

## Novena to St John Paul II for the defeat of Assisted Dying Bill

A national Novena is being said from 13-22 October seeking the intercession of St John Paul II, on whose feast the Second Reading of the Bill falls. But it's never too late to start!

### The Novena Prayer

*Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission.*

*Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people.*

*Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.*

*Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory Be...*

## 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 (to help keep the church safe for all parishioners)

The church is 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.

*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.*

## The heating system in the Benedict Room is not working! Weekday Masses will continue to be in the church!

## How might we Live Simply?

Share your thoughts with the parish! We are looking for suggestions for Actions to

- live simply
- live sustainably with creation
- live in solidarity with the poor.

Please email suggestions to parish office (e-mail on front page) for forwarding to the Parish Environmental Group

## 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,

## 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.*

**Training for Servers:** Any one who has made — or begun their preparation for — their first communion (children and adults) is welcome to train to be a server at weekday or Sunday Mass. The Pandemic means that we will be starting again from scratch! And all are welcome. Come along to 45 minutes training session in church at 10.45am on 23 October (or contact Fr Allen for another date)

**Coffee Morning** Sat 30 Oct, 10am to noon. Francis House. 1c Cofield Road, Boldmere, B73 5SD. *All profits go to the Walsingham Association.*

## St Nicholas Fair 4/5 December

Newman Community Centre  
Deacon Gary is coordinating arrangements. He can be contacted at the parish office.



We need to choose the two charities that profits will be shared between - one local, one overseas. Email your suggestions to stnicholas.boldmere@rcaob.org.uk



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Pope Francis has invited the whole Church to a time of listening and reflection on how we are called to live as disciples of Jesus. From October this year until October 2023 we are called to listen for the voice of the Spirit as we listen to the voices of each other as we share our experiences, opinions and understandings.

The temptation for many of us will simply be to talk! But we are all of us called to listen - to each other, and especially to those that we might often not pay much attention to.

There are many in the Church who can feel no one really listens to them. My own experience suggests this can be true as much of bishops as it can be of other people. Many people feel that the wider Church does not welcome them, or value the contribution they make. This is regularly heard for example from some - even many - people of colour, from women, or people who are divorced or gay or the old or the young.

We do not have to agree with others, but Pope Francis invites us to spend time, and make the effort, to listen to them respectfully and with the expectation that we can learn from each other.

The listening process begins in the local Churches of the world - in the dioceses and their parishes. Then progressively, across the Church, there will be a more concentrated sharing of people's experiences and understandings and sense of vocation. Then in October 2023 Bishops and others from around the world meet in Rome for further listening and reflection.

Although that might be seen as the end of the process, we can hope that in the meantime we will have learnt the value of such careful listening and build it into the everyday life of the Church - in how we are with each other and how we meet with others as we try to share the Good News of God's love.

For now we need to figure out how to start the ball rolling! Maybe there is something to learn from the fact that many people — from the bishops up! — struggle to know how to begin.

Pope Francis offers pointers and guidance. You can find some of the most recent on our parish blog and on the parish website (www.stnicholasboldmere.co.uk/synod.html), but it is something for us all to see how we might best play our part, and help others to do the same! So I welcome your suggestions — please do feel make the effort to share them! All are welcome to hear more at (brief!) open parish meetings live in the Benedict Room (Sat 30 Oct @ 10) or on-line (Sun 31 Oct @5.30)

Fr. Allen

**W**e stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

*A prayer for journey together*

## PARISH MASSES DURING THE COMING WEEK

Day	Time	Notes
Sa 16	6pm	Teresa Gill RIP (Gill)
Su 17	9am	29th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME For the parish
	11am	
M 18	10am	St Luke Chris Horts RIP (O'Gorman)
T 19	10am	Stephen Burke - health (Burke)
W 20	10am	Nancy King RIP (Brookes)
Th 21		
Fr 22	7pm	
Sa 23	6pm	Dylan Byfield-Lovell RIP (Gill)
Su 24	9am	30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 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 parishioners who are sick** including Jean Lawlor, Stephen Burke, Brenda Davies, Elizabeth Barker, Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Thomas Stevenson. Please pray for Martin Murphy, Kathleen Hughes, Thomas Heneghan, Nancy King, Michael McDermott and all whose anniversaries occur at this time. **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

