

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch.

The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer. You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding.

Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

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

Proclaim the wonders of the Lord among all the peoples.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.

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 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit;

If I can give you any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus... we must pray to Jesus to give us the tenderness of the Eucharist.

St Teresa of Calcutta.

Exposition and Benediction at St Nicholas

Sunday 1800—1900	Exposition and Evening Prayer <i>2nd and 4th Sundays of the month</i>
Monday 1500—1600	Exposition and Rosary <i>Praying for vocations</i>
Friday 1930—2000	Exposition <i>and prayer for the Church</i>
Saturday 1700—1740	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession



it; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. *Alleluia!*

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from - only the servants who had drawn the water knew - the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.



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As God's holy people, we Christians constantly find ourselves on the threshold of entering the Lord's promised kingdom. Yet, since we are also divided, we need to recall God's summons to justice. Christians, too, risk adopting a mentality that in the pursuit of wealth, we forget about the weak and those in need.

The gifts we have received from God can also blind us to the gifts given to other Christians. It is a grave sin to belittle or despise the gifts that the Lord has given our brothers and sisters and to think that God somehow holds them in less esteem. When we entertain

Collect for Christian Unity

O God, in the covenant of your Christ you never cease to gather to yourself from all nations a people growing together in unity through the Spirit; grant, we pray, that your Church, faithful to the mission entrusted to her, may continually go forward with the human family and always be the leaven and the soul of human society, to renew it in Christ and transform it into the family of God. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Parish Prayer for Christian Unity

Monday 21st January at 6pm at St Nicholas Church
Evening prayer, followed by light supper

Masses Week of 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

S	19	Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700 1800	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> Luke Gill RIP (Gill)
Su	20	<i>Psalter Week 2</i>	0900 1100	For the Parish Danny Scally RIP (Ward)
M	21	St Agnes	1000* 1500 1800	Ruth Wilkinson RIP (Marsland) <i>Exposition and Rosary for Vocations</i> <i>Prayer for Christian Unity</i>
T	22		1000*	Dinky Egan Ints (Perks)
W	23		1000*	For the Syrian nation
Th	24	St Francis de Sales		
F	25	Conversion of St Paul	1000 1900	<i>Mass with St Nicholas School (All welcome)</i> Christina and Robert Ints (Redmond) <i>followed by 30 mins exposition</i>
S	26	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	1700 1800	<i>Exposition and Sacrament of Confession</i> Ints of the Rice family (Gill)
Su	27	<i>Psalter Week 3</i>	0900 1100 1800	For the Parish Agnes O'Sullivan RIP (Hayes) <i>Exposition and Evening Prayer (4th Sun of month)</i>

Morning/Evening Prayer 20 mins before weekday Masses, *as indicated above* *

Exposition: & Vespers 2nd & 4th Suns of month, 6-7pm; **& Rosary** Mon at 3pm

Reconciliation Sat. 1700-1730 (Exposition until 1740) and by arrangement.

Baptism, Matrimony, Anointing of the Sick: by arrangement.

Nourishing prayer at home: livingeucharist.wordpress.com/

Please pray for sick parishioners including Joan James, Pat Serafinas; Thomas Stevenson; Peter & Olwyn Foster; Lea Burke and Peggy Gallagher. **Please pray** for Terry Devenney, Kathleen Cecil, Roger Pryor, Maary O'Horo and all whose anniversaries of death are at this time: **Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, may they rest in peace.**

NB To include names on the list of sick parishioners please complete the form available in the porch and pass to Fr Allen so we meet the requirements of current Data Protection legislation.

such thoughts, we allow the very grace we have received to become a source of pride, injustice, and division. And how can we then enter the promised kingdom? The worship befitting that kingdom, the worship demanded by justice, is a celebration that includes everyone, a feast in which gifts received are available to and shared by all. To take the first steps towards the promised land that is our unity, we must, first of all, recognize with humility that the blessings we have received are not ours by right, but have come to us as a gift; they were given to be shared with others. Then, we must acknowledge the value of the grace granted to other Christian communities. As a result, we will want to partake of the gifts of others. A Christian people renewed and enriched by this exchange of gifts will be a people capable of journeying firmly and confidently on the path that leads to unity.

Pope Francis. 18th January 2019

Next Week: 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10 / Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 / 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27 / Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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The Ordinary of the Mass is found on p200 ff of *Laudate*.
The Gloria, Holy, Memorial Acclamation and Lamb of God used in Ordinary Time are nos 1013 ff in *Laudate*.

Parish

Peter's Pence. Pope Francis has thanked the people of the Archdiocese for their generous contribution to Peter's Pence and the devoted sentiments which inspired it. He knows that much effort was involved. Birmingham contributed £33,175 to Peter's Pence in 2018.

The Bell. New issue on sale today, £1

Mass Intentions Advice for those with anniversaries to remember etc. Feb is now booked out and March half full...If you wish to book Masses for April/May please do so soon, to avoid being disappointed.

