

The Zoom Rosary continues...

Every Monday at 7pm — at least until the lockdown ends.

The joining details (same each week!)

Join Zoom Meeting

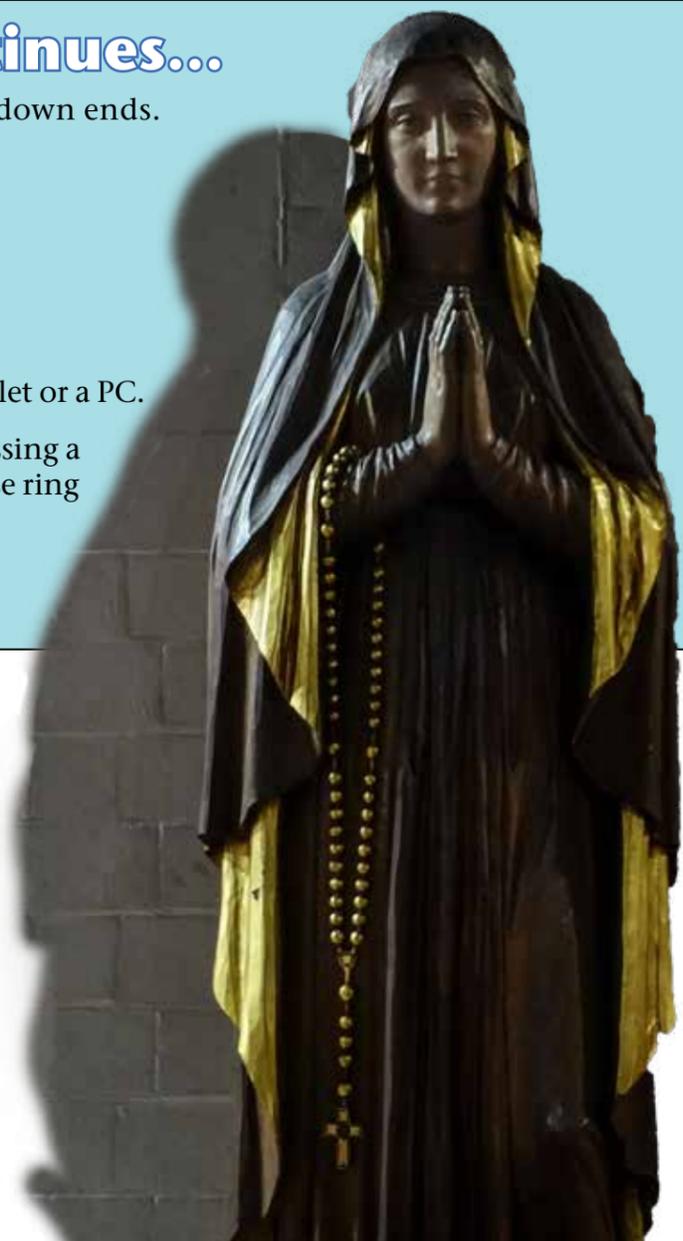
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To join in it is best to have a smart phone, or a tablet or a PC.

Once you are set up it really is just a matter of pressing a button. But if you would like help setting up please ring Fr Allen and help can be provided.

You can also simply phone in from any phone — again more details available from Fr Allen.



Sequence: Veni Sancte Spiritus

Holy Spirit, Lord of Light,
From the clear celestial height
Thy pure beaming radiance give.

Come, thou Father of the poor,
Come with treasures which endure
Come, thou light of all that live!

Thou, of all consolers best,
Thou, the soul's delightful guest,
Dost refreshing peace bestow

Thou in toil art comfort sweet
Pleasant coolness in the heat
Solace in the midst of woe.

Light immortal, light divine,
Visit thou these hearts of thine,
And our inmost being fill:

If thou take thy grace away,
Nothing pure in man will stay
All his good is turned to ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew
On our dryness pour thy dew
Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will
Melt the frozen, warm the chill
Guide the steps that go astray.

Thou, on us who evermore
Thee confess and thee adore,
With thy sevenfold gifts descend:

Give us comfort when we die
Give us life with thee on high
Give us joys that never end.

Parish Prayer for the Dead and for Mourners

You are invited to join with Fr Allen and other parishioners in praying on Sundays for those who have died recently, and for their families and friends.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord.
And let perpetual light shine upon them.

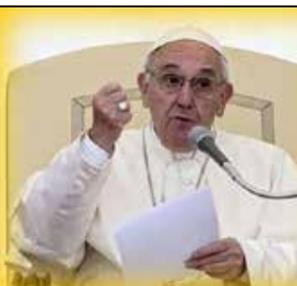
May they rest in peace. Amen.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for May is that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

To find the Pope's other current prayer intentions please visit www.pathwaystogod.org/my-prayer-life/praying-pope



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Pentecost

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

MASSES Fr Allen celebrates Mass 'privately' in the parish church at 0830 each day. A number of parishioners like to spend join with this Mass as they pray at home.

