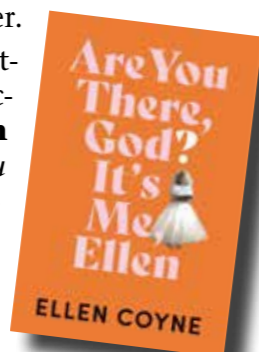


What's gone wrong? What might be done about it?

A new Sunday evening Group to reflect on faults and failings in Church and Society

The group meetings - where open discussion is welcomed - will be something like a book club. So people are asked to read something in preparation for the discussion - but this is to focus us, not to constrain us! And there will be something to eat and drink while we talk together.

The themes for the first two meetings are, first, at 7pm on 17 October, **Women in the Church** (using Ellen Coyne's *Are You There God? It's Me Ellen*) and second, on 21 November, **Racism** (using David Harewood's book *Maybe I don't belong here*) The books are available through the local library and bookshops, or Amazon!



All are welcome to come and take part - especially the disgruntled and searching. And if that is not you, then maybe you have a disgruntled or searching friend you might encourage to come with you. They might be good for us all.,

St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Prospective Parents' Open Sessions

Do you or someone you know have a child due to start school in Sept 2022? You are invited to attend an open session to tour our school and ask any questions you may have about the admissions process? We would love to see you. Times and dates are below.

Please ring the school office on 0121 355 2649 to book your preferred slot: Mon 15 Nov 9.15am; Tues 16 Nov 1.30pm; Weds 17 Nov 11am; Thurs 18 Nov 2.30pm.

Financial Support of the Parish

Gift aiding your offertory donations to the parish greatly help us we balance our parish finances.

To Gift Aid your donations you need to make your offerings either by Standing Order or by Gift Aid envelopes, which ever is most convenient for you. Forms for Gift-Aid Standing Orders and envelopes are available from Fr Allen.

St Nicholas Fair

It is hoped that we will be able to have our usual St Nicholas Advent Fair this year, and for the first time in the Newman Community Centre. This will give us additional space, and also make potentially make the event more easily accessible to the wider community. The Centre is booked for 4/5 December.

If you are interested in helping with the event (AND ESPECIALLY if you are interested in running a stall) please contact Fr Allen as soon as possible so a planning meeting can be arranged.

The Parish Environmental Group invites the parish to consider joining the CAFOD 'Live simply' programme. *Details at www.cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Livesimply-award*

There is a parish meeting to chat this over on Weds 22 Sept at 7.30pm in the Benedict Room. *Do come along and help us take this forward.*

Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for

Marriage Sat 9 Oct, 12noon, St Chad's Cathedral.

If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 (from your 1st up to 60th (every 5 years), and every year over 60) please email Fr Allen for your names to be listed in the Mass booklet.

You can also send in 'then & now' photos and be part of the video compilation.

We are looking to find the longest married couple in the diocese, so if you think you, your parents or grandparents could be it then let Fr Allen know!

The Mass is open to all married couples, as well as those preparing to marry in 2021 but you need to register a place via email - marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk

Closing date to register for the Mass is 1st October.

Knights of St Columba annual sponsored walk Sat 25 September. Please join us as we leave Holy Trinity Church SC, at 1045, and walk 4 miles through the park. or by sponsoring us to help SIFA Fireside <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/KSC293>

Justice & Peace On-line Assembly 2021

Four Zoom meetings between 27 Sept to 4 Oct exploring themes raised in Pope Francis book *Let Us Dream: "The Path to a Better Future"*. For more details and to book: <https://bit.ly/JandP2021>

People with special needs and learning disabilities

can be invisible to the Church. Sometimes this is because our parishes are not very good at offering welcome, even to the Church, where all should be sure of finding welcome, care and respect.

To try and see how we might do better our parish offers a meeting planned for Saturday 16th October at 3pm. It is for people with special needs, of any age, especially those who live in our parish and surrounding area. Their families are welcome too - should they wish to come.

It is a chance to meet and listen and learn from people with special needs (and their families). Some parishioners are already part of the process, if others would like to learn more and maybe take part, please speak with Fr Allen.



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Keeping us safe

The current expectation established by the Bishops' Conference (and likely to be in place until next Spring) is that those attending Mass

- will use the track and trace system, with the manual recording of contact details for those who do not use the QR code)
- wear facemasks
- and sanitise their hands on entering the church.

These three things will continue to be **required** of those attending Mass at St Nicholas.

Reasons for requiring these things are

1. They are strongly recommended by the Bishops' Conference
2. We have a relatively small church and so can offer only limited seating for those who wish to continue observing social distancing
3. Although the number of COVID cases is presently falling, the number of cases is still very high nationally and has been consistently high in our local area.
4. A significant number of our congregation are in the categories of people who are more vulnerable to COVID
5. Experts think that, at least until vaccination of teenagers is complete, and old people have had a booster jab, cases numbers will go higher.

We have offered a safe environment for people to come to Mass during this troubled time, and will continue to do so.

It may be that in coming months we will need to introduce further things to protect those coming to Mass. But for the present joining together to observe these requirements will give us all confidence that things remain safe at church for the vast proportion of those who wish to attend.

Thank you to the volunteers whose generous service, helps keep us safe (and open!)

Mass for all who have died during the Pandemic

Many of us will have been saddened during the time of the pandemic not only by the death of family or friends but because we were unable to take part in their funeral services.

