

## The conversation in the Spirit

A dynamic of discernment in the synodal Church



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is a Parents/Toddlers Group. We already have a stock of toys and games for children but we do not have any to run it.

We'd be happy to make what we have available to someone who would like to hire the hall and run sessions themselves (charging those attending). Alternatively we would make the resources available to a self-help group ready to operate as a not-for-profit group (no rental would be charged but there would be a small charge levied on those coming to the group sessions, to help defray our operating costs).

If you are interested please speak with Fr Allen as soon as possible. If we can, it would be good to have this group up and running as soon as possible.

### Journey in Faith:

Support for adults who have not been baptised, or wish to be received into the Catholic Church - or make their first communion or be confirmed. Interested? Please speak with Fr Allen.



### New Dawn In The Church

Catholic Charismatic Family Pilgrimage Conference, at Walsingham from 1 July- 4 August. Liturgy, sacraments, prayer, praise, worship, workshops, ministries (crèche, children and youth), fellowship, and community.

Full conference details including how to register can be found at [www.newdawn.org.uk](http://www.newdawn.org.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](http://www.harvingtonhall.co.uk)



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*Our Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham: Registered Charity No. 234216*

### JULY 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

|    |    |             |                                          |                                               |
|----|----|-------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|
| Sa | 15 | 6pm         | 15 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Bridget Quinlisk RIP (Gill)                   |
| Su | 16 | 9am<br>11am |                                          | For the parish<br>Brendan Mulhern RIP (Green) |
| M  | 17 | 10am        |                                          | Andy Kean RD (Cotton)                         |
| T  | 18 | 10am        |                                          | Victor Carneiro RIP (Carneiro)                |
| W  | 19 | 10am        |                                          |                                               |
| Th | 20 |             |                                          |                                               |
| F  | 21 | 7pm         | S.t Mary Magdalene                       |                                               |
| Sa | 22 | 6pm         | 16 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Molly Fordham Ints (Foster)                   |
| Su | 23 | 9am<br>11am |                                          | Andy Kean RD (Kean)<br>For the parish         |

**Anointing of the Sick:** Next celebration is 18th 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 Thersa Astley, Margaret O'Brien, Pauline Butler, Lawrence Breen, Michael McInerney, Josie Garvey, Margaret Stroud 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](http://Universalis.com)

**WEEKDAY SOCIAL.** Tuesday in the Benedict Room after the 10am Mass. All are welcome.

**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 & 11.30am and **Fridays** between 6.30pm & 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 Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Mary Rose. She can be contacted at: [sg.stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**First Communion and Confirmation** Meeting after 11am Mass this Sunday about 2023/4 parish programme for children's Confirmation and 1st reception of Holy Communion. **This meeting is only for parents/carers unable to attend last weekend's meetings**

### Making the most of the Newman Centre

In 2020, the Carpenter's Arms owned by the parish but which had been on a long lease to a local charity was returned to parish management. It has since been renamed the Newman Community Centre.

Through the careful day to day care of Kay O'Keeffe, our hall manager, the Centre is maintained to a high standard and continues to be at the eservice of our local community.

In addition to the groups that hire the Centre for a variety of activities, the Centre is also used by the local Occupational Care service for consultations, and it is our privilege to host the Sutton Coldfield Adventure Unit@ St Nicholas on Friday evenings.

But there is still plenty of unused capacity, which it was would be good to see being taken up - both so that the Centre is used to the fullest, and that the income can help us balance the books!

So this note is to draw the Newman Centre to your attention, and a reminder that the Newman Centre is available for hire for a whole range of events, gatherings after baptisms, birthday parties and all sorts of celebrations.

The Newman Centre offers three meeting spaces - one large hall, and a small hall, (both of which have their own separate kitchen facilities) and also a very comfortable first-floor meeting room, more suited for small group meetings. Details of the facilities are available on our website at [www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/newman-centre.html](http://www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/newman-centre.html) Arrangements to view the Centre can be made by ringing 0121 321 2285 or emailing: [newmancc.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:newmancc.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk)

One thing we would like to be able to offer through the Centre

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### Pilgrimage: World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

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

### Parish Tea Party

Saturday 5th August at 3pm in the Newman Centre. Organised by the SVP and **everyone** is welcome. There will be plenty of tea, coffee and cake, as well as games for all. If anyone needs a lift please call 07548 937287 or speak to one of the SVP members. Any help clearing away or bringing cake on the day would be amazing. Our Mini Vinnies in the primary school are helping by designing some posters for us- keep an eye out for them! *PS There's a raffle too...*

### 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.*



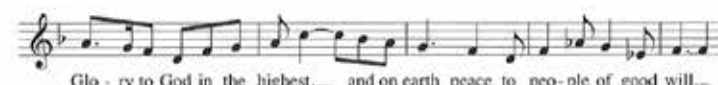
The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness,  
and all these things shall be added unto you;  
allelu, alleluia.  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia.*

Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
seek and ye shall find;  
knock and it shall be opened unto you;  
allelu, alleluia.

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.*

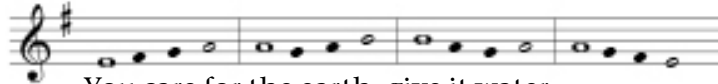
The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 55:10-11

Thus says the Lord: ‘As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.’

Psalms 64(65):10-14



You care for the earth, give it water,  
you fill it with riches.  
Your river in heaven brims over  
to provide its grain.  
And thus you provide for the earth;  
you drench its furrows;  
you level it, soften it with showers;  
you bless its growth.  
You crown the year with your goodness.  
Abundance flows in your steps,  
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy,  
the meadows covered with flocks,  
the valleys are decked with wheat.  
They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

Romans 8:18-23

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!* Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:  
you have the message of eternal life. *Alleluia!*

Matthew 13:1-23

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, ‘Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, ‘Why do you talk to them in parables?’ ‘Because’ he replied, ‘the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

‘But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

‘You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.’

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 today, August 6th and August 20th.*

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!

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

*Oh the word of my Lord, deep within my being,  
Oh the word of my Lord, you have filled my mind.*

Before I formed you in the womb  
I knew you through and through,  
I chose you to be mine.  
Before you left your mother’s side  
I called to you my child, to be my sign.

And ev’rywhere you are to go  
my hand will follow you;  
you will not be alone,  
in all the danger that you fear  
you’ll find me very near, your words my own.

With all my strength you will be filled,  
you will destroy and build,  
for that is my design.  
You will create and overthrow,  
reap harvests I will sow - your word is mine.  
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

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