



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 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.

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.



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 Canticles. New editions of Sunday and Weekday missals will be available sometimes next year. An Anglicised edition of the ESV Catholic edition of the Bible is published by SPCK, and available from all bookshops.

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

Retrouvaille: *A programme for couples struggling in their marriages.* For confidential information about *Retrouvaille* visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or call 07887 296983.

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	12	6pm	19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Pauline Curtain Ints
Su	13	9am		For the parish
		11am		Krystyna & Janina Mikula Ints (Szambir)
M	14	10am	St M. Kolbe	Ints of John Murphy and family
T	15	10am	Assumption of Bd Virgin Mary	Ints of Fr Allen
		7pm		Ints of Kevin and Beverly Gill
W	16	NB No Mass		
Th	17	10am		
F	18	7pm		
Sa	19	6pm	20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Decsd members of the Charles family (Platt)
Su	20	9am		Tom, Bridget and John Hogan (McGrath)
		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 Fr Michael Ho, Brenda Davies; David Cotton, Rita Rhodes, Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin; & Jean Lawlor. **Please pray** for Michael Lawlor, Jillian Charles, Thomas McDonald, J P Sharp; Shawn Rice, Ken Barker, Patrick Cawley, Joan Waleters, Kathe Eaton 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.

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>

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION

This Tuesday is the Holyday of Obligation that marks the mystery of faith that is the Assumption of Our Lady. **Parish Masses will be celebrated at 10am and 7pm.**

The Feast commemorates the death of Mary and her bodily assumption into Heaven. It signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is one of the most important of all Marian feasts.

In the Eastern Church the feast is known as the Dormition of the *Theotokos* (ie the Falling Asleep of the Mother of God).

The Feast of the Assumption is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document is written in the voice of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, and recounts the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin.

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

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
through this world’s tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us
for your help is full and free,
here possessing every blessing
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, by your grace restore us -
all our weaknesses are plain;
you have lived on earth before us,
you have felt our grief and pain:
tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,
from the depths you rose again.

Spirit of our God, descending,
fill our hearts with holy peace;
love with every passion blending,
pleasure that can never cease:
thus provided, pardoned, guided,
ever shall our joys increase.

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 19:9,11-13

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he
went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he
was told, ‘Go out and stand on the mountain before
the Lord.’ Then the Lord himself went by. There came a
mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shat-
tered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in
the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the
Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake
came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the
fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when
Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and
went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Psalm 4(85):9-14



I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.
Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.
The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

Romans 9:1-5

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union
with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union
with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want
to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish
so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut
off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my
own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they
were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and
the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises
were made to them. They are descended from the patri-
archs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who
is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessings on the King who comes, in
the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in
the highest heavens! *Alleluia!*

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on
ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds
away. After sending the crowds away he went up into
the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he
was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the
lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-
wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards
them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples
saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. ‘It is a
ghost’ they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus
called out to them, saying, ‘Courage! It is I! Do not be
afraid.’ It was Peter who answered. ‘Lord,’ he said ‘if it
is you, tell me to come to you across the water.’ ‘Come’
said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started
walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as
he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began
to sink. ‘Lord! Save me!’ he cried. Jesus put out his hand
at once and held him. ‘Man of little faith,’ he said ‘why
did you doubt?’ And as they got into the boat the wind
dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him
and said, ‘Truly, you are the Son of God.’

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

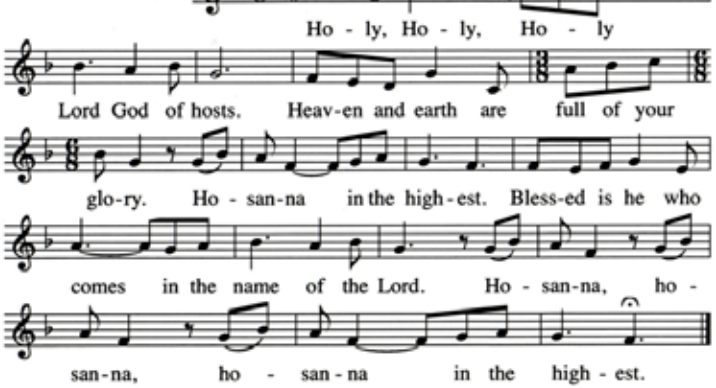
All: Through our lives and by our prayers,
your kingdom come.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

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

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

Breathe on me, Breath of God:
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what Thou dost love,
and do what Thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God:
until my heart is pure,
until with Thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.

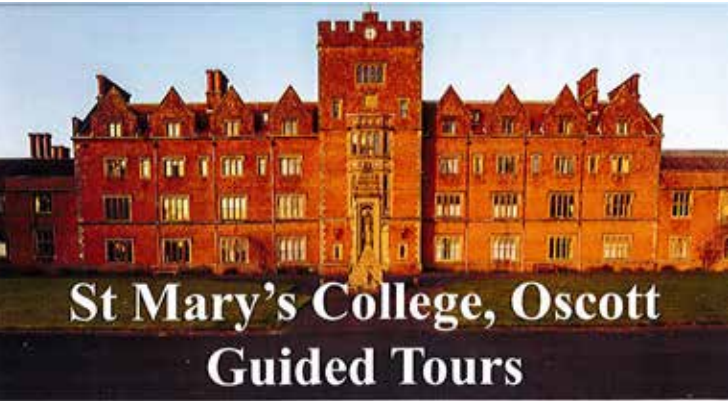
Breathe on me, Breath of God:
till I am wholly Thine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with Thy fire divine.

Breathe on me, Breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with Thee the perfect life
of Thine eternity.

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

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	2023
	27th September
	8th, 15th and 29th November
	2024
	24th January
	7th and 21st February
	6th and 13th March
	17th and 24th April
	8th and 15th May

Tickets can be booked via the eventbrite, linked on our website at
<http://oscott.net/visitors/guided-tour-groups>

Tours cost £10 per adult, which includes a cup of tea and a slice, or two,
of home made cake.
Tours begin at 1pm, arrival from 12:30pm, and last approximately 2hrs.

Please be aware that access to the first floor is by stairs only and
that there are steps to some areas of the chapel. If you have any access or dietary
requirements, please contact naomi.johnson@oscott.org to discuss your needs.