

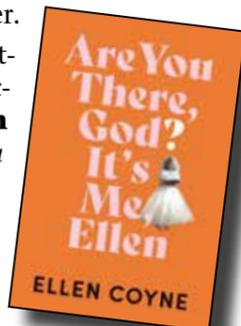
## What's gone wrong?

### 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 in the Newman Community Centre. 4/5 December



A number of people have indicated their readiness to assist with this. There is a meeting after the 10am Mass on Tuesday to help with planning. And a Zoom meeting that evening at 7pm for those not able to attend in the morning. Please email Fr Allen for Zoom details and if you cannot make either meeting and you wish to help.

### The Parish Environmental Group

At our meeting on Wednesday, inspired by Pope Francis' encouragement to respond to the challenge to protect our common home, we agreed to move forward with the CAFOD *Live Simply* initiative. Next steps are to identify and celebrate what we already do and name other actions we might now take. There are *100 Live Simply ideas* to inspire our journey!.

### 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.*

**Baptism Preparation** The next series of preparation meetings begins on Saturday at 12noon. (The following time of preparation is likely to be in January). For more details see Fr Allen after Mass.

### 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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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### 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, Tuesday 2nd November, 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.

### Music @ 7pm All Souls Mass

Vincent Byrne will play the organ at this Mass. It would be good to gather other parishioners too - singers and instrumentalists - to still further enrich our celebration. If you wish to be part of the music group on 2/11 please come to a 30 minute rehearsal immediately after the 9am Mass on Sunday October 24th.

### Keeping us safe

The current expectation of the Bishops' Conference (and likely to be the minimum requirements 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 are **required** of those attending Mass at St Nicholas.

*Thank you to the volunteers whose generous service keeps our parish church safe and open for Mass!*

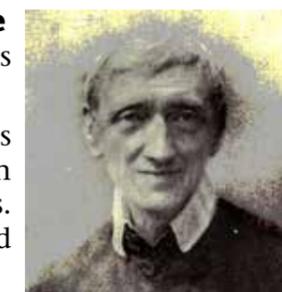
**Foodbank:** We are once more in a position to offer support to Bethany Food Bank (presently supporting 1000 people a week). To begin with food collections are invited for the first Sunday of each month, starting on weekend of 2/3 October.

*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.*

### Newman Community Centre

The NCC? Maybe you know it by its old name of the *Carpenter's Arms*.

The *Newman Community Centre* is now open for a variety of groups in line with current COVID regulations. It will open for other groups as and when the regulations are relaxed.



If you are planning events and would like to hold them at the NCC please ring the Hall Manager, Kay O'Keeffe, on 0121 321 2285 or email [newmancc.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:newmancc.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk)

### PARISH MASSES DURING THE COMING WEEK

Day	Time	Location	Notes
Sa 25	6pm	26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Denis Clark RIP (Platt)
Su 26	9am		Gahon Family intentions
	11am		Paul Martin RIP (Clinton)
M 27	10am	St Vincent de Paul	For the parish
T 28	10am		Ints of Rosaline Forker (Ord)
W 29	10am	Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael	
Th 30		St Jerome	
Fr 1	7pm	St Theresa of Child Jesus	
Sa 2	6pm	27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Olwyn Foster RIP (Foster)
Su 3	9am		For the parish
	11am		

**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 Alan Smail, Audrey Fryer Edward Madden, Martin Murphy, Olwyn Foster, Val McDonald and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

**P**our out your Spirit, O God, over all the world to inspire every heart with knowledge and love of you.

Grant that we who confess Jesus as Lord may shun whatever is contrary to this faith and give witness to your love that has saved us in Christ.

**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.*

#### Numbers 11:25-29

The Lord came down in the Cloud. He spoke with Moses, but took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. When the spirit came on them they prophesied, but not again.

Two men had stayed back in the camp; one was called Eldad and the other Medad. The spirit came down on them; though they had not gone to the Tent, their names were enrolled among the rest. These began to prophesy in the camp. The young man ran to tell this to Moses, 'Look,' he said 'Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp.' Then said Joshua the son of Nun, who had served Moses from his youth, 'My Lord Moses, stop them!' Moses answered him, 'Are you jealous on my account? If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets, and the Lord gave his Spirit to them all!'

#### Psalm 18(19):8,10,12-14

The law of the Lord is perfect,  
it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,  
it gives wisdom to the simple.

The fear of the Lord is holy,  
abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth  
and all of them just.

So in them your servant finds instruction;  
great reward is in their keeping.

But who can detect all his errors?

From hidden faults acquit me.

From presumption restrain your servant  
and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless,  
clean from grave sin.

#### James 5:1-6

An answer for the rich. Start crying, weep for the miseries that are coming to you. Your wealth is all rotting, your clothes are all eaten up by moths. All your gold and your silver are corroding away, and the same corrosion will be your own sentence, and eat into your body. It was a burning fire that you stored up as your treasure for the last days. Labourers mowed your fields, and you cheated them – listen to the wages that you kept back, calling out; realise that the cries of the reapers have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. On earth you have had a life of comfort and luxury; in the time of slaughter you went on eating to your heart's content. It was you who condemned the innocent and killed them; they offered you no resistance.

#### Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, alleluia!* Your word is truth, O Lord: consecrate us in the truth. *Alleluia!*

#### Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

John said to Jesus, 'Master, we saw a man who is not one of us casting out devils in your name; and because he was not one of us we tried to stop him.' But Jesus said, 'You must not stop him: no one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me. Anyone who is not against us is for us.'

'If anyone gives you a cup of water to drink just because you belong to Christ, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

'But anyone who is an obstacle to bring down one of these little ones who have faith, would be better thrown into the sea with a great millstone round his neck. And if your hand should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life crippled, than to have two hands and go to hell, into the fire that cannot be put out. And if your foot should cause you to sin, cut it off; it is better for you to enter into life lame, than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye should cause you to sin, tear it out; it is better for you to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell where their worm does not die nor their fire go out.'

#### 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

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.

#### The mystery of faith.

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

un-til you come a-gain.

**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 fruit of communion in the Lord.*

#### The Lord's Prayer

#### Invitation to Communion

#### Song of Thanksgiving

This is my body, broken for you,  
bringing you wholeness, making you free.  
take it and eat it, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

This is my blood poured out for you,  
bringing forgiveness, making you free.  
Take it and drink it, and when you do,  
do it in love for me.

Filled with my Spirit, how you will grow!  
You are my branches, I am the tree.  
If you are faithful, others will know  
you are alive in me.

**The Concluding Rites** *send us out live 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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## One in Christ:

### Training and Formation for those called to the service of the Church at prayer

Sessions designed to help those beginning their service of the Church, and to help those already experienced 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

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

**Tuesday Outings** To help get us out and about and socialising again after COVID isolation a series of parish **Last Tuesday of the Month Outings** is planned. Nothing formal - just a time and a place to meet and opportunities to do several things - as people choose - when we get there. We have a trial run at Aston Hall some weeks ago.

Our next trip — this Tues, 28 Sept — is to Winterbourne House, 58 Edgbaston Park Rd, Birmingham B15 2RT. Come and meet there at 1pm. Things to do? Enjoy the gardens; visit the house; visit the near-by Barber Institute and enjoy their paintings - or do some simple sketching yourself alongside our 'Absolute Beginners' group.

*The next outing, after this, scheduled for Tues 30 Nov.*