

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.'

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

Send forth your spirit, O Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

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.

Exposition and Benediction at St Nicholas

Sunday 1800—1900	Exposition and Evening Prayer 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
Monday 1500—1600	Exposition and Rosary Praying for vocations
Friday 1930—2000	Exposition and prayer for victims of abuse
Saturday 1700—1740	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession



Mass Texts: The Ordinary of the Mass is found on p200 ff of Laudate. During Lent/Easter we use the Apostles Creed at Sunday Mass. The words and settings of the Gloria, Sanctus etc are found in the separate Easter sheet available from the Hymnbook trolley.

Next Week: Trinity Sunday
Scripture readings: Prv 8:22-31 / Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Rom 5:1-5 / Jn 16:12-15

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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.'



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Your Kingdom Come

A week of prayer that unites Christians in prayer for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit, and the coming of the Kingdom of God.

See and hear Pope Francis set the scene at <https://bit.ly/2VHsGyu>

TODAY, during the Boldmere Festival, there will be a Churches Together stall in front of the Methodist church. Come and say hello, to the people staffing the stall and offer them your support and friendship. Our parish will be staffing the stall from 2-3pm, and if you would like to come and help, please do. We are offering to pray for people - either for them or their intentions. They write it down and it comes in a basket to a service at 6.30 in the Methodist church. All are welcome.

Maryvale: Novena to the Sacred Heart

Thursday June 20-Friday June 28: Mass, Sermon & Novena each evening at 8pm

Sun June 30, 3pm Open air Mass and procession of the Blessed Sacrament in honour of the Sacred Heart.

Principal celebrant, Fr Michael Dolman, Vocations Director



Corpus Christi 2019

The 11am Mass on Sunday 23rd June will conclude with a brief time of Exposition, and then a procession of the Blessed Sacrament from the church to our 'old' church - the Carpenter's Arms - led by the children who have made their First Communion this May.



There will then be Benediction and food and drink will follow.

All are welcome. Indeed all are invited to help with the catering!

Please sign up in the porch to indicate what you might bring and how you might help.

Masses Pentecost

S	8	Pentecost	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
			1800	For the parish
Su	9	Psalter Wk 3	0900	Jessie Mary Redmond RIP (Redmond)
			1100	Mary Kerins RIP (Kerins)
			1830	Ecumenical service at Methodist church
M	10	Mary, Mother of the Church	1000*	Exposition and Rosary for Vocations
			1500	Victims of Terrorism in New Zealand
T	11	St Barnabas	1000*	Victims of African floods
W	12		1000*	Vera Chublek RIP (Foulds)
Th	13			
F	14		1000	Mass with St Nicholas school. All welcome.
			1900*	Betty Sawbridge RD (Redmond)
				followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
S	15	Holy Trinity	1700	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession
			1800	Mary Mullhern RIP (Burke/Byrne)
Su	16	Psalter Wk 3	0900	For the parish
			1100	Elisabeth Hayes RIP

Morning/Evening Prayer 20 mins before weekday Masses, as indicated above *

Exposition: & Vespers 2nd and 4th Suns of month, 6-7pm; **& Rosary** Mon at 3pm

Reconciliation Sat. 1700-1730 (Exposition until 1740) and by arrangement.

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick: by arrangement.

Nourishing prayer at home: livingeucharist.wordpress.com/

Please pray for sick parishioners including Michael O'Brien, seriously injured in a road accident; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; Peter & Olwyn Foster; Lea Burke and Peggy Gallagher. **Please pray** for Joe O'Sullivan, Eileen Hill, George Eaton, Leslie Stuchbury, Zachariah Rutherford, James Dougherty, and all whose anniversaries of death are at this time: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

NB To include names on the list of sick parishioners please complete the form available in the porch and pass to Fr Allen so we meet the requirements of current Data Protection legislation.

Parish

Scripture group 7.30pm, Mon 10th June in Benedict Rm to discuss Chapters 15, 16 & 17 of Luke's Gospel. All welcome.

Teas & Coffees in Benedict Room after Sunday morning Masses. All welcome.

Jesus and living faithfully. Tuesday evening sessions for those wishing to explore our Catholic faith - perhaps with a view to joining the Catholic Church. No meeting this week. Next meeting Tuesday 18 June in the Benedict Room at 7.30pm. All welcome.

