



## 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)

## Ready to Serve? Meetings for youngsters to introduce them to the ministries.

A few dates for the diary:

- **Meeting for servers-to-be:**  
After 6pm Mass on Saturday 23rd September  
OR after 9am Mass on 24th September
- **Meeting for readers-to-be:**  
After 6pm Mass on Saturday 30th September  
OR after 9am  
Mass on 1st October

**Meetings will last c.30 minutes**



## Preparing for Holy Communion and for Confirmation

Thank you to all those families who have already signed up to be part of the parish preparation for children to receive first Sacraments in our parish next year.

This parish preparation builds on the preparation the children receive in our Saturday Classes (for children not in Catholic Schools) or in our Catholic schools.

If you have children in year 3 or older who have not been prepared for Holy Communion, or Year 6 or older who have not been prepared for Confirmation, please contact Fr Allen in good time before the parish programmes' first event which is on Sunday Sept 24th.



## 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 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.

## 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

## 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](https://bit.ly/47AtueS)

Closing date is Thursday 31 August.

## Preparation for Baptism of Infants

Our next series for Baptism preparation meetings begins with a meeting in the Benedict Room, at 12noon on Saturday 23rd September. To register,



## St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere

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**Parish Blog:** [www.stnicholasboldmere.wordpress.com](http://www.stnicholasboldmere.wordpress.com)

**Parish Priest:** Fr Allen Morris **Deacon:** Rev John Garvey

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## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	26	6pm	21 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	John Gordon Ints (Kenny)
Su	27	9am 11am		For the parish Patrick McCauliffe RIP (Green)
M	28	10am	St Augustine	David Cotton RD (Kean)
T	29	10am	Beheading of John the Baptist	James McCauliff RIP (Green)
W	30	10am		David Cotton RD (O'Gorman)
Th	31			
F	1	7pm		
Sa	2	6pm	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Alice Brooks RIP (Makepeace)
Su	3	9am 11am		For the parish Michael Lawlor RIP (Lawlor)

**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 Chrissie Newstead, Fr Michael Ho, Brenda Davies; Rita Rhodes, Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin; & Jean Lawlor. **Please pray** for David Cotton who died recently; for Peggy Gallagher, Denis Joyner, Mary McGill, Freda Gateley, Tadas Serafinas, Agnes Collins, Ben Quirke, Robert Harrison, 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** produce activity packs based on the liturgical seasons of the Church to help you, your children and your teenagers play, pray, and engage with faith. Full details at <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>

## A call out to Grandparents, Godparents, Family, and Friends of younger Catholics...

As schools sessions begin over the coming days your help is requested to help us draw young people of the parish more into the life of the parish.

It is a real sadness that we do not have more youngsters involved in the life of our parish both during their time at primary school and after they move on to Secondary School. We are fortunate to have a very few, very fine, altar servers - and one excellent young reader. But it would be good to have many more, and to have some young singers and musicians involved too. And in coming weeks, with the help of the SVP, it is hoped to be helping youngsters to help the parish with its outreach and support of our neighbours who are in need

- Over the coming weeks there will be fresh encouragement to youngsters to come forward and volunteer. But there are many obstacles.
- Sometimes they need to make a choice between coming to church or some other activity. Guess which usually wins.
- Sometimes they are hesitant about stepping forward - and need a bit of extra encouragement (or even reward!)
- Sometimes they may have difficulty getting to church because parents are providing a taxi service to siblings doing other things - and sometimes parents are not keen on coming to church either!

All that and more is the reason for the call out. If you have youngsters in your family or as neighbours, or in your circle of friends, do please do everything you can to help them know that they are warmly invited to make a contribution to the life of our parish. And if there are further things you can do to help those you know to step up and step forward, please do.

Fr. Allen



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

  
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

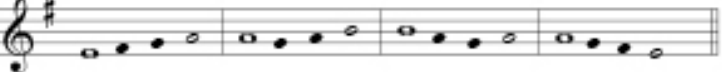
Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah.’

‘I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father’s house.’

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Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8



I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands.

Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!* God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. *Alleluia!*

Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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

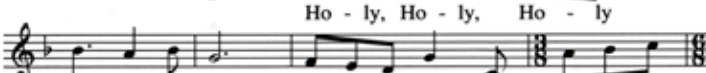
The Offertory NB Our next collections for the Bethany Food Bank are August 20th. and September 3rd

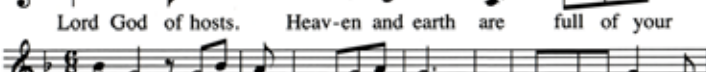
Praise to the Lord, the almighty, the king of creation!  
O my soul, praise him,  
for he is your health and salvation!  
Come, all who hear; now to his altar draw near,  
praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, let us offer our gifts at his altar;  
let not our sins and transgressions  
now cause us to falter.  
Christ the High Priest, bids us all join in his feast.  
Gathered with him at the altar.

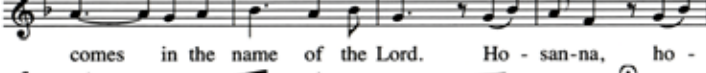
Praise to the Lord - O let all that is in us adore him!  
All that has life and breath,  
come now with praises before him!  
Let the “Amen!” sound from his people again;  
gladly with praise we adore him!

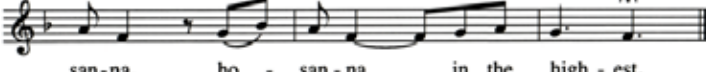
Sanctus

  
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 pro-

  
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a -

  
gain, un - til you come a - gain.

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

*Oh the word of my Lord, deep within my being.*  
*Oh the word of my Lord, you have filled my mind.*

Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you  
through and through. I chose you to be mine.

Before you left your mother’s side,  
I called to you, my child, to be my sign.  
I know that you are very young, but I will make you strong.  
I will fill you with my word,  
and you will travel through the land  
fulfilling my command, which you have learned.

And everywhere you are to go, my hand will follow you  
you will not be alone,  
in all the danger that you fear  
you’ll find me very near, your words my own.

With all my strength you will be filled  
you will destroy and build, for that is my design.  
You will create and overthrow,  
reap harvests I will sow - your word is mine.

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](mailto: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](http://www.harvingtonhall.co.uk)

**Retrouvaille:** *A programme for couples struggling in their marriages.* 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.