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St Nicholas World Development Group THE BIG QUIZ FOR UGANDA

?	SATURDAY	OCTOBER	14
?	DOORS OPEN		7.15
?	QUIZ STARTS		7.30
?	ENTRY FEE PER PERSON £		5

Will you join us in the Newman Centre (formerly Carpenter's Arms)?
FREE car parking in the church car park
For more information use: stnicholaswdg@gmail.com



Christians in health and social care:

ethics and practice Sat 21 Oct *or* Sat 4 Nov
Are you looking for an opportunity to meet people motivated by their faith to care for others? Would you like to explore the unique contribution that faith makes to the health and social care sector? Are you interested in learning about the ethical challenges work in this sector may bring? Join in on a day of reflection and professional development in Nottingham, organised by St Mary's University and the Christian Medical Fellowship.

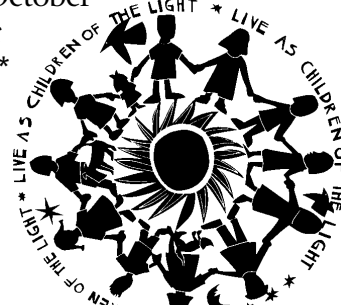
<https://bit.ly/467pQlr>

St Nicholas Fair planning meeting for all stallholders Benedict Room. 7.30pm on 10th October.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Further dates for these Liturgies of the Word are 9am on this term are Sunday 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.



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 2nd December. To register, please see Fr Allen.

Mini Munchkins Stay and Play group

0-5 years. Starting Monday 6th November
Come along to the Newman Community Centre and enjoy an interactive session of fun and educational activities with your mini munchkin. More info: minimunchkinsplay@gmail.com
Sessions include arts & crafts, toys, nursery songs
Monday Mornings 9.30-11am
£4 adult & 1 child; extra child 50p; extra adult £1
minimunchkinsplay@gmail.com



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

OCTOBER 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	7	6pm		Peter Canavan RD (Maynard)
Su	8	9am	27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Mary Bullmore RD (Redmond)
		11am		For the parish
M	9		St John Henry Newman	
T	10			
W	11			
Th	12			
F	13	7pm	Service of word and communion, followed by Exposition	
Sa	14	6pm		Olwyn Foster RIP
Su	15	9am	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	For the parish
		11am		Patrick McAuliffe

Anointing of the Sick: Next celebration is 27th October 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 Terry Morris, Chrissie Newstead, Fr Michael Ho, Brenda Davies; Rita Rhodes, Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin & Jean Lawlor. **Please pray** for Joseph Finnegan, Una Hunt, Theresa Sheehan, Esther McGovern; Cornelius Lennon, Thomas Callaghan, Bridget Hennesy, Ann Hayward, Martin Murphy and all whose passing is remembered 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>

Dads Alive

One of the parish COVID 'casualties' was our monthly Dads' group. But it is returning! A first meeting has been arranged to take place in the Benedict Room (behind the church, opposite the school) at 7.30pm on Monday 6th November. All Dads are welcome.

The format is we start with a drink (wine and soft drinks are available!); we follow with a brief talk/conversation on a subject related to the experience and responsibilities of being a father, often led by one of our own members (and the hope is that the talk and conversation are both fun and helpful!); then we have more social time and usually a bite to eat too.

On 6th November the talk/discussion is being led by Stephen Marshall, member of our parish and teacher at Bishop Walsh on the subject of How parents and teachers work together to develop the young Catholic adults of the future.

'Why no group for Mums?' The simple answer is that to date no mums have been interested in helping this sort of a group come together. But if there is interest, it would be a great thing to have a Mums alive! group too.

Make Music: When the priest addresses the congregation with the expression: 'The Lord be with you' and the assembly responds: 'And with your spirit,' we are in dialogue. We are at the beginning of the Mass and we must think of the meaning of all these gestures and words. We are entering a symphony, in which various tones of voices resound, including times of silence, in view of creating communion among all the participants, so we recognize one another animated by one Spirit and by one same end. In fact the priestly greeting and the people's response manifest the mystery of the gathered Church Expressed thus is the common faith and the mutual desire to be with the Lord and to live in unity with the whole community. *Pope Francis*

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

As I kneel before you, as I bow my head in prayer,
Take this day, make it yours and fill me with your love.

