



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

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

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.



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.



Preparation for Baptism of Infants

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

Date for 2023's St Nicholas Fair

The Fair this year will be on November 18th and 19th, after all Sunday Masses. Volunteers for running stalls to support parish charities. Others welcome to apply for 'private' stalls - available for small fee.

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



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

SEPTEMBER 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	2	6pm	22 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Alice Brooks RIP (Makepeace)
Su	3	9am		For the parish
		11am		Michael Lawlor RIP (Lawlor)
M	4	10am		David Cotton RD (Cotton)
T	5	10am		Irene Burn RIP (Makepeace)
W	6	10am		Bernie Laydon RIP (Ord)
Th	7			
F	8	7pm	Birthday of BVM	Olwyn and Jeremy Foster RIP
Sa	9	6pm	23 rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	Peter and Mark Foster RIP
Su	10	9am		For the parish
		11am		Good health for mum (Solecka)

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 Agnes Collins, Ben Quirke, Robert Harrison, Maria Twardowicz, Gerard Harkins, Cornelius Corcoran, 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 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. <https://www.celebratetrust.org/onlinefamilyactivitypacks>



Justice and Peace Assembly

Saturday 28th October 2023

Grimshaw Room, St. Chad's Cathedral
Birmingham B4 6HJ

Registrations: 10am
Assembly: 10:25am to 3pm

Theme:
Climate Action in the
Archdiocese of Birmingham



Speakers:
Tom Piotrowski
and Fr Robert Taylerson



Book on now <https://bit.ly/OurAssembly2023>



Find out more about this assembly
<https://www.birminghamjandp.org.uk/annual-assemblies.html>



Next meeting: 17th September 2-4pm
in the Newman Community Centre
All are welcome to join us especially
people with learning disabilities,
autistic people and their families.

The theme is 'Creation'

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

From heav’n You came, helpless babe,
enter’d our world, Your glory veil’d;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give Your life that we might live.


*This is our God, the Servant King.
He calls us now to follow Him;
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King*

There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load He chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
yet “Not my will, but Yours”, He said.

Come see His hands and His feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice;
hands that flung stars into space,
to cruel nails surrendered

So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone Him;
each other’s needs to prefer; for it is Christ we’re serving

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
Jeremiah 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody’s butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: ‘Violence and ruin!’ The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, ‘I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.’ Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9



O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

Romans 12:1-2

Think of God’s mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind, so that we can see what hope his call holds for us. Alleluia!

Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. ‘Heaven preserve you, Lord;’ he said ‘this must not happen to you.’ But he turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God’s way but man’s.’

Then Jesus said to his disciples, ‘If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

‘For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.’

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 and 17th

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



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The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving


Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I’m found,
was blind, but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come.
‘Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me;
his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

Prayer after Communion



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

Sharing Shoes: Please see notice on porch about an Autumn collection of out-grown children’s shoes for World Development Group project.