Preparation for Baptism of Infants The next preparation programme starts on Saturday 22nd June from 11am-12 noon in the Benedict Room. Please Fr Allen beforehand for an application form.

Travelling Solo lunch All who 'travel solo in life' for whatever reason are warmly invited to meet in Benedict Room for coffee after the 11am Mass Sunday July 7th then join the group for a pub lunch.

Rosary for Vocations. The Rosary group meets in church on Mondays at 3pm to pray for vocations. All welcome. If you cannot attend why not pray the Rosary at the same time but at home.

Mass Intentions If you wish to have a Mass said for anniversaries etc, please know that we are now booked up until August.

Sunday Music. Booking is now open for the 2019-20 season of the CBSO. Fancy joining a parish group to hear Beethoven's *Missa Solemnis* on Sun 26 Jan, or Fanshaw's *African Sanctus* on 14th June? Book your ticket at cbsoco.uk

Diocese

Dowry Tour of Our Lady of Walsingham. 20-22 June at St Chad's Cathedral. Details in the porch. Join the parish group attending on Thursday 22...

Father Hudson's Care summer fete, on the green behind Sacred Heart & St Teresa's Church, Coleshill (B46 3EA), 12-3pm on Sat 29 June. The event promises fun for all the family, with local stallholders, a barbecue, music, competitions, a football match, children's games, and much more.

Young People's Summer Camp 2019 *Week 1 is now sold out, but places are still available for Week 2: Aug 11-15.* Experience a life-changing encounter with God in a way like never before through powerful moments of prayer, crazy activities, exciting

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for June is that priests, through the modesty and humility of their lives, commit themselves actively to a solidarity with those who are most poor.

day trips, challenging talks and so much more... For more information email beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Diocesan E-Newsletter Please go to www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk. Scroll down the home page and click the yellow box to confirm 'I would like to receive the Diocesan Newsletter!'

Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Byrne at St Chad's Cathedral on Tuesday 18 June 2019 at 12 noon.

Other

41st Annual Justice and Peace Conference 26-28 July 2019, The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick. Full details <https://bit.ly/2WfZlUuR>

A Lifeline for Marriages Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be what you need! Info from 0788 729 6983 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

New Dawn Conference Walsingham 5-9 August. Details at www.newdawn.org.uk and in porch.

Parish Book Club:

The next book club read is *How to be right....* by James O'Brien, writer and broadcaster.

Next meeting of the Book Club is at 8pm on Monday 17th June in the parish house. We are already stocked with tea/coffee, biscuits and wine and all who have read the book (or listened to the audiobook!) are welcome.

Bishop Walsh Catholic School

- **An Induction Evening** for parents of children joining the School in Sept 2019 will be held on Weds 3rd July, in the School hall, at 6:30pm
- **An Information Evening** for parents of children in Year 5 applying for a place at Bishop Walsh Catholic School for Sept 2020 will take place at Bishop Walsh on Mon 8th July at 6:30pm



To find the Pope's other current prayer intentions please visit <http://www.apostleshishopofprayer.org/>

Supporting and developing how we worship...

A number of things have been agreed recently to try and deepen our participation in the Liturgy; to support ministers - especially our junior ministers; and to help raise the standard of our worship. The Church teaches that the liturgy of the Church is the source and summit of her life, the place that we acquire the authentic Christian spirit. There is more to being a Christian than what we do in Church, but without what we do here we would very soon likely cease to be Christian.

1. **Appointment of parish organist.** Vincent Byrne is to be appointed as our parish organist. He will play weekly at the 9am Mass, as well as at other principal services, for example Christmas, Easter, Holy Days, Confirmation and First Communions. He will work with members of the current music groups, and Fr Allen, to help with the selection of music and the development of our repertoire. *The post of parish organist is a salaried post - and any donations to help with its funding would be much appreciated! These donations can be one-off donations or monthly or annual donations, and they can be gift-aided. If you would like more details please speak with Fr Allen*
2. **Recruitment of additional singers/instrumentalists.** All our music groups welcome new members - please speak to them or to Fr Allen if you are interested in joining. Thank you to Clare O'Brien who has started a support group for children and families joining the 11am group. More details available from Clare!
3. **New group offering support (and fun!) for all our junior ministers - readers, musicians and singers, and servers.** The first meeting of the **With hearts and minds group** is at 4pm on Sunday 15th September. The meeting ends c5pm with a trip to Star City for a 10-pin Bowling competition.
4. **New style newsletter.** From Trinity Sunday we are beginning an experiment to see whether we can manage to get all of the songs, readings and responses of the Mass into the middle pages of this newsletter. Why? To help encourage singing and responding - two key elements of our liturgical participation, which remind we are not 'alone with God' at Mass, and which bring a more evident ecclesial dimension to our personal prayer and meditation.
5. **Recruitment of new ministers of Holy Communion, Readers and Servers.** We need more ministers! If you would like to offer to assist our parish in this way please see Fr Allen as soon as possible, so he can include you in the next training sessions, coming up very shortly..

