 May at 7.30pm in Benedict Room.



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MAY 2024: PARISH MASSES

Sa	11	6pm		For the parish
Su	12	9am	7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Joseph Drozd RIP (D)
		11am		Bernard Martin Ints (Clinton)
M	13	10am		Margaret Knowles RIP (Devlin)
T	14	9.30am	St Matthias	Caroline Maynard (O'Gorman)
W	15	10am		Patrick Gilroy RIP
Th	16			
F	17	7pm		Caroline Maynard RIP (Lawlor)
Sa	18	6pm		Teresa Gill RIP (Gill)
Su	19	9am	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Aidan Redmond RIP (Redmond)
		11am		For the parish

Anointing of the Sick: Next celebration is 31st May 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 **Morning Prayer**: Mon-Sat, at 8.30am (Zoom link on website)
2. Readings of the day and much more at Universalis.com
3. Resources for the Year of Prayer: <https://bit.ly/47kMBYS>

Please pray for those who are sick including Rita Rhodes, Peggy Dalloway, Sue Gill, Mary Daniels, Lucy Szambir, Betty O'Connor; Theresa Monteiro; Brenda Davies; Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin & Jean Lawlor. **Please pray** for John Connolly, Margaret Fegin, and Mary Cullen who died recently and for Mary Burgess, Pauline Handsome, Joseph Drozd, Monica Brugger, Eileen Bartropp & 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 5.30 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

THANK YOU TO THE PARISH GARDENING CLUB

which tends the church's verges and flower beds each 2nd Saturday from 10:00am. New members always welcome

Living and sharing in Communion

Thank you to all those who came to meet after last Sunday's Masses to help us all work together to strengthen the way in which our parish offers spiritual care and support to current parishioners - and to new parishioners who are moving into one of the many Care homes here in Boldmere.

A follow-up meeting for all these — and any others who were not able to make last week end's meetings — is being held at 4pm on Saturday 8th June. Copies of a new book by Bishop Robert Barron, *This is my Body*, have been ordered for ministers - and is now available to collect from the sacristy this weekend. Reflection on that book will form the matter for the meeting on 8th June, together with the practicalities of ministering Word and Communion in people's homes and in Care homes.



Getting more from 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, Pentecost - the last Sunday of Easter, are • Acts 2:1 - 11 • Ps 104:1, 24, 29 - 30, 31, 34 • 1 Cor 12:3b - 7, 12 - 13 • Jn 20:19 - 23



Celebrating Corpus Christi

Celebrating our communion in Christ. As last year we have a parish celebration for Corpus Christi. It includes the 11am Mass that Sunday, 2nd June, which will conclude with a procession of the Blessed Sacrament. The youngsters who have been confirmed this year, those who have received Holy Communion for the first time this May, are invited to lead that procession. And the procession will be followed by a BBQ and social in the Newman Centre, led by members of the Sutton Coldfield Action Unit @ St Nicholas. **Do make a note in your diary!**

And come enjoy some relaxed time with fellow parishioners.

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

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 1:15-17,20-26

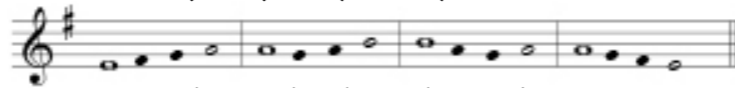
One day Peter stood up to speak to the brothers – there were about a hundred and twenty persons in the congregation: ‘Brothers, the passage of scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit, speaking through David, foretells the fate of Judas, who offered himself as a guide to the men who arrested Jesus – after having been one of our number and actually sharing this ministry of ours. Now in the Book of Psalms it says: Let someone else take his office.

‘We must therefore choose someone who has been with us the whole time that the Lord Jesus was travelling round with us, someone who was with us right from the time when John was baptising until the day when he was taken up from us – and he can act with us as a witness to his resurrection.’

Having nominated two candidates, Joseph known as Barsabbas, whose surname was Justus, and Matthias,

they prayed, ‘Lord, you can read everyone’s heart; show us therefore which of these two you have chosen to take over this ministry and apostolate, which Judas abandoned to go to his proper place.’ They then drew lots for them, and as the lot fell to Matthias, he was listed as one of the twelve apostles.

Psalm 102(103):1-2,11-12,19-20



My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

The Lord has set his sway in heaven
and his kingdom is ruling over all.

Give thanks to the Lord, all his angels,
mighty in power, fulfilling his word.

1 John 4:11-16

My dear people, since God has loved us so much, we too should love one another. No one has ever seen God; but as long as we love one another God will live in us and his love will be complete in us. We can know that we are living in him and he is living in us because he lets us share his Spirit.

We ourselves saw and we testify that the Father sent his Son as saviour of the world. If anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God, God lives in him, and he in God. We ourselves have known and put our faith in God’s love towards ourselves. God is love and anyone who lives in love lives in God, and God lives in him.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy. *Alleluia!*

John 17:11-19

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: ‘Holy Father, keep those you have given me true to your name, so that they may be one like us. While I was with them, I kept those you had given me true to your name. I have watched over them and not one is lost except the one who chose to be lost, and this was to fulfil the scriptures. But now I am coming to you and while still in the world I say these things to share my joy with them to the full.

I passed your word on to them, and the world hated them, because they belong to the world no more than I belong to the world. I am not asking you to remove them from the world, but to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world.

Consecrate them in the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the

world, and for their sake I consecrate myself so that they too may be consecrated in truth.’

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 May 19th and June 5th*

The mystery of faith

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

Concluding Rites

Final Song

R Egina caeli * laetare, alle-lu-ia : Qui-a quem me-ru-isti portare, alle-lu-ia : Resurrexit, sic-ut dixit, alle-lu-ia : Ora pro no-bis De-um, alle-lu-ia.

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The Eucharistic Prayer

Sanctus