

The conversation in the Spirit

A dynamic of discernment in the synodal Church



Young Families Group

The Group's outing last Sunday went very well. We had quite a good turnout too. We had planned for games and songs, we did not do all the planned activities as the children enjoyed doing some of them for longer and then found some bunnies to chase around. So we had free entertainment too (poor little bunnies, none of them was hurt, but they had to run fast and hide quite often). The next meetings of the family group will be after the summer holidays – perhaps usually on 4th Sunday of each month, meeting after the 9am Sunday Mass – though look for a list of dates after the summer.

Travelling Solo People can find themselves 'travelling solo' for many reasons. For example they have not met someone they are ready to commit their life to; or they been widowed, or a marriage has ended in divorce or separation. There can be as many reasons as there are people. And anyone 'travelling solo' is welcome to the parish social group which meets monthly, following the Sunday 11am Mass, and usually on the last Sunday of the month. Our next gathering is on Sunday 30th July, and is for lunch in a local pub.

New Dawn In The Church

– Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference, Walsingham, 31 July- 4 August 2023. A programme of liturgy, sacraments, prayer, praise, worship, teaching, workshops, age-appropriate ministries (crèche, children and youth), fellowship, and community.

The conference will include several renowned speakers, over twenty workshops, and various exhibitors including Radio Maria England, the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, Genesis Mission, March for Life UK, Rachel's Vineyard, SPUC, Cenacolo, Youth 2000, Mary's Meals and more. Full conference details including how to register can be found at www.newdawn.org.uk/new-dawn-2023/.

Maryvale Institute has announced that they are recruiting new students for their Bachelor of Divinity (BDiv) and Licence Programmes. **The Ecclesiastical BDiv** is a five-year part-time, collaborative-learning degree programme in Catholic theology providing a comprehensive exposition and analysis of Christian doctrine based on the study of the sacred Scriptures, the works of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church, and the documents of the Magisterium. **The Licence in Divinity: Pathway in Catechetical Sciences** is also a qualification of the Holy See, distinct from an STL, It is a three-year, part-time, programme aimed at those in leadership positions in catechetics or other leadership roles. To enquire, please contact Deacon Harry Schnitker: researchcentre@maryvale.ac.uk.

Annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall

Shrine of the English Martyrs, takes place on Sun 3 Sept. This year the Hall is celebrating 100 years of ownership by the Archdiocese. Archbishop Bernard will be the principal celebrant at Mass. Details in the porch. www.harvingtonhall.co.uk

Pilgrimage: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

A Celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly will be held on Sunday 23 July in Walsingham. Details on poster in the porch.



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JULY 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	1	6pm	13 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary Callaghan RIP (Kenny)
Su	2	9am		For the parish
		11am		Bridget Small RIP (Devane)
M	3	10am	St Thomas	
T	4	10am		
W	5			
Th	6	10am		
F	7	7pm		Billy Gleeson RIP (Kenny)
Sa	8	6pm	14 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	For the parish
		9am		Linda Calland RD (Szambir)
Su	9	11am		

Anointing of the Sick: Next celebration is 25th August 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; & Jean Lawlor. **Please pray** for Andy Kean who died recently and for Austin McTaff, David Finnegan, Krzysztof Starzewski 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

WEEKDAY SOCIAL. The 'Wednesday refreshments' after the 10am Mass have reverted to Tuesday refreshments, still after Mass and still in the Benedict Room.

PARISH CAR PARK Free parking for one hour is available for anyone at anytime in our parish carpark. Automatic free parking permits are issued to cover parking on **Saturdays** between 5.30pm and 7.30pm; on **Sundays** between 8am and 2pm; on **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays** between 9.30am and 11.30am and **Fridays** between 6.30pm and 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 here in 2024. (Choice of days for introductory meeting - either Saturday 7th or Sunday 8th) If you have not received a letter about this, please see Fr Allen today

Peter's Pence Collection today - to support Pope Francis' charitable works.

Walking in step with Pope Francis and Archbishop Bernard...

These are days of hope for the Church.

The Diocesan process of renewal offers encouragement and help to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

As part of our parish engagement with the process of renewal we have been invited to reflect on what Sunday Mass is intended to be, and to reflect on how we ourselves participate in it. The material published in our parish newsletter has been collated and is available on the parish blog.

