



## Make the most of the Newman Centre

The parish's 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.

## Diocesan Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi

The Novena of Prayer begins on Friday 18th August, lasts for nine days and concludes on his feast day on Saturday 26 August. It can be prayed in the parish or at home. It is a moment to pause and to appreciate the work of this holy Passionist in our Archdiocese and to pray for his Canonisation.

Blessed Dominic arrived in the Archdiocese in February 1842. He spent the next seven years based at Aston Hall in Staffordshire, from where he celebrated Mass, preached Missions, heard confessions, and received many people into the Catholic Church, the most famous being St John Henry Newman in October 1845.

Blessed Dominic had a well known reputation for sanctity and holiness of life. He is also remembered for his love for the poor, and those in need of prayer and help.

In our Archdiocese his memory is held in special regard and each year we pray a Novena of Prayer asking God to grant a miracle of healing through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, which could further his cause for Canonisation.

## 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 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)

## Novena Prayer

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.

We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, pray for us. Saint John Henry Newman, pray for us. Blessed Dominic Barberi, pray for us.



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## AUGUST 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	5	6pm	Feast of the Transfiguration	John Garvey and family (Szambir)
Su	6	9am		Andy Kean (Kean)
		11am		For the parish
M	31	10am		Shark Starzewski
T	1	10am		
W	2	10am		
Th	3			
F	4	7pm		Larry Breen RIP (Leese)
Sa	5	6pm	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Pauline Curtain Ints
		9am		For the parish
		11am		Krystyna & Janina Mikula Ints (Szambir)

**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 Fr Michael Ho, Brenda Davies; David Cotton, Rita Rhodes, Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin; & Jean Lawlor. **Please pray** for Frances Bryan, Michael Lawlor 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.

**CELEBRATE Trust** has produced a variety of activity packs based on the liturgical seasons of the Church as well as some key areas of focus for families – do take a look as you will find a huge range of ideas and links to help you, your children and your teenagers play, pray, and engage with faith this Summer. Full details at <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

## Retrouvaille: A Programme for Couples Struggling in their Marriages

Retrouvaille is a programme to support couples who have difficulties in their marriage. It brings a positive focus, new hope and helps nourish and grow your marriage. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending and using the tools provided. The programme helps spouses uncover or re-awaken the love, trust and commitment that originally brought them together. It helps them through difficult times whether they are disillusioned or in deep misery.

For confidential information about 'Retrouvaille' visit [www.retrouvaille.org.uk](http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk), email [retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com](mailto:retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com) or call 07887 296983.

In October 2023 Retrouvaille have an in-house Programme. This will be held at the Focolare Centre in Welwyn Garden City.

- Phase 1: The Weekend from Friday 13th-15th October 2023.
- Phase 2: Weekly x 12, Virtually, on Wednesdays 8-0pm commencing on the 18th October to Wednesday the 3rd January 2024. (these are called Post Sessions)

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



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

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

As I watched: Thrones were set in place and one of great age took his seat. His robe was white as snow, the hair of his head as pure as wool. His throne was a blaze of flames, its wheels were a burning fire. A stream of fire poured out, issuing from his presence. A thousand thousand waited on him, ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him. A court was held and the books were opened.  
I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man. He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence. On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and

languages became his servants. His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

Psalm 96(97):1-2,5-6,9



The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,  
let all the coastlands be glad.  
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;  
his throne, justice and right.

The mountains melt like wax  
before the Lord of all the earth.  
The skies proclaim his justice;  
all peoples see his glory.

For you indeed are the Lord  
most high above all the earth,  
exalted far above all spirits.

2 Peter 1:16-19

It was not any cleverly invented myths that we were repeating when we brought you the knowledge of the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; we had seen his majesty for ourselves. He was honoured and glorified by God the Father, when the Sublime Glory itself spoke to him and said, ‘This is my Son, the Be-loved; he enjoys my favour.’ We heard this ourselves, spoken from heaven, when we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have confirmation of what was said in prophe-cies; and you will be right to depend on prophecy and take it as a lamp for lighting a way through the dark until the dawn comes and the morning star rises in your minds.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! This is my Son, the Beloved: he en-joys my favour. Listen to him. Alleluia!

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, ‘This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.’ When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. ‘Stand up,’ he said ‘do not be afraid.’ And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, ‘Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.’

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 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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A new translation of the Lectionary will be introduced in Advent 2024.

This uses the English Standard Version translation, and The Abbey translation of the Psalms and Can-ticles. New editions of Sunday and Weekday missals will be available sometimes next year. An Anglicised edition of the ESV Catholic edition of the Bibleis pub-lished by SPCK and is available from all bookshops.;

An invitation from the Kenelm Youth Trust

All young people aged year 7 - year 13 are welcome to join Summer Camp 2023 at Alton Castle from Sun 13 - Thurs 17 August. Summer camp provides spaces and times for prayer, adoration and for young Catholics to connect and gather together.

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.

Please register as soon as possible. Contact beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk for more information.