

Jeremiah 17:5-8

The Lord says this: 'A curse on the man who puts his trust in man, who relies on things of flesh, whose heart turns from the Lord. He is like dry scrub in the wastelands: if good comes, he has no eyes for it, he settles in the parched places of the wilderness, a salt land, uninhabited.

'A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the Lord, with the Lord for his hope. He is like a tree by the waterside that thrusts its roots to the stream: when the heat comes it feels no alarm, its foliage stays green; it has no worries in a year of drought, and never ceases to bear fruit.'

Psalms 1:1-4,6

Happy the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night.

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper.

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. for the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom.

1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have

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 Exposition and Evening Prayer
1800—1900 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

Monday Exposition and Rosary
1500—1600 Praying for vocations

Friday Exposition
1930—2000 and prayer for the Church

Saturday Exposition and
1700—1740 Sacrament of Confession



Next Week: 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

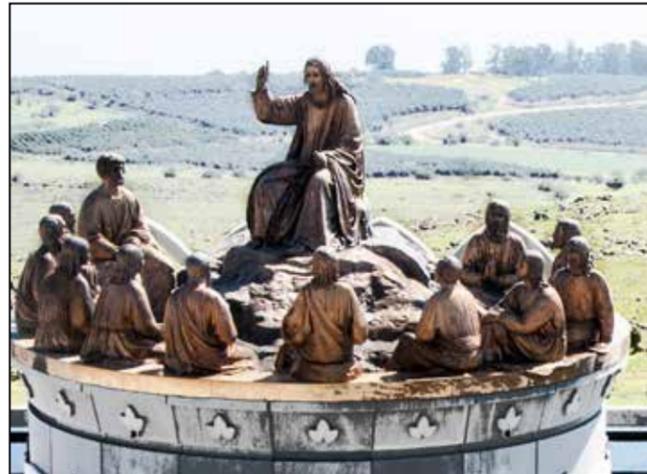
Scripture readings: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 / Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 / 1 Cor 15:45-49 / Lk 6:27-38

perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. *Alleluia!*



Luke 6:17,20-26

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

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Soon-to-be Saint John Henry Newman

It was announced that Newman will be canonised shortly, perhaps in October this year.

There are many aspects of his life and teaching for us to be inspired by. One of his sayings has been singled out for consideration by the Maryvale Institute.

"I want a laity who know their religion, who enter into it, who know where they stand. I want you to enlarge your knowledge, to cultivate your reason, to get an insight into the relation of truth to truth,

to learn to view things as they were."

Newman had a deep and generous love for the Church and rich appreciation of her mission, a mission entrusted to all her members.

As, in our time, we grapple with the meaning and implications of the New Evangelisation, Newman is our sure guide.

Another famous Newman' saying is: *"To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often."*



That might sound threatening! But Newman knows we are called to change to become like Christ. And in him there is comfort. Deep comfort.

Bishop Byrne will be installed as Bishop of Hexham and Newcastle on Mon 25 March. A card from our parish offering prayers and best wishes is available this weekend on the offertory table, to sign if you wish.

Masses Week of 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

S	16	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 2</i>	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Frances Quinslisk (Gill)
Su	17		0900 1100	Bill Morgans RIP (O'Gorman) James Gilnagh RIP Anniv (Ashton-Gray)
M	18		1000* 1500	Clare Banks RD (Sterling) Exposition and Rosary for Vocations
T	19		0800	Charles and Agnes Sawbridge RIP (Sawbridge)
W	20		1000*	Brian Stephenson RIP (Mark)
Th	21		0800	Margaret O'Rourke Ints (Wilkinson)
F	22	Chair of St Peter	1900*	Bernie Morton RD (Wilkinson) followed by 30 mins exposition
S	23	Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 3</i>	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession For the parish
Su	24		0900 1100	Chris Bayliss RD (Perks) Tom Hempenstall RD (Hempenstall)

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 Mary McEvoy, Emily Zytikiewicz, David Meade 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 isck parishioners please complete the form available in the porch and pass to Fr Allen so we meet the requirements of current Data Protection legislation.

