

Preparing for the Jubilee Year
Evangelii Gaudium Sunday - today - calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. *Evangelii Gaudium* is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". **The day's retiring collection supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference.**

Pope Francis calls us to a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*. He invites the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior by: (1) in 2023 reflecting on the four Constitutions of the 2nd Vatican Council; (2) in 2024, deepening our prayer life, with a focus on the Lord's Prayer.
To learn more - and for helpful videos - go to our parish Blog: <https://stnicholasboldmere.wordpress.com>

Children starting school in September 2024?
St Nicholas Catholic Primary School invites prospective parents to a short presentation about the school and a tour of the school. This is an opportunity to see the school 'in action' and answer any questions you may have about the admissions process.
Please contact the school office on 0121 355 2649 or enquiry@stnicholassutton.org.uk to book a place on any of Mon 13/11 at 9.15am Tues 14/11 at 1.30pm; Weds 15/11 at 11am; Thurs 16/11 at 2.30pm.

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

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

Justice and Peace Assembly 28/10/23
Climate Action in Birmingham Archdiocese
Meeting from 10-3pm in the Grimshaw Room at St Chad's Cathedral, B4 6HJ
www.birminghamjandp.org.uk/

Would anyone be able to pick up a person from Oscott Village for the 11am Mass on Sunday and take them home afterwards? This person can no longer get to and from Mass independently. If you could help please call the SVP on 07548 937287.

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 at 12noon on Sat 23rd Sept a meeting in the Benedict Room. 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 Sept OR after 9am Mass on 24th Sept
• **Meeting for readers-to-be:** After 6pm Mass on Saturday 30th Sept OR after 9am Mass on 1st Oct



Meetings will last c.30 minutes



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SEPTEMBER 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK				
Sa	16	6pm	24 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Alice Lavinia Makepeace RIP
Su	17	9am		Marcella and Jospeh Carroll RIP
		11am		For the parish
M	11	10am		
T	19	10am		
W	20	10am	S. Andrew Kim Taegon	
Th	21			
F	22	7pm		
Sa	23	6pm	25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Decsd of Clark family (Platt)
Su	24	9am		Vincent and Louisa Byrne and Family (O'Brien)
		11am		For the parish

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 Martin Murphy, Kathleen Hughes, Nancy King, David McIlree, Irene Devlin, Michael McDermott and all whose anniversaries are at this time. **Please note that envelopes for November Masses for the Dead are available in the porch.**

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>

WANTED



Collection this weekend of children's shoes to support Feed my lambs School, Uganda.

Children's Liturgy of the Word has started up again is scheduled for the 9am Masses on Sundays: September 24th*; October 8th and 22nd*; November 5th; December 3rd and 17th*

On the Sundays marked * the 9am Mass is followed by a social gathering in the Benedict Room for young parents and children.



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

Bishop Walsh Open Evening: Wednesday 20th Sept from 5.30pm - 7.30pm. Year 6 pupils and their families are welcome to visit Bishop Walsh Catholic School for its annual open evening. *You will be able to attend a presentation, meet pupils and staff, and take a tour of the school.*

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

Oh, the love of my Lord is the essence of all that I love here on earth. All the beauty I see, he has given to me and his giving is gentle as silence.

Every day, every hour, every moment have been blessed by the strength of his love. At the turn of each tide he is there at my side, and his touch is as gentle as silence.

There’ve been times when I’ve turned from his presence, and I’ve walked other paths, other ways. But I’ve called on his name in the dark of my shame, and his mercy was gentle as silence.

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

Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

My soul, give thanks to the Lord all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. Alleluia!

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’ Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me time” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what you owe me” he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the other would not agree; on the contra-

ry, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he said “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.’

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 this Sunday and October 1st.

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

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

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; brothers and sisters draw near, praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, above all things so mightily reigning; keeping us safe at his side and so gently sustaining. Have you not seen all you have needed has been met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord, who shall prosper our work and defend us; surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend us. Ponder anew what the almighty can do, who with his love will befriend us.

Praise to the Lord - O let all that is in me 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!

Prayer after Communion



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National Justice and Peace Network

Open Networking Day
SATURDAY 23 September 2023
10.30 – 4.00
Polish Millennium Centre
Bordesley St, Birmingham B5 5PH
‘The Windrush Generation’

Rev Canon Eve Pitts, the first black woman vicar in the Church of England and long-standing campaigner for racial justice will speak on the experience of the Windrush generation and the issues we need to address today.

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