

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.

Sometimes people ask, '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 interest is there, it would be a great thing to have a Mums alive! group too.

Christians in health and social care: ethics and practice

Sat 21 Oct or Sat 4 Nov

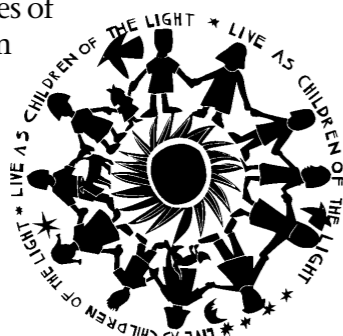
Are you looking for an opportunity to meet people motivated by their faith to care for others? Would you like to explore the unique contribution that faith makes to the health and social care sector? Are you interested in learning about the ethical challenges work in this sector may bring? Join in on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

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

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.



Justice and Peace Assembly
Saturday 28th October 2023
Grimshaw Room, St. Chad's Cathedral
Birmingham B4 6HJ
Registrations: 10am
Assembly: 10:25am to 3pm
Theme:
Climate Action in the
Archdiocese of Birmingham

St Nicholas World Development Group THE BIG QUIZ FOR UGANDA



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



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
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OCTOBER 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	14	6pm	28 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Olwyn Foster RIP
Su	15	9am 11am		For the parish Patrick McAuliffe
M	16			
T	17		St Ignatius of Antioch	
W	18		St Luke	
Th	19			
F	20	7pm	Service of word and communion, followed by Exposition	
Sa	21	6pm	29 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	
Su	22	9am 11am		For the parish Michael McDermott RIP (McD)

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 Ann Hayward, Martin Murphy, Kathleen Hughes, Thomas Heneghan, Nancy King, David McIlree, Irene Devlin, Michael McDermott 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>

Welcome to Fr Brendan Ona here to make the annual Missionary Appeal

Today's Spiritans - priests, brothers and lay associates owe their origin to a young French nobleman, Claude Poullart des Places, who gave up the practice of law to study for the priesthood. His apostolate began among the chimney sweeps of Paris, and his seminary, founded in 1703 dedicated to the Holy Ghost, marked our beginning. That College was unique: it charged no fees and studies were for 6 years instead of the usual 3. The one condition for entry was a willingness to take on works that others were reluctant to tackle. This was one of the first attempts to put in place seminary reforms of the Council of Trent in 1563.

Soon Spiritans were engaged in apostolic work throughout Europe. They were entrusted with the French overseas territories, in French Guiana followed by China, Cambodia, Vietnam, India, South and North America, especially in Canada among the Indians, where they created the RCIA programme. In 1779 the first mission in Africa opened in Senegal, W Africa.

Over 1300 Spiritan priests studied in the seminary before it was suppressed by the French Revolution in 1792. The staff and home based Spiritans were scattered and sent into exile leaving just a remnant to revive the college in 1802 under Napoleon. They were now asked to concentrate on supplying priests to the French Colonies of Africa, the Caribbean and Indian Ocean.

Up to this point all Spiritans were French. But in 1830 another French Revolution threatened and they went into exile once more.

Much diminished by the French Revolution, the Congregation revived in 1848 when Fr. Francis Libermann, a former Jew and rabbi, joined his Congregation of the Holy Heart of Mary to the Spiritans to create the Congregation of the Holy Spirit and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. He brought with him priests and seminarians dedicated to the poor and underprivileged. The writings and the example of Fr. Francis Libermann set the tone for today's Spiritans who follow an apostolate dedicated to, and guided by, the Holy Spirit.


The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

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

Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.

On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

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Psalm 22(23)



The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God. Alleluia!

Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the

town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

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.

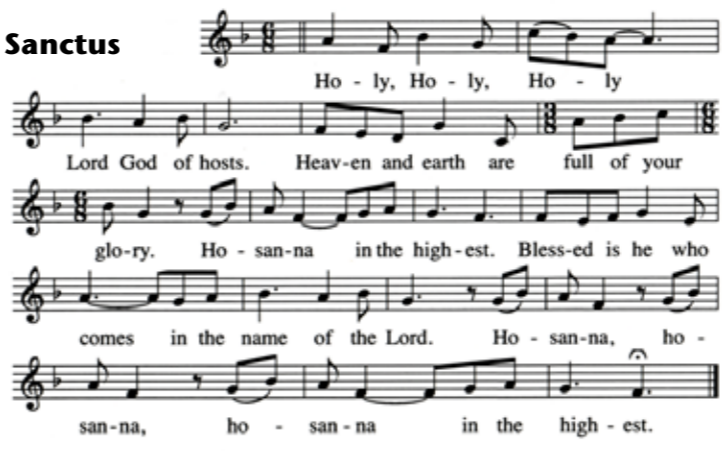
The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Offertory NB Our next collections for the Bethany Food Bank are today October 22nd and November 5th.

O King of might and splendour, creator most adored, this sacrifice we render to thee as sovereign Lord. May these our gifts be pleasing unto thy majesty, from sin, O Lord, release us, who have offended thee.

Thy body thou hast given,
thy blood thou hast outpoured,
that sin might be forgiven, O Jesus, living Lord.
As now with love most tender, thy death we celebrate,
our lives in self-surrender to thee we consecrate.

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 proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you’ve found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I’ll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Prayer after Communion

Caring for our Life in Christ

Intimate personal connection to the Risen Christ implies a close relationship to others who follow Him and this is expressed in the building of faith communities within the universal Church. Through the public Celebration of the Eucharist these communities are formed and nurtured. For, as we gather around the ‘table of the Lord’ the reality of our common life is recognised and demonstrated.

10 It hardly needs saying but the way in which we celebrate the Eucharist together is clearly of vital importance to the building up of the local Church.

Responsibility for the quality of Catholic liturgical life does not lie with priests alone. The fullness of all that the Eucharist can be implies the wholehearted engagement of everyone involved. At its best, the liturgy gives expression to the loving commitment of every baptised person in relationship to Christ.

That ‘the People of God’ will be able to make adequate meaningful connection between everyday life and participation in the Eucharist cannot be simply assumed. Recognising in the ebb and flow of liturgical expression a gathering and transformation of the rich tapestry of personal experience is an on-going challenge and invitation.

The necessity for ongoing liturgical catechesis of all members of the assembly is, therefore, self-evident. In these changing times it is not only children who need to be educated into a mature understanding of the liturgy.

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