



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

Diocesan Novena for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi

The Novena of Prayer began on Friday 18th August. It lasts until 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.

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.

Sharing Shoes

Please see notice on porch about an Autumn collection of out-grown children's shoes for a 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 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.

Conversational Irish Gaelic classes starting Weds 13 Sept 7:30p.m. Holy Cross & St Francis Parish Hall B76 2RS. More details from Gerard on 07929 873828.

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.

Church Safeguarding Survey: Have your say

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) want to hear from as many people as possible to help shape the future of safeguarding within the Catholic Church.

It wants to hear from people across all areas and levels within dioceses, parishes, religious life groups, the Religious Life Safeguarding Service, and victims and survivors.

You can make your response at bit.ly/47AtueS
Closing date is Thursday 31 August.



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

AUGUST 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	19	6pm	20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Decsd members of the Charles family (Platt)
Su	20	9am		Tom, Bridget and John Hogan (McGrath)
		11am		For the parish
M	21	10am	St Pius X	Ints of John Murphy and family
T	22	10am	OL, Mother & Queen	Ints of Kevin and Beverly Gill
W	23			
Th	24			
F	25			
Sa	26	6pm	21 st Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Gordon Ints (Kenny)
Su	27	9am		For the parish
		11am		Patrick McCauliffe RIP (Green)

Anointing of the Sick: Next celebration is 29th September 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 Joan Walters, Kathe Eatopn, Margaret Archer, Dorothy Ddson, Peter Foster, Brian Short, Joan Hudson, Fazia Caulfield, Peggy Gallagher, Denis Joyner, Mary McGill 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

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.

Praying with Scripture.

There are many different ways in which we can use scripture as a starting point for our prayer. One of the most common methods is referenced in the homily today. Another, which is increasingly common is *Lectio Divina* (Sacred Reading or *Lectio*).

A group of parishioners has been regularly meeting on Zoom on Sunday afternoons for a time of shared *Lectio*. All are welcome - and the Zoom link can be found on the parish website Home Page, or by emailing the address given above. Over recent weeks members of our parish have been joined by parishioners from St Michael's Anglican parish - who got a taste for lectio through their recent '*Retreat in Daily Life*.'

The prayer time is spent almost all in silence, but it also includes times when those taking part can briefly share what part of the readings speaks to them, and then later what it says to them and calls them to.

The pattern is as follows.


- We begin by listening -to the reading read to us, and then listening to it in the quiet of our hearts.
- We then - if moved to do so - share a word or sentence that has particularly struck us - but not discussing it, just noting it.
- We then listen to the scripture a second time, once more read aloud and then, again, pondered in the quiet of our hearts.
- The final stage is - if you wish - to share something more about what you have heard the Lord say to you in the scriptures.

The simple pattern of prayer can easily adapted also by those who want to spend time with the scriptures alone - though this obviously lacks the communal dimension that can be so enriching.




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>

The Introductory Rites
Opening Song
Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
all are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.
Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God’s children dare to seek
to dream God’s reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God’s grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

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 56:1,6-7
Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.
Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

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Psalms 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help.
Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him.

Romans 11:13-15,29-32
Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.
Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia, alleluia! The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice, says the Lord, I know them and they follow me. *Alleluia!*

Matthew 15:21-28
Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, ‘Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.’ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. ‘Give her what she wants,’ they said ‘because she is shouting after us.’ He said in reply, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.’ But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. ‘Lord,’ she said ‘help me.’ He replied, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs.’ She retorted, ‘Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.

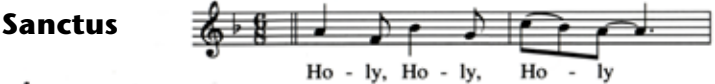
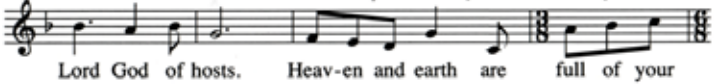

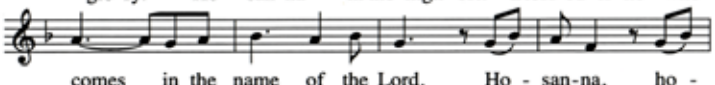
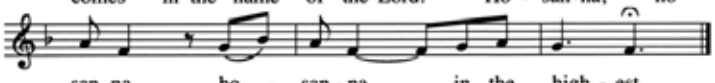
Homily

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 September 3rd*

In bread we bring you, Lord, our bodies’ labour.
In wine we offer you our spirit’s grief.
We do not ask you, Lord, who is my neighbour?
But stand united now, one in belief.
Oh we have gladly heard your word, your holy word,
and now in answer, Lord, our gifts we bring.
Our selfish hearts make true, our failing faith renew,
our lives belong to you, our Lord and King.
The bread we offer you is blessed and broken,
and it becomes for us our spirit’s food.
Over the cup we bring your word is spoken,
make it your gift to us, your healing blood.
Take all that daily toil plants in our heart’s poor soil,
take all we start and spoil, each hopeful dream,
the chances we have missed, the graces we resist,
Lord, in thy Eucharist, take and redeem.

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 proclaim your Death,
O Lord, until you come again, until you come again.

The Communion Rite
Communion thanksgiving
Lay your hands gently upon us,
let their touch render your peace;
let them bring your forgiveness and healing:
lay your hands, gently lay your hands
You were sent to free the broken hearted.
You were sent to give sight to the blind.
You desire to heal all our illness:
lay your hands gently lay your hands.
Lord, we come to you through one another.
Lord, we come to you in all our need.
Lord, we come to you seeking wholeness:
lay your hands, gently lay your hands

Prayer after Communion
Concluding Rites



St Mary’s College, Oscott
Guided Tours

St Mary’s College is pleased to welcome visitors for special tours of the seminary on the following dates in 2023-24.

2023
27th September; 8th, 15th & 29th November

2024
24th January; 7th & 21st February;
6th & 13th March; 17th & 24th April; 8th & 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.

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.