Preparation for Baptism of Infants. The next preparation programme starts on Sat 2 March from 11-12 noon, in the Benedict Room. Pl see Fr Allen before hand for an application form.

Pastoral Care for those who have been divorced and wish to remarry

The experience of a 'broken' marriage is a hard one for people to bear.

It can be particularly difficult and arduous for those who at a future date wish to 're-marry' in the Catholic Church.

Why? Because of the Church's need to establish whether the divorced person is free to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony.

With the best will in the world, the process of establishing this freedom to marry can be painful. Though it must be said it can also prove to be a good experience that allows people to move on, having dealt afresh with past hurts.

Recently Pope Francis introduced new procedures for the formal process concerning the declaration of nullity of marriage. The Pope's emphasis on mercy is at the heart of these changes. The new norms imbue the search for truth with the mercy of God. This has always been the aim. However, quicker processes, the concern that the lack of finance should not be a constraint and the possibility that a diocesan bishop may be able to use their judicial power for the good of those in their care, all contribute to that search for truth and mercy.

The National Board of Catholic Women has prepared a *Guide to the Annulment Process* as a resource to assist all those in our communities whose marriages have failed, and those accompanying them; and restore to them, with the mercy of God, hope and confidence on the journey of faith in the light of the Gospel. It is available at <https://bit.ly/2sp6T2y>

If you wish to know more, for your self or to help you support a friend, Fr Allen would be very happy to meet with you to discuss things. The *Guide* itself includes a very useful list of other sources of help and support.

Parish Book Clubs meet in the parish house, and all are welcome. **(A) The Daytime Group** 1030 on Weds 27 Feb to discuss *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again* by Rachel Held Evans. What do people mean when they say the Bible is inspired? *Inspired* draws on the best in recent scholarship to examine some favourite Bible stories and possible interpretations, retelling them through memoir, original poetry, short stories, soliloquies, and a short screenplay! Undaunted by the Bible's most difficult passages, The Bible is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world. **(B) The Night Time Club** 8pm on Jan 28 to discuss *With the End in Mind: Dying, Death and Wisdom in an Age of Denial* by Kathryn Mannix who is a doctor in palliative care who wants us to be better informed and less afraid about dying.

Rosary for Vocations. The Rosary group meets in church on Mondays at 3pm to pray for vocations. All welcome.

Travelling Solo lunch All who 'travel solo in life' for whatever reason are warmly invited to meet for pub lunch after the 11am Mass on 3 Feb.

Scripture group Next meeting **7.30pm, Mon 4 Feb**, in the Benedict Rm to read Chaps 9 & 10 of Luke's Gospel. All welcome

Catholic Herald Deliveries regularly do not arrive before Sunday. Also sales are very few indeed. So our subscription has been cancelled. Private subscriptions are available from 01371 853645.

Diocese

Faith In Politics Internship 2019 The Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme is recruiting at least six recently graduated Catholics to learn from an intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. The scheme will run from September 2019 until July 2020. Internship positions are given with Christian MPs and Peers in Parliament,

Dads' Get Together

The next meeting includes a reflection from Matt Long comparing his experience of society, family and education in Asia and the UK. Meeting on Monday 21st January at 8pm. So as usual some lively conversation is promised, and some nice food and drink too.



St Patrick's Day in 2019

Parish Celebration will be in the Carpenter's Arms after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 16th March.



THE PARENTS' CAFE...

A Parents' drop-in, term-time Monday mornings, 8.30- 9.50. A chance to meet and have a cup of coffee and a biscuit in the Benedict Room. And, if you like, come along to the 10am Mass afterwards, at which there will be prayers for families. If you are interested in volunteering for a rota to help set up/clear up, please see Fr Allen. Otherwise simply know that you are very welcome to drop in anytime during the first session on Monday 21 January.



Sacramental Certificates

Data Protection law now makes it more complicated for people to apply for new copies of baptism and confirmation certificates. So if you have already got a certificate keep it safe!!

Please be aware you can no longer apply for a certificate on behalf of someone else (unless they are under 12).

To request a certificate, you need to demonstrate your identity, and if applying for a certificate for a child under 12 provide their birth certificate also.

Full details are on our parish website: <https://bit.ly/2QyEa50>

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

Do come visit and pray (and get a free breakfast or bite to eat) at the churches listed below during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. We have much to learn from other Christians, and much to share...

Fr Allen has been invited to preach at Chester Road Baptist Church at their evening service on Sunday 20th January. It begins at 6.30pm, and includes an 'In conversation with Fr Allen' led by Revd Danny Brierley, the new minister at Chester Road. All are welcome!

The local Churches Together group invites you to
Prayer +

Friday 18th January at 8:30am

Prayer, and tea and coffee.

