

CCJ Birmingham offers members and friends the opportunity to enjoy guided visits to St Chad's Cathedral and Singer's Hill Synagogue. Focuses for Catholic and Jewish life in our City, these buildings are also of exceptional historical and architectural interest.

Thursday November 16th

starting at 1.30pm at St Chad's Cathedral, Queensway, B4 6HJ - meeting just inside the main doors.

The tour will end at Singers' Hill Synagogue, Bulcher St, B1 1HL by 5.30pm.

Public Transport offers help to move between locations!

For security reasons we need to provide Singers Hill Synagogue in advance of the day the names of those attending. For this reason those wishing to take part in this event MUST register their names in advance of the day by emailing ccj.bham@gmail.com



There is a charge of £8.00 per person to cover costs at the 2 venues. Payment — cash only please — will be taken on the day.

Those attending might like to bring something to eat/drink in between visits!



The Council of Christians and Jews is the leading nationwide forum for Christian - Jewish engagement.

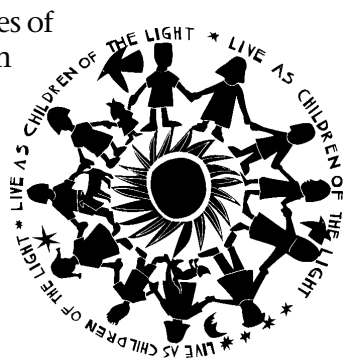
CCJ celebrates interfaith engagement and shared values between Christian and Jewish communities.

<https://ccj.org.uk/>

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.



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.

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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Parish Priest: Fr Allen Morris **Deacon:** Rev John Garvey

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

OCTOBER 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	21	6pm		Joe Kelly RIP (Bird)
Su	22	9am	29th Sunday in Ordinary Time	For the parish
		11am		Michael McDermott RIP (McD)
M	23	10am		Mary Bulmore RIP (Ord)
T	24	10am		Trevor Short RIP (O'Gorman)
W	25	10am		
Th	26			
F	27	7pm		
Sa	28	6pm	30th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Teresa Gill RIP (Gill)
Su	29	9am		Bridget Broom RIP (Broom)
		11am		For the parish

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** Irene Devlin, Michael McDermott, Margaret Scotton, Eileen Westbury, Bridget Broom, Edna Murray 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>

Inter Faith Week
13-20 November
www.interfaithweek.org

AN EVENING with Lord Austin

Come join Ian Austin and Reverend Calum Burke for an evening of music and conversation about Dudley and beyond. Ian Austin is the former MP for Dudley North and now sits in the House of Lords.

Top Church
High Street
Dudley, DY1 1QD

NOVEMBER 15TH 2023 7.30-9.30PM

This event is taking place as part of Inter Faith Week. Inter Faith Week brings together people from all backgrounds to build stronger and more resilient communities.

BOOK HERE: bit.ly/IanAustin
more info: calumatopchurch.co.uk

TOP CHURCH

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

Christians in health and social care: ethics and practice Sat 4 Nov

Looking for an opportunity to meet people motivated by their faith to care for others? Want to explore the unique contribution that faith makes to the health and social care sector? Interested in learning about the ethical challenges work in this sector may bring? Join a Zoom day of reflection and professional development in Nottingham, organised by St Mary's University and the Christian Medical Fellowship.
<https://bit.ly/467pQIr>

The Introductory Rites

Opening Song

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

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 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

Psalms 95(96):1,3-5,7-10



O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens,
Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

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

Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

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 and September 3rd and 17th

Gifts of bread and wine, gifts we've offered,
fruits of labour, fruits of love:
taken, offered, sanctified,
blessed and broken; words of one who died:
Take my body, take my saving blood.'
Gifts of bread and wine: Christ our Lord.

Christ our Saviour, living presence here,
as He promised while on earth:
'I am with you for all time,
I am with you in this bread and wine.'
Through the Father, with the Spirit,
one in union with the Son,
for God's people, joined in prayer,
faith is strengthened by the food we share.



The mystery of faith



The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

*Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.
Shine through the d rkness. Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.*

Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Prayer after Communion

Concluding Rites

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Gathering as Church

In the Introductory Rites of the Mass, Christ joins the Church to himself and gathers her children to join their voices to his perfect hymn of praise. Thus, the liturgical assembly, "where two or three come together in Christ's name, and where he is found in their midst (cf. Mt 18:20), is the 'first image that the Church gives of herself'" Indeed the assembly itself is also the first instance of Christ's presence in the liturgy.

The purpose of the Introductory Rites is to ensure that the faithful, who come together as one, establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God's word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily. Entrance Procession

The assembly's worship begins with the opening song and procession, which help to create a sense of identity, a willingness to celebrate, and an awareness of the mystery being unfolded. The purpose of singing at this time is to open the celebration, foster the unity of those who have assembled, introduce their thoughts to the mystery of the liturgical season or festivity, and accompany the procession of the priest and ministers.

A procession of ministers through and from the assembly expresses visibly the relationship of the priest celebrant and the other ministers to the congregation.

The altar is an abiding symbol of Christ and the centre of the Eucharistic action.

After the procession and the reverencing of the altar, the priest and deacon proceed to the chair. It is from the chair that the priest greets the people and continues to preside over the Introductory Rites and the Liturgy of the Word.

After making the Sign of the Cross together, the priest and people exchange formal greetings as a mutual acknowledgement and evocation of the presence of Christ in their midst and as a prayer for his sustaining power.

Bishops of England and Wales. Celebrating the Mass