Ave Maria, gratia plena,
Dominus tecum, benedicta tu.

All I have I give you, every dream and wish are yours,
Mother of Christ, Mother of mine,
present them to my Lord.

As I kneel before you, and I see your smiling face,
Ev’ry thought, ev’ry word is lost in your embrace.

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

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hill-side. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave.

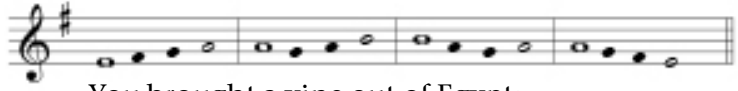
And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.

Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He

expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20



You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, ‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a land-owner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what

will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: “It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful to see?” ‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

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.

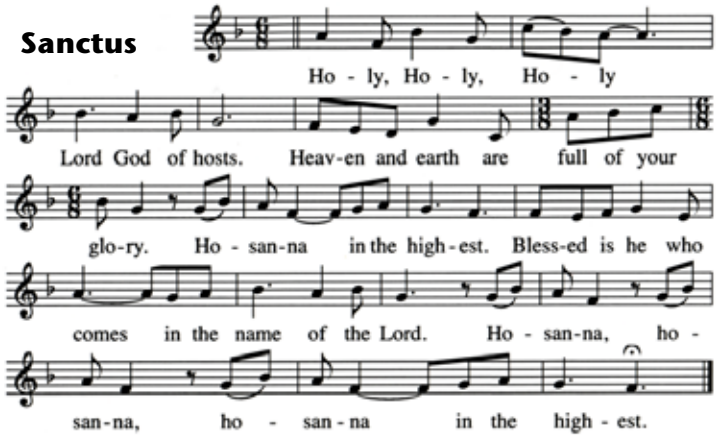
The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory NB Our next collections for the Bethany Food Bank are Sundays October 21st and November5th

Be still and know that I am God,
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I am the Lord that healeth thee...

In thee, O Lord, I put my trust...



The mystery of faith

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

Jesus, name above all names,
Beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord.
Emmanuel, God is with us.
Blessed Redeemer, Living word.

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

“Bringing children to church”

To get a couple of things out of the way first - children of all ages are welcome at all of our parish masses, and inevitably children will raise the ‘noise’ level at Mass, even quite considerably. Let’s take all that for granted.

However ‘just’ bringing children to Mass is not what parents and grandparents and god-parents are asked to do for their children, the children of our parish. They are asked to help the children slowly, gradually, learn how to take part in the Mass, and find meaning there, ultimately to be able to have fruitful encounter with Jesus there.

A few things seem especially important here -

- Bringing them to church in good time before Mass begins, so they can spend a time in prayer, perhaps offering their own prayers with you before the figures of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart, praying especially for the particular things that are happening in their lives and the lives of their families.
- Helping them to get into the habit of thinking what they want to pray about during the Mass - something to say thank you for, sorry for and help with, for example. Your doing the same and talking with them about your choices offers great encouragement to them.
- During the Mass **regularly** encouraging them to join in responses and songs. It is lovely when this happens but too many parents sit beside children not seemingly responding themselves, and doing nothing to offer encouragement to their children.
- And of course, regularly being part of our parish celebration of Sunday Mass has its place. Parish-ioners regularly comment on how children are brought to Mass for ‘special’ things but very few are seen the Sunday after. Without regular practice children cannot learn how to pray the Mass, and acquire the Christian spirit.

The Church warns that unless we help children to take their proper active part, understanding and engaging with what we do, those bringing them to church can be pointless and even harmful. That’s the last thing, surely, that anyone would want. But ensuring that this does not happen takes care and commitment from parents.