Emmanuel Church (CofE), Wylde Green, B72 1YG

Saturday 19th January at 8.00am

Jesus Prayer for 30 minutes, then toast for breakfast

St Michael's Church (CofE), Boldmere, B73 5RX

Monday 21st January at 6pm

Evening Prayer, followed by light supper

St Nicholas Catholic Church, Boldmere, B73 5US

Tuesday 22nd January from 6.30 - 8.00 am

Grab a light breakfast and stay/leave as you choose.

Chester Road Baptist Church, B73 5HU

Wednesday 23rd January at 10.30am

Prayer, and tea and coffee.

Boldmere Methodist Church, B73 5UB

Thursday 24th January at 11am

Prayer, and tea and coffee.

Wylde Green URC Church, B73 5SW

the Catholic Education Service, CAFOD and the Caritas Social Action Network. All interns also gain from retreats and spiritual guidance, as well as living in a vibrant, young Catholic community in the center of London. During the year, as part of their overall formation, interns will study for a Postgraduate Certificate in Catholic Scia! Teaching from St Mary's University, Twickenham. Further information can be found at www.faihinpolitics.org.uk. Applications are open, and the closing date is 28 February 2019. Applications should be made through the website. Please direct any questions to stephanie.macgillivray@cbcew.org.uk.

The Birmingham Passion Play 2019:

The Archbishop invites you to support/participate in this event which will run on 16, 17 and 18 April in the City Centre. The leading actors/actresses will be supplied by professional players from the Saltmine Trust (www.saltminetrust.org.uk), a Christian company keen to recruit volunteers for the community cast, choir, musicians and stewards, etc. There will be meeting for all those who are interested at One Colmore Row, Floor 8, This is one of the new 'glass' buildings near the Cathedral in Snowhill) - 2.30-5.00, SUNDAY 3 FEBRUARY (NB Organisers have changed day of meeting!)

St Joseph's Home, Coleshill, offers Catholic residential care to older people and those living with dementia. Ring 01675 434500 for details.

Can you help? Bishop Walsh Catholic School is looking to recruit members to the Bishop Walsh Association (BWA) able to help raise funds or offer services to support and enhance the teaching and learning of pupils. Could you or your company provide sponsorship or offer work experience opportunities? The BWA meets monthly at school. Please contact t.killworth@bishopwalsh.net

ST JOHN PAUL II Multi Academy

Admissions 2020/2021 to St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Sutton Coldfield; St Nicholas Catholic Primary School Boldmere; Holy Cross Catholic Primary School Walmley; and Bishop Walsh Catholic Secondary School that form part of the St. John Paul II Multi Academy.

The Board of Directors have published the proposed Admissions Policy and SIF (Supplementary Information Form) to be implemented for the school year 2020/2021. These documents are now available on the individual schools websites for the consultation period.

Please refer to these new policies if you are considering making an application for the 2020/2021 intake in any of the above schools.

Should you want to comment or discuss the proposed policy content please email j.farrell@sjp2.net before 1st February, 2019

bishopwalsh.net if you can help in any way.

Other

Settlement Scheme For Eu Citizens

Bishop Paul McAleenan, lead Bishop for Migration and Asylum, for the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has written: *As you will be aware, Brexit is causing uncertainty and concern to many EU citizens living in the UK. Both clergy and laity alike share this uncertainty and concern. Apart from those who are uncertain about their future, others are inevitably in a state of ignorance and unaware that Brexit will affect their immigration status. In March 2019, the Government is due to launch a Settlement Scheme. All EU citizens living in the UK will be required to make an application if they wish to remain here after Brexit. However, Irish citizens will not be required to apply as their rights are separately protected. Many parishioners, priests and religious in our Dioceses will be affected. CBCEW has issued a statement on this matter that can be read at <https://bit.ly/2FBy1DU>*

A Lifeline for Marriages Is your marriage stressed, unloving, cold? Do you want to improve your communication? Have you separated, divorced, or are you thinking of doing so? Do you want to try again? The Retrouvaille programme may be just what you need! Info from 0788 729 6983 or www.retrouvaille.org.uk

Food Cycle provide free community meals every Weds at 7 pm at Sutton Coldfield United Reformed Church. All welcome. Meals are made from food being discarded by local supermarkets and available to anyone. So please feel free to come and see for yourselves or refer anyone who might benefit from a warm meal and an opportunity to meet new people. All welcome

The major proposed change has to do with the Certificate of Catholic practice.

The MAC wishes to adopt a new national definition of Catholic practice to privilege practising Catholic applicants.

Priests are advised in national and Archdiocesan guidelines that (except in truly exceptional circumstances) to qualify for this certificate a parent should have attended Sunday Mass weekly for 5 years and (in the case of applications to Secondary School) the child concerned should have attended Sunday Mass weekly since the age of 7 also.

The guidance given to priests can be read at www.bdes.org.uk/admissions.html

The consultation process allows parents and others to indicate approval or otherwise of the change before a final decision is made.