Confirmation



A reminder that those **CHILDREN CONFIRMED IN DECEMBER 2018** will receive a special blessing at the Sunday Masses in the parish church on 2/3 March. The blessing is to help them prepare to keep Lent well in this first Lent since their confirmation. They should also bring to that Mass the posters they have designed as their winter project. These will be collected after Mass.

The next confirmation programme – **FOR CHILDREN NOW IN YEAR 5** – begins after half term. There is an introductory meeting for parents immediately after the parish 7pm Ash Wednesday Mass. The enrolment forms will be available then or the Sunday before from the parish church. Candidates for the Sacrament will be formally enrolled at each of the parish's Sunday Masses on 9/10 March. The Archdiocese will notify the parish of the date for the Confirmation Mass after the summer.

Those confirmed last year and those who are to be confirmed this year are all invited to take an active part in the preparation and celebration of the principal liturgies of the Triduum - The Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Solemn Liturgy on Good Friday and the great Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. These liturgies form the heart of the Church's celebration of the Paschal Mystery. There will be a meeting after the Sunday Masses on 23 and 24th March to introduce these liturgies to the youngsters and their families and help them to volunteer to help and take part.



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

Parish

SVP Raffle tickets are on sale after Mass today. Top prize of £3,000!

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.

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 in Benedict Room

for coffee after the 11am Mass Sunday. March 3rd, and then join the group for a pub lunch.

Scripture group 7.30pm, Mon 18 March, in the Benedict Room to read Chaps 11 & 12 of Luke's Gospel. All welcome.

Diocese

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Sat 25 to Fri 31 May This is the largest gathering of the Diocesan family outside of the diocese. The pastoral theme for all pilgrims to Lourdes for 2019 is 'Blessed are the poor, for the kingdom of God is yours. Full details on our website and at

www.tangney-tours.com

- If anyone needs assistance to attend, please see Fr Allen
- A registered nurses and want to help? Contact Chief Nurse, Paula Mitchell: chiefnurse.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

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

Young People's Summer Camp 2019 Book now for Week 1: August 4th-8th or Week 2: August 11th-15th. Experience a life-changing encounter with God in a way like never before through powerful moments of prayer, crazy activities, exciting day trips, challenging talks and so much more... Don't miss out on your place at Summer Camp 2019! For more information email beccy.roseman@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

Interreligious Dialogue: Archdiocese Commission Study Day On Inter-Faith Matters. Dr. John McDade - Britain Today: No Religion or Many Religions? Thurs 14 March 10.30 – 3.30, Grimshaw Room, St. Chad's Cathedral. Suggested contribution: £15 per head to include hot lunch & speaker's fee. Details in porch.

Other

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

Thomas Merton. Catholic Times author Chris McDonnell will speak on Merton - Sun 24 Feb, St Mary's Parish Centre, Vivian Rd, Harborne B17 0DN. 1.30pm tea, 2.00 talk, Q&A, discussion. All welcome. Contact local ACTA at mjriordan@hotmail.co.uk

2 vacancies for Lunchtime Supervisors term time only for 6.50 hours pw. Contact Mrs Wright at the school office at SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary School, 0121 675 6028 or enquiry@ssptrpl.bham.sch.uk

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. Further information can be found at www.faihinpolitics.org.uk. Applications are open, and the closing date is 28 February 2019. Applications are made by the website. Please direct any questions to stephanie.macgillivray@cbcew.org.uk.

Reflections on the Lord's Prayer

Let us continue to learn from Jesus how to pray as he taught. True prayer is made in the intimate depths of a heart visible only to God. It is a silent dialogue, like the glance between two people in love. Yet in this way the Christian does not forget the world, but rather brings its people and its needs into prayer.

