

1 Samuel 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

In the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul lying asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice.' David answered Abishai, 'Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt? The Lord forbid that I should raise my hand against the Lord's anointed! But now take the spear beside his head and the pitcher of water and let us go away.' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. He called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

Psalms 102(103):1-4,8,10,12-13

The Lord is compassion and love.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him.

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The

Next Week: 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Scripture readings: Sir 27:4-7 / Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 / 1 Cor 15:54-58 / Lk 6:39-45

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
2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
- Monday 1500—1600** Exposition and Rosary
Praying for vocations
- Friday 1930—2000** Exposition
and prayer for the Church
- Saturday 1700—1740** Exposition and Sacrament of Confession



first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

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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.



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This week Cardinal Vincent Nichols, as President of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, took part in the meeting called by Pope Francis to address the protection of minors within the Catholic Church worldwide in the light of the abuse suffered by them within the communities of the Church.

The meeting ends this Sunday. You can find details, and background, at www.pbc2019.org

Our parish is praying for the success of the meeting and the ways forward that it will provide.

Each Friday after the 7pm Mass we have a time of exposition and pray especially for the victims of abuse and their families.

This Saturday our evening Mass coincides with a Penitential Liturgy for those taking part in the Meeting in Rome. We will join our prayer with theirs.

And on Sunday morning too, as the Meeting in Rome concludes with Mass, we will pray at Mass for all those who have taken part, for victims, and for the Lord's blessings on the work accomplished and for the challenges ahead.

Please keep the victims, the Bishops and the whole Church in your prayer.

Masses Week of 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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)
M	25		1000* 1500	Clare Banks RD (Wilkinson) Exposition and Rosary for Vocations
T	26		1000*	Clare Banks RD (Finn)
W	27		1000*	Ronald Shepherd Anniv (Parkes)
Th	28		0800	Sean Callaghan RIP (McGougle)
F	1	St David	1000 1100 1900*	Mass with St Nicholas school (all welcome) Exposition and anointing of the sick Clare Banks RD (Brennan) followed by 30 mins exposition
S	2	Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Psalter Week 4</i>	1700 1800	Exposition and Sacrament of Confession Thomas O'Gorman RIP (O'Gorman)
Su	3		0900 1100 1800	For the parish Chris Bayliss RD (L, T, N, J, W, J) Exposition & Evening Prayer (4th Sunday)

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 Ray Simmonds, Margaret Healy 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.



Parish

Final call for best wishes for Bishop Robert - if you wish to, please sign the sheet on the Offertory Table to be sent with a card to Bishop Robert on the occasion of his move to Hexham and Newcastle.

Dads' Get Together

The next meeting - Monday, 4th March at 8pm. includes a reflector from Matteo Belardi Lively conversation, with nice food and drink too.



Teas and Coffees in Benedict Room after each Sunday Mass. All are welcome.

Rotas for Readers and Ministers of Holy Communion New Rotas have been emailed and are available on website and in porch. **A reminder of the afternoon for Readers: 4pm on 10th March**

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

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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Retiring Collection There is a retiring collection NEXT WEEK for the upkeep of our Cathedral, St Chad's. This coming Saturday is the feast of St Chad, a principal patron of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Last year the Anglican diocese of Lichfield produced a study guide that helps us reflect on the life of St Chad and our own experience as disciples. It can be read/downloaded at <https://bit.ly/2meuj7k>

Scripture group 7.30pm, Mon 18

World Development Group



Helen Middlemas, Julie Bleasdale and Maureen Hickey of the St Nicholas World Development Group are on a support visit to Dorcus and the children at Feed My Lamb School in Uganda. They have enjoyed celebrating the official opening: a truly wonderful and joyful occasion. St Nicholas Parishioners were thanked for all the support they give. Without you the school would not exist!

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

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

March, in the Benedict Room to read Chaps 11 & 12 of Luke's Gospel. All welcome.

Preparation for Baptism of Infants. The next preparation programme starts

PARISH 50/50 CLUB

Congratulations to Miss Prestage. Mrs. Wolfindale and Mr. Trochowski who won £200 £175 and £150 respectively in the February draw!

The 50/50 Club raises funds for the support of the parish, and provides a bit of fun for parishioners.

The income received from the Members' subscription (£4 a month, ie £48pa) is divided equally between the parish and the members of the club.

The members' half is given out each month in prizes (presently £100, 75 and 50 but usually with a February bonus!)

Want to join? Please complete a form - available in the porch

Be Prepared!

Some dates and times for Lent

ASH WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH

- 7am Liturgy of Word & ashes
- 10am and 7pm Mass & ashes

PENITENTIAL SERVICES

- Mon 8/4 Holy Trinity, S C'field 7pm
- Tues 9/4 Holy Cross, Walmley, 7pm
- Weds 10/4 St Nicholas

2-6pm Exposition & individual confessions;
7.30pm Penance Service

- Tues 16 April, Erdington Abbey, 7pm

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.



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.

Thank you from the family of Tom Hempenstall thank everyone who came to Tom's funeral Mas and sent messages of support at a very sad time. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

Diocese

Tabor House, Birmingham's only permanent night shelter, is looking for volunteers to help, especially overnight and mentors. Interested in finding out more? Come to Open evening: Weds 20 March 6pm - 8pm at St Anne's Training Room, 96 Bradford Street, Birmingham, B12 0PY. Contact Sharon McCall: 07387 418319 for further information.

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.

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

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
- If you are a registered nurse and would like to help? If so, please 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@kenelmouthtrust.org.uk

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

Two 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.faithinpolitics.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

Pray with Pope Francis

The Pope's prayer intention for March is that Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



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

Today, in various parts of the world, sometimes in silence - often a complicit silence - great numbers of Christians are marginalized, ... subjected to violence and even death, not infrequently without due intervention on the part of those who could defend their sacrosanct rights.

Pope Francis

- Pray for Christian brothers and sisters who meet with persecution, and who live in fear of violence.
- Learn more about the situation faced by Christians in Iraq and Egypt, in Palestine, in Nigeria and other places of prejudice and discrimination.
- Who experiences prejudice and discrimination in our country? How might we show solidarity with them?

churches together
IN BRITAIN AND IRELAND

Lent Lecture
Andrew Mitchell MP

15th March 7.30 pm Sutton Coldfield Baptist Church

"A Vision for Sutton Coldfield"

An opportunity for Q & A from the Christian community