The preparations for the Synod of Bishops on *Walking Together as Church* help flesh out the call to make our Liturgy new (and to be made new by the Liturgy). A summary of the working document being used by the Bishops and others getting ready for the meeting in Rome in October is available on the Blog too. A helpful guide to how to proceed with such times of discernment is given in the Synod document and reproduced on the back of this newsletter.

On Monday 3rd July (at 7.30pm in the Benedict Room) there is a parish meeting to take stock of where we find encouragement and hope in all this. And then to consider how we might build on what we are invited to – for our own good and for the good of those that together we are called to serve.

All are welcome to the meeting – and for sure all will have something to contribute.

SEASUNDAY will take place on 9 July this year.

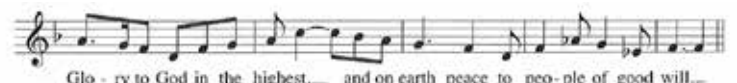
On Sea Sunday we are asked to pray and offer financial contributions to support the work of *Stella Maris*, the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This mandatory second collection is vital for the future of *Stella Maris* and its support of seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world.

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. The next is on Sunday 9th July at 9am

The Introductory Rites
Opening Song
Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
*all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek
to dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they’ve known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God’s face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:


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
2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a wom-
an of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat
there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal
when he passed that way. She said to her husband,
‘Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing
our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a
small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a
table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he

can rest there.’ One day when he came, he retired to
the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant
Gehazi, ‘Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: “Look,
you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we
do for you? Is there anything you would like said for
you to the king or to the commander of the army?”’
But she replied, ‘I live with my own people about me.’
‘What can be done for her then?’ he asked. Gehazi an-
swered, ‘Well, she has no son and her husband is old.’
Elisha said, ‘Call her.’ The servant called her and she
stood at the door. This time next year,’ he said ‘you
will hold a son in your arms.’

Psalms 88(89):2-3,16-19

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
by your favour it is that our might is exalted;
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

Romans 6:3-4,8-11
When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were bap-
tised in his death; in other words, when we were bap-
tised we went into the tomb with him and joined him
in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by
the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall
return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having
been raised from the dead will never die again. Death
has no power over him any more. When he died, he
died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God;
and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to
be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the
words of your Son. *Alleluia!*

Matthew 10:37-42
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Anyone who
prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me.
Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not wor-
thy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and fol-
low in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who
finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for
my sake will find it.

‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those
who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

‘Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a proph-
et’s reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man
will have a holy man’s reward.

‘If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of
these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you
solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’

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 July 16th and Aug 6th.

*A new commandment I give unto you
That you love one another as I have loved you,
That you love one another as I have loved you.*

By this shall all men know that you are my disciples
If you have love one for another.

You are my friends if you do what I command you.
Without my help you can do nothing.

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
*Iesu, Iesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve
the neighbours we have from you.*

Kneels at the feet of his friends,
silently washes their feet,
master who acts as a slave to them.

Neighbours are rich and poor,
varied in colour and race,
neighbours are near us and far away.

These are the ones we should serve,
these are the ones we should love;
all these are neighbours to us and you.

Loving puts us on our knees,
serving as though we are slaves;
this is the way we should live with you.

Kneel at the feet of our friends,
silently washing their feet;
this is the way we should live with you.

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites
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Diocesan Vision, Unfolding God’s Plan

Archbishop Bernard Longley invites parishes, clus-
ters and deaneries to reflect together on our great
gift of faith, and as with the Synodal pathway, to
meet and look to our future.

He asks us to look, within our parishes, clusters and
deaneries, at how we can share our resources and
to look at what we are called to do within evange-
lisation, formation, liturgy and worship and social
outreach, and how we can more effectively follow
that pattern with the mandate given to us by the
Lord Himself to be the church in any given place.

Deaneries have been asked to review the things
that work well, as well as the things that are not
working so well within the deanery and its parish-
es, to create a plan around the four areas of focus
to ensure that we can nurture and create vibrant,
missionary communities of faith.

- What can I do?**
- Pray and reflect on your parish as well as on your own gifts and charism
 - Offer your support and charisms to the parish as it embarks on this journey
 - Learn more about the Vision at <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/category/dioce-san-vision-unfolding-gods-plan>