Most glorious God, in Jesus you show us that your will is to save. Grant to us your people the boldness to desire a place in your kingdom, the courage to drink the cup of suffering, and the grace to find in service the glory that you promise

**The Introductory Rites** bring us together as one, 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.

#### Isaiah 53:10-11

The Lord has been pleased to crush his servant with suffering.

If he offers his life in atonement, he shall see his heirs, he shall have a long life and through him what the Lord wishes will be done.

His soul's anguish over, he shall see the light and be content. By his sufferings shall my servant justify many, taking their faults on himself.

#### Psalms 32(33):4-5,18-20,22

The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.

The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you.

#### Hebrews 4:14-16

Since in Jesus, the Son of God, we have the supreme high priest who has gone through to the highest heaven, we must never let go of the faith that we have professed. For it is not as if we had a high priest who was incapable of feeling our weaknesses with us; but we have one who has been tempted in every way that we are, though he is without sin. Let us be confident, then, in approaching the throne of grace, that we shall have mercy from him and find grace when we are in need of help.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, says the Lord; No one can come to the Father except through me. Alleluia!

#### Mark 10:35-45

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, approached Jesus. 'Master,' they said to him 'we want you to do us a favour.' He said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' They said to him, 'Allow us to sit one at your right hand and the other at your left in your glory.' 'You do not know what you are asking' Jesus said to them. 'Can you drink the cup that I must drink, or be baptised with the baptism with which I must be baptised?' They replied, 'We can.' Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I must drink you shall drink, and with the baptism with which I must be baptised you shall be baptised, but as for seats at my right hand or my left, these are not mine to grant; they belong to those to whom they have been allotted.'

When the other ten heard this they began to feel indignant with James and John, so Jesus called them to him and said to them, 'You know that among the pagans their so-called rulers lord it over them, and their great men make their authority felt. This is not to happen among you. No; anyone who wants to become great among you must be your servant, and anyone who wants to be first among you must be slave to all. For the Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.'

#### 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

From heav'n You came helpless babe  
Enter'd our world Your glory veil'd  
Not to be served but to serve  
And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King -  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load He chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
Yet "Not my will, but Yours", He said.

Come see His hands and His feet -  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.

So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving.

**Food Bank** Our next collection is 6/7 November.  
Donations can also be made via local supermarkets.

**The Eucharistic Prayer** is a memorial of praise and thanksgiving for God's work of salvation, in which the Body and Blood of Christ are made present by the power of the Holy Spirit and we join with Christ in offering 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

Lord, Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
you are one with us, Mary's son.  
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,  
pouring your love and goodness in,  
Jesus our love for you we sing, living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, now and ev'ry day  
teach us how to pray, Son of God.  
You have commanded us to do  
this in remembrance, Lord, of you.  
Into our lives your pow'r breaks through,  
living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, you have come to us,  
born as one of us, Mary's Son.  
Led out to die on Calvary,  
risen from death to set us free,  
living Lord Jesus, help us see, you are Lord.

Lord, Jesus Christ, I would come to you,  
live my life for you, Son of God.  
All your commands I know are true,  
your many gifts will make me new,  
into my life your pow'r breaks through,  
living Lord.

**The Concluding Rites** send us out to live the love of God. 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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#### 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.

On All Souls Day, Tuesday 2nd November, come to Mass to remember those who have died, and to offer Mass for them. Sheets are available at the entrance to the church, for you to write the names of those you would like to be remembered at this Mass - **just people who have died during the time of the COVID-crisis.** Please hand your sheet to Fr Allen - and their names will be read out at the Mass

#### 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 NEXT SUNDAY, October 24th.