Each morning a brief reflection on one of the day's readings is posted on our parish blog. One way to join with the daily parish Mass is to: make a penitential act (e.g., the I Confess or the Lord /Christ have mercy); read the scripture reading and reflection, and make a spiritual communion

If there are people you would like prayed for at daily Mass, please email or phone them to Fr Allen, or simply add them to the lead post on the parish Facebook page: www.facebook.com/stnicholasboldmere

Sa	30		Mass Int: Philip Cassera RIP (Cassera)
Su	31	PENTECOST Psalter Week 1	Mass Int: Mary Kerins RIP (Kerins)
M	1	Mary, Mother of the Church	Mass Int: Paula Parkes RIP (Parkes)
T	2		Mass int: Kevin Smyth RD (Raczka)
W	3	Ss Charles Lwanga & comps	Mass Int: Peace in Syria
Th	4	Jesus, Eternal High Priest	
F	5	S Boniface	Mass Int: Andrew James RIP (Gahan)
Sa	6		Mass Int: Bob Perks RD (Green)
Su	7	HOLY TRINITY Psalter Week 2	Mass Int: Jessie Mary Redmond RIP (Redmond)

Scripture readings for Trinity Sunday

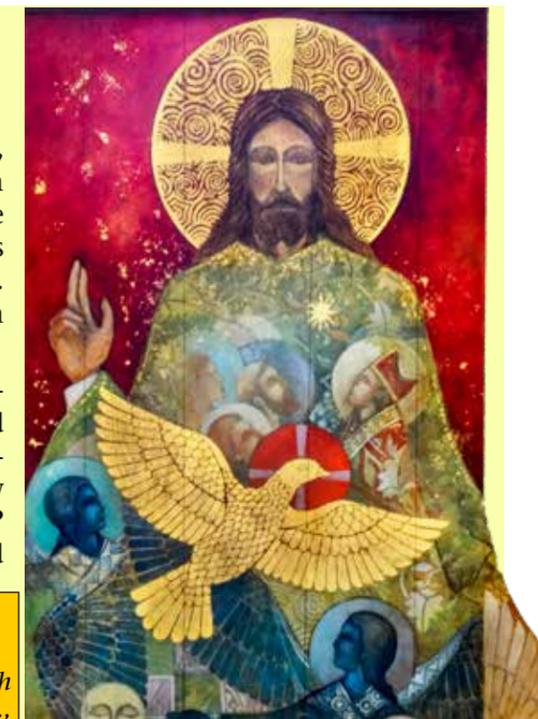
Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 / Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55 / 2 Cor 13:11-13 / Jn 3:16-18

Baptism, Reconciliation, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick

Celebration of these sacraments is suspended until further notice.

Nourishing prayer at home: See the Parish Blog or any of the following: livingeucharist.wordpress.com; universalis.com; or pray-as-you-go.org

Please pray for sick parishioners including Jenifer Cummings, Betty Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson; Lea Burke, Peggy Gallagher and all who are self-isolating at this time. **Please pray for those in the health and care services. Please pray also** for all those who have died recently, and for those whose anniversaries of death are at this time, including Zachariah Rutherford, James Dougherty, Sharon Timperley, James O'Riordan, Margaret Knowles. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**



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.

Preparing for the staged process of reopening the parish church

It is time for us to start putting things in place in readiness for the opening of the parish church.

As yet no dates have been confirmed, but it is hoped that during phase 2 of the easing of the restrictions churches will be able to open for individuals to come for private prayer.

This excludes any formal summons to prayer, service, liturgy or blessing.

It cannot involve the participation of any minister, nor would it permit a group of individuals to pray in common, e.g. in public recitation of the Rosary. This will be a central condition of opening and crucial in our adherence to regulations on social gathering.

It also seems to be the case that in order to open the church, even in this limited way, we will be required to have 2 or 3 volunteers on hand to supervise people's access and use of the church, and to have the church cleaned after every such opening. This will require a fairly substantial team of volunteers and likely mean that the opening hours for the church will be limited.

- Volunteers will need to wear face masks and gloves, and also aprons if cleaning.
- Volunteers should be deemed healthy and fit for work prior to commencement of work. At present this excludes those who are deemed vulnerable (over 70 years, and/or with certain pre-existing health conditions, self-isolating or shielding). This may change.

The public celebration of Mass will be further away, certainly in phase 3, and not before July. However the routines involved in opening for individual prayer will give us valuable experience of opening churches safely, and will be a firm platform on which to build for the steps that follow.

