

## 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 service 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 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 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.



### 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](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)

### Gift Aid helps your parish

If you are a tax-payer, the parish is able to claim back from the Government 25p for every £1 you donate to the parish. And it will not cost you any extra.

The scheme makes a very big difference to our parish finances. If you are able to help the parish in this way, then (1) please complete a Gift Aid declaration form, (available in the porch) and (2) make your future donations either by Standing Order, or using the parish Gift Aid envelopes we can provide you with, on request.



## St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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

### JULY 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

<b>Sa</b>	<b>29</b>	6pm	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	Jimmy Nagel Ints (Kenny)
<b>Su</b>	<b>30</b>	9am 11am		Danny O'Connor RIP (O'Connor) For the parish
<b>M</b>	<b>31</b>	10am		Kevin Mulhern RIP (Green)
<b>T</b>	<b>1</b>	10am	St Alphonus Ligouri	Betty Perks RIP (Makepeace)
<b>W</b>	<b>2</b>	10am		Sharia Pietrkiewicz
<b>Th</b>	<b>3</b>			
<b>F</b>	<b>4</b>	7pm	St J-M Vlanney	Ints of Fr Paul Kilduff (Drozd)
<b>Sa</b>	<b>5</b>	6pm	<b>18<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>	John Garvey and family (Szambir)
<b>Su</b>	<b>6</b>	9am 11am		Andy Kean (Kean) 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 Michael McInerney, Frances Bryan, and all whose anniversaries are at this time.

### RESOURCES FOR PRAYER.

- 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.
- 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.

**Parish Tea Party** Organised by the SVP and **everyone** is welcome. 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 you need 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 **TODAY**, Sunday 30th July, and is for lunch in a local pub.*

### An invitation from the Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT)

All young people aged year 7 - year 13 are welcome to join Summer Camp 2023 at Alton Castle from Sun 13 - Thurs 17 August.

The camp week involves a range of exciting activities including a day at Alton Towers with its brand new roller coaster - 'The Curse of Alton Manor'. There is also messy games, a day trip to a secret venue, our camp live band, night prayer and daily Mass all with the Alton Castle Mission Team.

All young people will have a Summer Camp small group leader for the week to accompany them and enable young people to mix and make lots of new friends. Based at Alton Castle the Camp will make great use of the activities on site including biking, archery, and survival.

Summer camp provides spaces and times for prayer, adoration and for young Catholics to connect and gather together.

Please register as soon as possible. Discounts are available for young people from our Diocesan parishes and schools. Contact [beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) for more information.

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

Be still for the presence of the Lord  
the Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy one is here.  
  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire, with splendour He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.  
  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal, to minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him, in faith receive from Him;  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

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

1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, ‘Ask what you would like me to give you.’ Solomon replied, ‘O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?’ It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. ‘Since you have asked for this’ the Lord said ‘and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or

the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.’

Psalm 118(119):57,72,76-77,127-130



My part, I have resolved, O Lord,  
is to obey your word.  
The law from your mouth means more to me  
than silver and gold.  
  
Let your love be ready to console me  
by your promise to your servant.  
Let your love come and I shall live  
for your law is my delight.  
  
That is why I love your commands  
more than finest gold,  
why I rule my life by your precepts,  
and hate false ways.  
  
Your will is wonderful indeed;  
therefore I obey it.  
The unfolding of your word gives light  
and teaches the simple.

Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

**Gospel Acclamation:** *Alleluia, alleluia!* I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. *Alleluia!*

Matthew 13:44-52

Jesus said to the crowds, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.

‘Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They said, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Well then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.’

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.

*Take our bread, we ask you, take our hearts, we love you,  
Take our lives, oh Father, we are yours, we are yours.*

Yours as we stand at the table you set,  
Yours as we eat the bread our hearts can’t forget.  
We are the signs of your life with us yet;  
We are yours, we are yours.

Your holy people stand washed in your blood,  
Spirit-filled, yet hungry, we await your food.  
Poor though we are, we have brought ourselves to you:  
We are yours, we are yours.

Sanctus



The mystery of faith



The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art.  
Thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.  
  
Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
grant heaven’s joy to me, O bright Heaven’s Sun!  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

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- Can you offer them a few hours each week?*
- Do you want to help support Christians in the Holy Land?
  - Do you enjoy Googling?
  - Are you familiar with spreadsheets?

- What they need from you*
- A couple of hours a week to search for pilgrimages to the Holy Land from the UK and Ireland.
  - Ability to populate a spreadsheet with details of the pilgrimages.

- What you can expect from them*
- Training in the role.
  - The opportunity to join a vibrant and creative team with a proactive support plan and materials
  - Ongoing support by one of our team

If you would like to know more, please contact the FHL team by email office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk or telephone 01926 512980, and speak to Caroline.

Go to their web site www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk to find out more about the role.