Sorry to have to mention it, but... please do not be one of those people who make conversation in church during the offering of Morning or Evening Prayer, and during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - or, of course, during Mass. There is ample opportunity for brief words of meeting and greeting before or after these things. Talking when prayer is being offered is disrespectful and sets poor example.

Applications for Bishop Walsh & St Nicholas Schools

Priority will be given to practising Catholic families for Admissions in Sept 2020. *Full details of the admission criteria are given on the school websites - but 'Practising' is basically demonstrated if the family - including a child applicant from age 7 - having attended Sunday Mass weekly over 5 years.* Families applying for a school place for September 2020 who believe they meet this criteria are invited to speak with Fr Allen after any Sunday Mass between now and the end of July to request a signed Certificate of Catholic Practice.

Holocaust Memorial Day 2020 will mark the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau labour and death camps. Our local Catholic community is invited to take part in a national project sponsored by the Holocaust Memorial Trust. Together with other communities around the country we will create a flame - in our case, a candle with images of us - simple portraits - standing together, in solidarity with victims and survivors of the Holocaust and other genocides and persecutions.

All are welcome to take part - and no previous experience in drawing is necessary. In our session we will learn a little about the Holocaust and consider how we relate to it, and then be guided in our attempt at portraiture by Tony Sawbridge and Geraldine Foster. All arts materials will be provided.

If you are interested please sign up for a session in the Benedict Room from 11.15 to 1.30pm on Tuesday 18th June

Church with a purpose...

You may recall that in February a number of parishioners attended the Diocesan *Divine Renovation* Conference to consider how we take up our proper part in the **New Evangelisation** urged by Popes John Paul and Benedict, and now by Pope Francis.

New Evangelisation? *The work of sharing the Good News of God and the salvation God offers to all people. It is a work entrusted to the Church - but often the Church on earth has lost its way. We too need renewal, good-newsing as individuals and as communities.*

One of the key ways in which the Catholic Church has engaged with this work is by using **Alpha**.

Alpha? *Alpha is a course designed to help people - especially those who are not believers, or on the edge of belief - to explore the who, why and what of Jesus and the Gospel; - and how it makes for the good life. It offers hospitality and a safe space to ask questions.*

Since the beginning of Lent a further group of parishioners has been testing out Alpha, meeting on Saturday evenings. The course still has a way to go. Once it is over the group will reflect on their experience, and consider whether and how we might move forward with it at St Nicholas.

In the meantime, one way in which our parish is able to engage with the New Evangelisation - how it challenges and encourages us - is for us to read and reflect on the book *Divine Renovation* which explores issues and helps reflect on where we are and where we may be called. Since February a number of parishioners have been reading the book. Would you like to join them and be part of the conversation? There will be three meetings at 7.30pm on Mondays 8, 15 and 22 July and then three more in September with a month in between for quiet reflection and prayer.

Why all this? *To help us be more truly Church, more truly Christ for the world. One way of thinking about this is that it is help us think of the Church less as a place to go to, and more a centre of mission and faith that we are sent from as witnesses to God's love, to help ourselves and others to faithful and loving lives: truly Church, Christ for the world*

If you would like to be part of the **New Evangelisation** reflection group, please contact Fr Allen as soon as possible, so that you can be kept informed of the plans - and so that, if you do not already have one, you can have a copy of the *Divine Renovation* book and begin reading!

Lord Jesus Christ,
you are the visible face of the invisible Father,
of the God who manifests his power
above all by forgiveness and mercy:
let the Church be your visible face in the world,
its Lord, risen and glorified.

Let everyone who approaches the Church
feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate
all the faithful with its anointing,
so that your Church, with renewed enthusiasm,
may bring good news to the poor,
proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed,
and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus,
through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy;
you who live and reign
with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.