



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	18	6pm	PENTECOST SUNDAY	Teresa Gill RIP (Gill)
Su	19	9am 11am		Aidan Redmond RIP (Redmond) For the parish
M	20	10am	Mother of the Church	Ints Helen O'Sullivan (Taylor)
T	21	10am		Ints Mr Gahon and family
W	22	11am		Funeral Mass of Mary Cullen
Th	23			
F	24	7pm		Caroline Maynard RIP (Burke)
Sa	25	6pm	TRINITY SUNDAY	For the parish
Su	26	9am 11am		Patrick & Rebecca Keegan RIP Caroline Maynard RD (Devane)

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 Gery Coyle, Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, Margaret Perks, Eileen Hill & all whose anniversary occurs 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

An Invitation All members of Catholic Sutton Coldfield Parishes are warmly invited to to join the Ladies 232 Circle trip to Trentham Gardens and shopping village on 20th June 2024. Cost of return Coach trip is £15. Entry to Shopping village and garden centre free. Entry to Trentham Gardens is an optional extra on the day. To booking and for info contact annwain05@gmail.com

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, Trinity Sunday, are: Dt 4:32 - 34, 39 - 40 • Ps 33:4 - 5, 6, 9, 18 - 19, 20, 22 • Rom 8:14 - 17 • Mt 28:16 - 20



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

Sing praises to the Lord, Alleluia,
Sing praise to greet the Word, Alleluia.
The Word is a sign of God's wisdom and love,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

God's truth can set us free, Alleluia,
Christ Jesus is the key, Alleluia.
Our ears hear the Word, but it lives in our hearts,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

We listen to your voice, Alleluia,
We praise you and rejoice, Alleluia,
Your Spirit is with us,
She breathes in your Word:
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

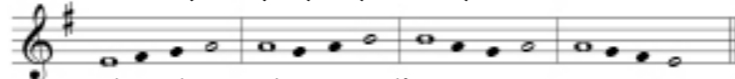
Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears

them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Psalm 103(104):1,24,29-31,34



Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.

Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Alleluia!

John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

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

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

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.

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

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mould me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us...

Concluding Rites

Final Song

R Egína caéli * laetare, alle-lú-ia : Qui-a quem me-ru-ísti portare, alle-lú-ia : Resurréxit, sic-ut dixit, alle-lú-ia : Ora pro nó-bis Dé-um, alle-lú-ia.

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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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Do you have a sick neighbour/family member?

Do take one of the get well cards from St Nicholas' Reception Class available in the porch

Newman Community Centre: home for a variety of activities for local people. Details at www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/newman-centre.html