

Continued from page 1 The ordinary and extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist this Sunday represent the diversity of the community: women and men, young and old, of different races, backgrounds and circumstances. They are in no hurry and neither is the assembly. Yet there seem to be enough of them that the procession can keep moving while each individual is treated with reverence: Ministers look each person in the eye and say, without rushing, “The Body of Christ/El Cuerpo de Cristo,” “The Blood of Christ/La Sangre de Cristo.” Each person has time to respond, “Amen.” The ministers, also without hurrying, then place the Body of Christ in the hand or on the tongue, and give over the Blood of Christ.

The song that is sung throughout is good for processing: No one needs to carry the printed words because only six or seven songs are used at communion throughout the year. They fit the movement and the moment. Each is sung often enough to be familiar, and each has a melody and words that flourish with repetition. This Sunday’s single Communion song continues until presider and assembly sit down after all have taken Holy Communion.

It took some years before most of the assembly received the Blood of Christ as well as the Body of Christ. Perhaps the spirit of invitation did it, a spirit that recognizes how this drink from the cup of consecrated wine is needed by each of us in our thirst, how this drinking complements the eating of the consecrated bread. Eventually the assembly began to hear the simple words: “Take this, all of you, and drink from it...”

Perhaps because the assembly at Our Lady of the Angels has clearly discovered how to make the Eucharistic Prayer so conscious and intense, the whole of their Communion Rite is compelling -- from the Lord’s Prayer to the silent and still time after all have received. People are intent on the hard work of liturgy, caught up in singing, procession and even silence. To be with them is to know deeply that we are the Body and Blood of Christ. To be with them is to learn how to be in this world with reverence, with a love of God that is incarnate in how we speak to others, how we move amidst the holiness of matter and of time.

We must capture again the great power of silence within our Sunday liturgies. Too often the impression has been given that properly celebrated liturgy must be filled with sounds: prayer, song, speech--regarding silence as a vacuum to be avoided at all costs. But we have come to learn that we all need the gift of silence throughout liturgy in order to help us enter more fully and deeply into the mystery of the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus. The silence and the stillness in the church become a wondrous mixture of personal and communal prayer.

Above all, Our Lady of the Angels has learned that the steady experience of a participatory ritual can carry the Church Sunday to Sunday. People do not want to be entertained and passive. They want to become energized in the hard but delightful work of liturgy, praising and thanking God, remembering the liberating deeds of God, interceding for all the world. These desires are most clear when people enter into the spirit of the Eucharistic Prayer and share in the Paschal Banquet. What a witness to the Spirit-inspired work of Vatican II!

From *Gather Faithfully Together: A Guide for Sunday Mass*.
Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles

Young Families Group: 25th June.

All young families are invited to the 9am Mass on 25th June and then spend time together in Sutton Park, for games, song and a picnic lunch (ending by c. 15:00.)

Approximate timetable: 09:00: Mass @ St Nicholas Church ; 10:30: Meet up @ Boldmere Gate - main car park after Miller & Carter 11:00 - 12:30: Games ; 12:30: Picnic - please bring your own lunch and a blanket for your family; 14:00 - 15:00: Songs.

To register, or for more info, please contact Matteo (matteo.belardi@gmail.com) .

Children’s Liturgy of the Word

for children in Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 are warmly invited to take part in Sunday Liturgy of the Word during this term time. Next are on Sunday 25th June at 9am; Sunday 9th July at 9am

Travelling Solo

Each last Sunday of the month, those who ‘travel solo in life’ for whatever reason — people who are single, separated, divorced, widowed, away from home — are invited to join with Fr Allen and others for a jolly Sunday lunch. Meet at the porch of the church ten minutes after the end of the 11am Mass, and we will walk to one of the local pubs. All ‘solo-travellers’ are welcome.

Next gathering is June 25th.

Responding to Homelessness

Over the past few months, Fr Hudson’s Care has run a ‘Being a Welcoming Church’ campaign, which has been very well received and attended by over 180 parishioners within the Archdiocese. The final virtual event, in the series, takes place on Monday 19th June, starting at 7.30pm, when the presentation will be around Homelessness. *Sadly, this is a subject we are all too aware of and following an introduction from His Grace Archbishop Bernard, ‘The Care’ will be looking at projects that currently work closely in this area and exploring ways in which Parishes could perhaps do more to help. Simply email fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk to register and a link will be sent.*



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JUNE 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	17	6pm	11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	For the parish
Su	18	9am 11am		Angela Hayes RIP (McGrath) Margaret Ward RIP (Ward)
M	19	10am		
T	20	10am		Chris Hickey RIP (Hickey)
W	21	10am	St Aloysius	
Th	22		Ss John Fisher and Thomas More	
F	23	7pm		Patrick O’Sullivan RD (O’Sullivan)
Sa	24	6pm	12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Tommy Quinlisk RIP (Gill)
Su	25	9am 11am		James and Marcella (McGrath) For the parish

Anointing of the Sick: Next celebration is 30th June 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

Please pray for those who are sick including Brenda Davies; David Cotton, Rita Rhodes, Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin; Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Jean Lawlor; Joanne McShane & Teresa Monteiro. **Please pray** for Margaret Perks who died recently and whose funeral mass is at 10am on Friday 23rd June, and for Elizabeth Doyle, Herbert Roberts, Anne Masterson, and all whose anniversaries are at this time.

