

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 Arrangements to view the Centre can be made by ringing 0121 321 2285 or emailing: newmancc.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk

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



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 are 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.*

Sharing Shoes Please see notice on porch about an Autumn collection of out-grown children's shoes for World Development Group project.

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

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



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JULY 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	22	6pm	16 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Molly Fordham Ints (Foster)
Su	23	9am		Andy Kean RD (Kean)
		11am		For the parish
M	24	10am		
T	25	10am		Ints of the Caston Family (Carneiro)
W	26	10am		Ssg
Th	27			
F	28	7pm		
Sa	29	6pm	17 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jimmy Nagel Ints (Kenny)
Su	30	9am		Danny O'Connor RIP (O'Connor)
		11am		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 Fred Rhodes, Geoffrey Streling, Christine Foster, Ron Wilkinson, Irene McSheffrey, 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. 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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Help needed for Food Bank. Can you volunteer to collect the donations for the Bethany Food Bank - either on Sunday lunchtime/afternoon or Monday morning and deliver them to the Food Bank (in Witton) on Monday morning? If so please speak with Peter Mayhew or Fr Allen.

Annual Day for Grandparents and all the elderly!

Thank you to all our Grandparents and Elderly on this special day.

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary, the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on grandparents and the elderly the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families, for the Church and for all of society.

Support them as they grow older. May they continue to be for their families strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals, living treasures of sound religious traditions.

Make them teachers of wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence and role of grandparents and the elderly.

May they never be ignored or excluded, but always encounter respect and love.

Help them to live serenely and to feel welcomed in all the years of life which you give them.

Mary, Mother of all the living, keep grandparents and the elderly constantly in your care, accompany them on their earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end.

Amen

Saints Anne and Joachim, Grandparents of Jesus: Pray for us.

Saints Simeon and Anna, who welcomed the infant Jesus at the Temple: Pray for us.

Based on prayer of Pope Benedict XVI

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

Sing praises to the Lord, Alleluia,
Sing praise to greet the Word, Alleluia.
The Word is a sign of God’s wisdom and love,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

God’s truth can set us free, Alleluia,
Christ Jesus is the key, Alleluia.
Our ears hear the Word, but it lives in our hearts,
Alleluia, Alleluia.

We listen to your voice, Alleluia,
We praise you and rejoice, Alleluia,
Your Spirit is with us, She breathes in your Word:
Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every
thing, to whom you might have to prove that you nev-
er judged unjustly.

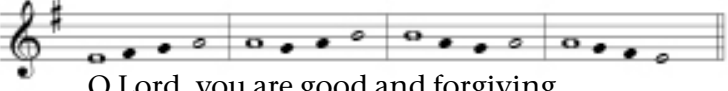
Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereign-
ty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power
is questioned and you expose the insolence of those
who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are
mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your peo-
ple how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fel-
low men, and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

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Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16



O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when
we cannot choose words in order to pray properly,
the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that
could never be put into words, and God who knows
everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he
means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by
the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can
see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: ‘The
kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who
sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was
asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the
wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted
and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner’s
servants went to him and said, “Sir, was it not good
seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the
darnel come from?” “Some enemy has done this” he
answered. And the servants said, “Do you want us to
go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because when
you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat
with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at
harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the
darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather
the wheat into my barn.”’

He put another parable before them: ‘The kingdom of
heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and
sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but
when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and be-
comes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shel-
ter in its branches.’

He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heav-
en is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with
three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; in-
deed, he would never speak to them except in para-

bles. This was to fulfil the prophecy: ‘I will speak to
you in parables and expound things hidden since
the foundation of the world.’

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and
his disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the para-
ble about the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply,
‘The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The
field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the
kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the
enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the
end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then,
just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire,
so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will
send his angels and they will gather out of his king-
dom all things that provoke offences and all who do
evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where
there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then
the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of
their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!’

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.

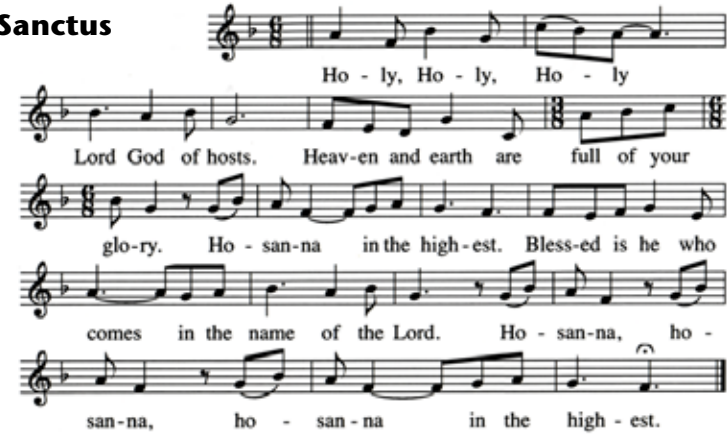
The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory NB Our next collections for the Bethany
Food Bank are August 6th and August 20th.

O King of might and splendour,
creator most adored,
this sacrifice we render to thee as sovereign Lord.
May these our gifts be pleasing unto thy majesty,
from sin, O Lord, release us,
who have offended thee.

Thy body thou hast given,
thy blood thou hast outpoured,
that sin might be forgiven, O Jesus, living Lord.
As now with love most tender, thy death we celebrate,
our lives in self-surrender to thee we consecrate.

Sanctus



The mystery of faith



The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful,
in the Lord I will rejoice!
Look to him, do not be afraid,
in him rejoicing: the Lord is near;
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Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

Parish Tea Party

Saturday 5th August at 3pm in the Newman Centre.

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...*

Organised by the SVP and **everyone** is welcome.

Their Journey Our Legacy: A Celebration of the Windrush 75 Generation

The West Indian Chaplaincy in Birmingham will be
holding an evening of ‘Edutainment’ on Saturday 29
July at St Francis’ Parish Centre in Handsworth.

Caribbean culture, heritage and talent will be
highlighted. Dr Tony Talburt, Senior Lecturer in
Black Studies at Birmingham City University will be
the key**note speaker**.

The event is free. But to book tickets go to
bit.ly/3rykfvb