Notice the absence of the word 'I' in the 'Our Father'. Jesus teaches us instead to pray: 'your kingdom come, your will be done'. The second half of the prayer then moves from 'your' to 'our': 'give us our daily bread; forgive us our trespasses'. This use of the plural shows that Christian prayer never asks bread for just one person, but always on behalf of others. In our prayer, then, do we open our hearts to the cry of others? We are all children of God, and at the end of our lives we will be judged on how we have loved. Not a sentimental love but one that is concrete and compassionate, as seen in God's word: 'As you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me' (Mt 25:40).

Pope Francis 13th February 2019

Rosary for the Unborn

To celebrate the centenary of the Knights of St. Columba, each month the Knights and SPUC members will be praying the Rosary in front of the Blessed Sacrament.



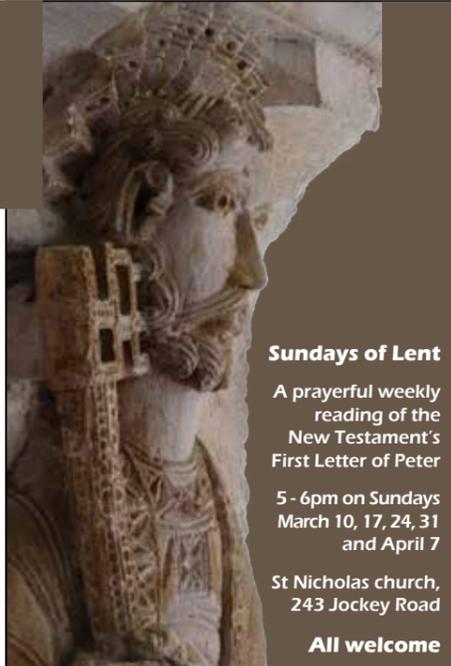
Monthly intention:

- December** For those facing a crisis pregnancy at this time.
- January** For families, that they are supported and remain open to the gift of life.
- February** For women seeking healing after an abortion.
- March** For medical staff, that they uphold the principles of care at every stage of life.
- April** For those grieving the loss of a child during pregnancy.
- May** For women and families struggling with infertility.
- June** For fathers of children lost to abortion.
- July** For the Church, that its witness for life touches the hearts of all people.
- August** For women and families expecting a child at this time.
- September** For political leaders, that they uphold the sanctity of life through just laws.
- October** For the end to abortion in our country.
- November** For all children whose lives were lost to abortion.

Closing Prayer

Ever-Living God, you made the Blessed Virgin Mary the new Eve and Mother of All who Live, and your eternal Word took flesh in her womb, making her into a Sanctuary for Life itself: Through her intercession, grant that all unborn children, like St John the Baptist, may leap with joy in their mothers' wombs; Through her merits, give to all expectant mothers the virtues and graces they need so as to become, like Mary, living sanctuaries of new life; And through her prayers, bestow on us your help and protection in order that we might also be faithful bearers of your Word, prudently proclaiming the Gospel of Life in what we say and in what we do. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Why read the First Letter of Peter?
1. It is Scripture, the word of God.
2. It explores what it means to be a Christian in the world.
As Lenten reading, it prepares us for our Easter renewal of Baptismal promises.



Sundays of Lent

A prayerful weekly reading of the New Testament's First Letter of Peter

5 - 6pm on Sundays March 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7

St Nicholas church, 243 Jockey Road

All welcome

World Day of Prayer

Come - Everything is Ready!

PRAYING FOR SLOVENIA
A SERVICE FOR EVERYONE

Friday 1st March 2019
2.30pm
at Banners Gate Community Church
Westwood Road
and
7.30pm
at Sutton Coldfield URC
Brassington Avenue

Both services are for all the churches in Sutton
Men, women and children welcome

Please note the Gracechurch Shopping Centre multi-storey car park closes and is locked at 8.30pm

www.wedp.org.uk

St Patrick's Night - Race Night
St Nicholas Parish, Boldmere

Saturday 16th March
Carpenters Arms
Boldmere Road
Starts 7.30pm

£7 for adult
£5 student
Family ticket £20
- 2 adults and up to 3 children
The price includes fish and chips
Bring your own drink!