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

Parish Car Park

Free parking is available for anyone at anytime in our parish carpark. In addition, automatic free parking permits are issued:

- On **Saturdays** for those arriving after 5.30pm and leaving before 7.30pm; and on **Sundays** for those arriving after 8am and leaving before 2pm
- On **Mondays to Wednesdays** for those arriving after 9.30am and leaving before 11.30am and on **Fridays** those arriving after 6.30pm and leaving before 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.*

First Communion and Confirmation

There is an introductory meeting at beginning of July for parents of children who will celebrate these sacraments in 2024. If you have not already received a letter about this, please see Fr Allen as soon as possible.

RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE OF THE DIOCESAN VISION

In a recent Pastoral Letter Archbishop Bernard reminded us of his call to the Diocese:

- *to come to church, to pray and to encounter Christ – to help form missionary disciples and parishes.*
- *to invigorate and deepen our worship and sacramental celebrations so that we share in and reflect the divine life of the Trinity*

Over the coming weeks the newsletter contains material for our reflection on some of this

As you read it, ask yourself how this compares to how things are at St Nicholas. Ask yourself too whether there is something you might do to help us better fulfil the vision. And where you see others making their contribution to our common life - whether you have said ‘thank you’ to them recently?

SUNDAY MASS, 2000

Part Five: Ministering Communion

Holy Communion is a procession at Our Lady of the Angels, a practice parishioners have worked hard to bring about. Two years ago, row by row, from the front to the back, people lined up for communion. During Eastertime the homilists talked -- and after Mass so did many people -- about what the Communion time means. The key was unfolding the wonder and thanksgiving Catholics feel toward the Body of Christ -- the consecrated bread and wine, and the Church. Both have the same name. What does it mean when the Body of Christ comes forward to receive the Body of Christ? The sense of a Church in procession has somehow replaced the feeling of individuals lining up. For example, the first to come forward are no longer those in the front pew; rather, the people in the back pews begin the procession so that the whole room seems to be surrounded by a procession of people. Here is a Church partaking of the sacred banquet.

The invitation to Communion, “This is the Lamb of God,” and the assembly’s response are followed immediately by the beginning of the Communion procession song. At this point, the procession is moving -- that is, the ministers of Communion are at the Communion stations beginning the Communion of the assembly.

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The Introductory Rites
Opening Song

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?

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

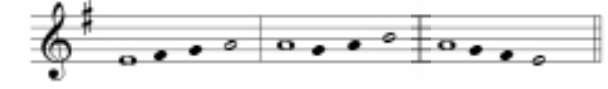
Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and
when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in
the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing
the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him
from the mountain, saying, ‘Say this to the House of

Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, “You yourselves
have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried
you on eagle’s wings and brought you to myself. From
this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold
fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my
very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a
kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.””

Psalms 99(100):2-3,5



Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment
Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for
a good man – though of course for someone really
worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what
proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while
we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous,
is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God’s
anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death
of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have
been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved
by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been
reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in
God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we
have already gained our reconciliation.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to
my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow
me. *Alleluia!*

Matthew 9:36-10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them
because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep
without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The
harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the
Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.’

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them au-
thority over unclean spirits with power to cast them
out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon
who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the
son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bart-
holomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector;
James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the
Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray
him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as

follows: ‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and
do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost
sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim
that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the
sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils.
You received without charge, give without charge.’

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 June 18th and July 2nd,*

Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is your health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his altar draw near,
praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at his altar;
let not our sins and transgressions
now cause us to falter.
Christ the High Priest, bids us all join in his feast.
Gathered with him at the altar.

Praise to the Lord - O let all that is in us adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the “Amen!” sound from his people again;
gladly with praise we adore him!

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Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Our next parish celebration of this Sacrament —Je-
sus’ gift through the Church to those who are seri-
ously ill - will take place on Friday 30th June at 11am.

This time of prayer offers support and encourage-
ment to those who are burdened by serious sickness
— physical or mental.

The Eucharistic Prayer



The mystery of faith



The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you love the ‘you’ you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Social after weekday Mass.

It is proposed to revert to having a parish social
gathering on Tuesdays after 10am Mass rather
than Wednesdays - if we have sufficient volun-
teers to set up/serve teas and coffee. If you have
a view, and especially if you can volunteer to
help, please see Fr Allen.