Our parish Mass at 7pm on All Souls Day, offers us an opportunity to come together to remember those who have died, and offer Mass together for them. Nearer the time you will be able to submit the names of those you would like to be remembered at this Mass - just the people who have died during the time of the COVID-crisis - and their names will be read out at the Mass, which will also be offered for them. But do make a note of the day and time for this Mass. Thank you to Vincent Byrne who will be playing the organ at the Mass to enrich our worship.

There will also be the usual opportunity to ask for November Masses for the deceased, and also, simply, to place names before the altar of those you would like to be remembered at all our November Masses.

Retiring Collection today for Father Hudson's Care to support their mission of supporting vulnerable people across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Father Hudson's reaches out to people of all ages who need support at times of adversity. Call 01675 434000 if you would like to donate outside of Mass this year.

PARISH MASSES DURING THE COMING WEEK

Sa 18	6pm		Trevor Mall RIP (Szambir)
Su 19	9am	25h SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Marcella and Joe Carrol RIP
	11am		For the parish
M 20	10am	St Andrew Kim Tae-gon	Olwyn and Peter Foster RIP (Foster)
T 21	10am	St Matthew	
W 22	10am		John Farrell RD (Cumming)
Th 23		St Pio of Pietrelcina	
F 24	11am	Anointing Service and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	
	7pm	Our Lady of Walsingham	Mr Pereira RD (Drozdz)
Sa 25	6pm		Denis Clark RIP (Platt)
Su 26	9am	26h SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Gahon Family intentions
	11am		Paul Martin RIP (Clinton)

Morning Prayer: Zoom meeting Monday to Fridays at 8.30am

Rosary: Zoom meeting, Monday at 7pm

Lectio: Zoom meeting, Sunday at 4pm

Sacrament of Confession: Friday evenings after 7pm Mass until 8pm; and from 1/10 from 5-5.30pm on Sats

Anointing of the Sick: Last Friday of month at 11am

Please pray for sick parishioners including Brenda Davies, Elizabeth Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson. Please pray for Victoria Wolfindale who died recently and for Doreen Willis, Mary Gavin, Phil Hayes and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

God, protector of the poor and defender of the just, in your kingdom the last become first, the gentle are strong, and the lowly exalted. Give us wisdom from above, that we may find in your servant Jesus the pattern of true discipleship and the grace to persevere in following him. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Introductory Rites help us come together as one, establish communion and prepare ourselves to listen to the Word of God and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily.

The Penitential Act

The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people 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.

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.

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. Amen.

The Collect

The Liturgy of the Word: The word of God invites us into the unending dialogue between God and his people, a dialogue sealed as we share the Eucharistic food and drink. A brief silence after the readings helps us take the word of God to heart and begin a prayerful response to what we have heard.

Wisdom 2:12,17-20

The godless say to themselves: 'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing. Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have. If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies. Let us test him with cruelty and with torture, and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof. Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.'

Psalm 53(54):3-6,8

O God, save me by your name;
by your power, uphold my cause.
O God, hear my prayer;
listen to the words of my mouth.

For proud men have risen against me,
ruthless men seek my life.
They have no regard for God.

But I have God for my help.

The Lord upholds my life.

I will sacrifice to you with willing heart
and praise your name for it is good.

James 3:16-4:3

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly, you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. *Alleluia!*

Mark 9:30-37

Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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.

The Prayer of the Faithful

The Liturgy of the Eucharist is the re-presentation of the Sacrifice of Christ to the Father, and his gift of life renewed to the Church, for the service of his mission.

The Offertory: There is no collection during Mass. Instead, please put your offerings in the basket at the entrance to the church as you arrive, or as you leave.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Eucharistic Prayer is a memorial proclamation of praise and thanksgiving for God's work of salvation, a proclamation in which the Body and Blood of Christ are made present by the power of the Holy Spirit and the people are joined to Christ in offering his Sacrifice to the Father

The Preface Dialogue

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And with your spirit.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Sanctus

The mystery of faith.

THE COMMUNION RITE: The Lord offers reconciliation in and with the invitation to share in the food and drink that is his Body and Blood. Love and mercy are the condition and the

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 in the high-est.

We pro-claim your Death, O Lord, and pro-fess your Res-ur-rec-tion

un-til you come a-gain.

fruit of communion in the Lord.

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Communion

Song of Thanksgiving

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love:
taken, offered, sanctified,

blessed and broken; words of one who died:
Take my body, take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.

Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
as He promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.'

Through the Father, with the Spirit,
one in union with the Son,
for God's people, joined in prayer,
faith is strengthened by the food we share.

Prayer after Communion

The Concluding Rites send us out live in our daily lives the Mystery of Christ's Death and Resurrection and the unity in Christ we have celebrated. Our mission is to witness to Christ in the world and to bring the Gospel to the poor.

Blessing and Dismissal

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Foodbank: We are once more in a position to offer support to Bethany Food Bank (presently supporting 1000 people a week). To begin with food collections are invited for the first Sunday of each month, starting on weekend of 2/3 October. Volunteers are also needed to take the food collected to the Food Bank (ideally on Mondays and immediately after the 10am Mass) NB The Food Bank is now located at Unit 15, Brookvale Trading Estate, Moor Lane, Witton, B6 7AQ.

One in Christ: Training and Formation for those called to the service of the Church at prayer

Booking forms are available from Fr Allen.
Parish ministers (and others) should reserve their places as soon as possible.

They have been designed for those preparing to begin their service of the Church, and to help people already serving to reflect and build on their experience.

They will help ministers

- understand what is asked of them
- prepare well for what they do
- minister confidently and fruitfully.

Sat Oct 9: For all parish Readers
Sat Nov 6: For all parish Ministers
of Holy Communion
Sat Dec 4: For Leaders of Prayer