All profits go to Bishop Walsh Lourdes Pilgrimage

Dads' Get Together

The next meeting includes a reflection from Matteo Belardi. Meeting on Monday 4th March at 8pm. So as usual some lively conversation is promised, and some nice food and drink too.



Parish visit to Worcester Cathedral Thursday 21st February

First in an occasional series of trips to visit places associated with the saints of the Diocesan Calendar.

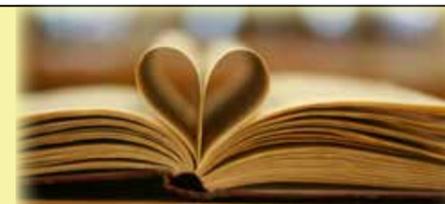
We start with a trip to Worcester Cathedral, associated with St Wulfstan, a monk of the priory of Worcester and later Bishop of Worcester. Assiduous in visiting the parishes of his diocese, he was anxious that country people should have the chance of taking part in Mass and he encouraged the building of churches on rural manors. He worked to achieve the abolition of the trade in slaves from Bristol to Ireland. He was a trusted adviser of William the Conqueror and died in 1095, aged 87. The crypt of Worcester Cathedral dates from his rebuilding. He was canonised in 1203.

Meet at 1245 at the entrance to the Cathedral ready for the tour arranged for us at 1pm (£6 pp)

Those interested are welcome also to join the Cathedral Community for Evening Prayer at 5.30pm. Some may be interested also in staying for the (free) talk that evening at 6pm by Baroness Hale, President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom, on *Moral Courage in the Law*.

Our Parish Book Clubs

(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. One review: The best endorsement I can give the book is that before I was even halfway through, I told my teenagers I wanted to read it with them This is the Jesus and the Scriptures I want them to love. This is a brilliant, beautiful offering'. **(B) The Night Time Club** 8pm on Mar 11 to discuss *A Time to Keep* by George Mackay Brown - a slim volume of short stories of life on Orkney. **All are welcome - just read the book and come along to chat about it, and to enjoy good company and 'refreshments'. Meet in the parish house.**



For the sick and those who care for them

A simple and brief monthly service of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayer for the sick and for carers, and the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Followed by light lunch.

11am on First Fridays (usually). Next service is March 1st

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for February is for a generous welcome of the victims of human trafficking, of enforced prostitution, and of violence.



To find the Pope's other current prayer intentions please visit <http://www.apostleshipofprayer.org/>

God's cry to Cain, found in the first pages of the Bible - Where is your brother? - challenges us to examine seriously the various ways in which society tolerates, and encourages, particularly with regard to the sex trade, the exploitation of vulnerable men, women and children.

- Notice who you in fact consider to be your brother, your sister...
- Who and where, in our society, do you see or know that people are exploited?
- Where do you see or know that victims of trafficking, enforced prostitution and violence are treated with dignity as brothers and sisters within our human family

Pope Francis

The Justice and Peace Commission
Archdiocese of Birmingham

Lenten Retreat

The Passion of Christ, and the Passion of the Earth
Saturday 16th March 2019

Registrations 9:30am Start at 10:00 finished by 4pm
St Paul's Convent, Selly Park, Birmingham B29 7LL

All welcome

Led by Fr. Martin Newell CP
£5 concessions free, to be collected on the day.

Bring your own packed lunch
Tea and coffee will be provided

A time of reflection, silence and prayer for those involved or interested in the work for justice, peace and social justice.

Please register your intention to attend by Email to:
Janet Vaughan
Administrator, Birmingham Justice and Peace Commission
Email: bham.jandp@gmail.com

Or book on-line <http://bit.ly/2EJFaRX>

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