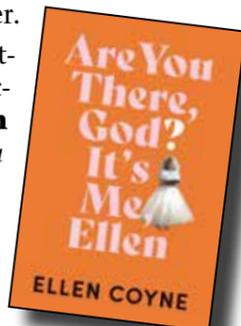


What's gone wrong? What might be done about it?

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

Parish Finances

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.*

Sacred Soaking

Daryl Madden

Graced within
Your Presence
Such mysteries we find
In the sacred soaking
Of Your light divine

Heaven flows within us
Of permeating prayer
For every breath we draw
Is of holy air

One of contemplation
Love within so freeing
And in this becoming
We're a blessed being

In this transformation
Of gifting to prepare
To go into this world
With His Word to share

CAFOD Family fast day collection

just one world will be taken next Sunday.
CAFOD Envelopes are available in the porch.
For the sake of our money counters please use the envelopes ONLY if you are gift-aiding your donation.

Little Steps If you missed out last weekend do take a copy of CAFOD's *100 Live Simply ideas* to help us continue to do what we can in our families and homes to protect our earth and its climate - our common home. What might we also do as a parish!

Thank you to those in our Communion and Confirmation programmes who have volunteered to assist at our Sunday Liturgies going forward.

There will be a brief meeting in the Benedict Room after each Mass next Sunday for them.

Other parishioners - adults are also needed to help with the Offertory Collection which will be reintroduced shortly. *If you can help with this - and I imagine most people could, so the question really is whether you are willing to help with this. If you are not already assisting in another way at Mass, do please try to make yourself available in this way.*

If you can, please do come to these very brief meetings so we can get organised for this again.

St Nicholas Fair

Newman Community Centre
4/5 December



Plans for the Fair are now well underway and now being coordinated by Deacon Gary — who can be contacted via the parish office.

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 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 & trace system, recording contact details for those who do not use the QR code
- wear face-masks
- and sanitise their hands on entering the church.

These three things are **required** of those attending Mass at St Nicholas.

Thank you for keeping the church safe for all parishioners

Open for Prayer

From this weekend the parish church will again be open during the day for those wishing to come for private prayer.

The plan is to have the church open from 8am to 5pm (except on Thursdays), and until after the evening Masses on Friday and Saturday. Access will once more be through the main doors of the church.

Those using the church are asked to use the Track and Trace system, scanning the QR code, to sanitise their hands before leaving the porch, and to wear a mask while in the church.

Not a few parishioners remain nervous about returning to Mass because of fear of the virus. They may well welcome the opportunity to come and pray in the church. If you are aware of people in this situation and can help them to come to church, please do offer that help.

In addition, a reminder that, now that home visits are once more permitted, anyone who is not able to come to Mass is welcome to contact Fr Allen to discuss what support and help might be provided.

Finally, mindful of the challenge to take respond to global warming (and also the need to minimise our gas bills) it is proposed to have our weekday Masses celebrated in the Benedict Room (access will be via the church). It seems undesirable to heat the whole church for the relatively small numbers coming to weekday Mass at present. If you have a view on this please do share it with me. Thank you.

Fr. Allen

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.

Music @ 7pm All Souls Mass

Singers and instrumentalists are invited to volunteer to enrich our celebration. If you want to join the group for 2/11 please come to a 30 minute rehearsal immediately after the 9am Mass on Sunday October 24th.

PARISH MASSES DURING THE COMING WEEK

Day	Time	Special Occasion	Memorial
Sa 2	6pm	27th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Olwyn Foster RIP (Foster)
Su 3	9am 11am		For the parish
M 4	10am	St Francis of Assisi	Brenda and John Corbett RIP
T 5	10am		Freda Gateley RIP (Ord)
W 6	10am		Helen, Tom and Jo Madigan RIP
Th 7		Our Lady of the Rosary	
Fr 8	7pm		
Sa 9	6pm	28th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Anna Smith Ints (Szambir)
Su 10	9am 11am		For the parish Mary Enright RIP (Ord)

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 parishioners who are sick including Brenda Davies, Elizabeth Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson. Please pray for Olwyn Foster, Val McDonald, Joseph Finnegan, Theresa Sheehan,, Esther McGovern and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Creator God, in Christ you call man and woman to the fullness of glory, for you created them in your image. Heal our hardened hearts, renew our obedience to your spoken will and confirm our lives to our gracious design.

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.

Genesis 2:18-24

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed: 'This at last is bone from my bones, and flesh from my flesh! This is to be called woman, for this was taken from man.'

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

Psalm 127(128)

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper.

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table.

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
in a happy Jerusalem
all the days of your life!
May you see your children's children.
On Israel, peace!

Hebrews 2:9-11

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Mark 10:2-16

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

People were bringing little children to him, for him to touch them. The disciples turned them away, but when Jesus saw this he was indignant and said to them, 'Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.' Then he put his arms round them, laid his hands on them and gave them his blessing.

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 ire-presents 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.

Food Bank Thank you for all donations to the *First Sunday of the Month* collection for the food bank. **Our next collection is 6/7 Novmeber.** In the meantime donations can be made via local supermarkets.

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. *If you know of parishioners who - during the Pandemic - have become nervous of venturing out do encourage them to come and take part - and if you can join us to, all to the good.* The next outing, after this, scheduled for Tues 30 Nov.