These details are provisional and await confirmation by the Archbishop. However given the regular requests I thought it best to share such information as I have as I receive it, not least because...

We can only re-open if we get a team of volunteers together.

So please do think whether, how and when you could assist.

- **For example, if you are a parent bringing children to school, or before collecting them from school, could you join a rota to help once a week with a daily clean?**
- **Or others, could you offer a couple of hours once a week to staff a 'time for private prayer'?**

Please give thought to these requests so that as soon as we are in a position to make concrete plans, you will already have an idea of what assistance you can offer to the parish.

AS SOON as we have clear dates to work to, I will invite people to email or ring to confirm how they can help. Please hold back on your offers of help until then.

Thank you very much.

Fr. Allen



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.'

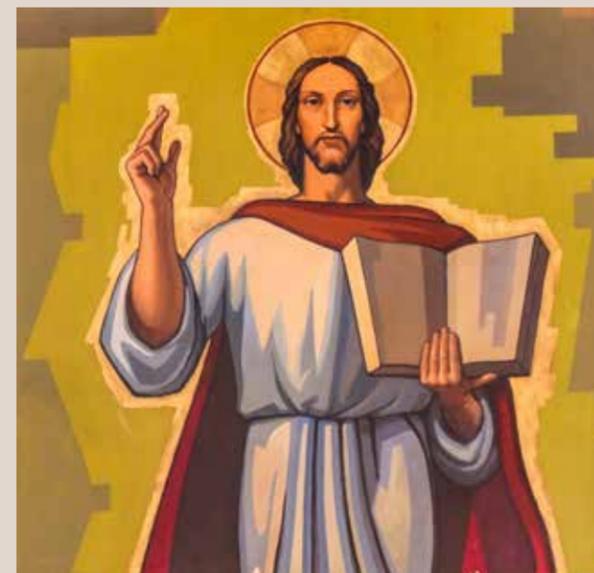
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Gathered by the Word

We are beginning a season of *Lectio divina* this Sunday afternoon.

Some may well ask, 'what is *lectio divina*?' It is simply a quiet prayerful engagement with the Lord through holy scripture.

- We begin by listening -to the reading read to us, and then listening to it in the quiet of our hearts.
- We then - if moved to do so - share a word or sentence that has particularly struck us - but not discussing it, just noting it.
- We then listen to the scripture a second time, once more read aloud and then, again, pondered in the quiet of our hearts.
- The final stage is for those taking part - if they wish - sharing something more about what they have heard the Lord say to them in the scriptures.



This Sunday we will pray with the reading below - taken from the selection offered for a Pentecost Vigil.

The sessions will begin at 4pm, and after 15 minutes for sharing virtual coffee and cake and chat, we will begin the *lectio* at 4.15, and continue until 5pm.

To join you will need the Zoom App on a smart phone /Tablet / or PC.

Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/94107228901>

Meeting ID: 941 0722 8901

If you would like help getting Zoom set up please ring Fr Allen. All are welcome!

Ezekiel 37:1-14

A vision of Israel's death and resurrection

The hand of the Lord was laid on me, and he carried me away by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley, a valley full of bones. He made me walk up and down among them. There were vast quantities of these bones on the ground the whole length of the valley; and they were quite dried up.

He said to me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'You know, Lord.' He said, 'Prophesy over these bones. Say, "Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. The Lord says this to these bones: I am now going to make the breath enter you, and you will live. I shall put sinews on you, I shall make flesh grow on you, I shall cover you with skin and give you breath, and you will live; and you will learn that I am the Lord."'

I prophesied as I had been ordered. While I was prophesying, there was a noise, a sound of clattering; and the bones joined together. I looked, and saw that they were covered with sinews; flesh was growing on them and skin was covering them, but there was no breath in them. He said to me, 'Prophesy to the breath; prophesy, son of man. Say to the breath, "The Lord says this: Come from the four winds, breath; breathe on these dead; let them live!"' I prophesied as he had ordered me, and the breath entered them; they came to life again and stood up on their feet, a great, an immense army.

Then he said, 'Son of man, these bones are the whole House of Israel. They keep saying, "Our bones are dried up, our hope has gone; we are as good as dead."

So prophesy. Say to them, "The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this - it is the Lord who speaks."

Psalm 106(107):2-9

Let them say this, the Lord's redeemed, whom he redeemed from the hand of the foe and gathered from far-off lands, from east and west, north and south.

Some wandered in the desert, in the wilderness, finding no way to a city they could dwell in. Hungry they were and thirsty; their soul was fainting within them.

Then they cried to the Lord in their need and he rescued them from their distress and he led them along the right way, to reach a city they could dwell in.

Let them thank the Lord for his love, for the wonders he does for men: for he satisfies the thirsty soul; he fills the hungry with good things.