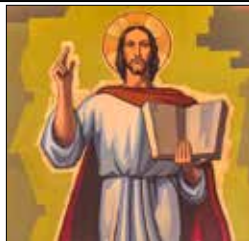


Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children in Reception, Yr 1 and Yr 2 are warmly invited to take part in Sunday Liturgy of the Word during this term time.

Sunday 11th June at 11am;
Sunday 25th June at 9am; Sunday 9th July at 9am



Colour and Light

A group for all who want to enjoy making art (of all sorts and at all levels) Benedict Room on Wednesday from 1-3pm. All are welcome.

Young Families Group: 25th June.

All young families are invited to the 9am Mass on 25th June and then spend time together in Sutton Park, for games, song and a picnic lunch (ending by c. 15:00.)

Approximate timetable: 09:00: Mass @St Nicholas Church ; 10:30: Meet up @Boldmere Gate - main car park after Miller & Carter 11:00 - 12:30: Games ; 12:30: Picnic - please bring your own lunch and a blanket for your family; 14:00 - 15:00: Songs

To register, or for more info, please contact Matteo (matteo.belardi@gmail.com) .

Corpus Christi and Parish Lunch

On Sunday 11th June, come and join in a parish lunch in the Newman Centre after the 11am Mass and Corpus Christi procession with children from this year's parish Communion Programme.

Entry fee (includes Burger/hot dog, salad and a soft drink) £4 per adult, £2 per child, £10 family of four, children aged 3 and under go free - as do First Communion children taking part in the procession.

Tickets on sale after Mass and on the day.

Games available for younger children. Confectionery, snacks and licensed bar.

This event is hosted for the parish by young leaders from *Sutton Coldfield Adventure Unit @ St Nicholas*



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tation is that not only did the preacher work on this homily, but so did the ten or so people who meet every week on, say, Monday evenings to read, pray with and talk about the Scriptures for the coming weeks. The homilists are committed to being there and lectors often come as well. Sometimes these Monday night meetings give yesterday's homily a review. Noticeable progress has been made since this practice began, although some weeks are better than others. Two years ago the parish staff, parish council and homilists made a pact: homilists would give adequate time to preparing the homily (including the Monday night meeting), and the staff and council would find ways to assume other parish and pastoral duties and responsibilities, thus freeing up the priests.

Something else is evident this morning: The habit of listening calls forth a preacher's best. And this assembly knows how to listen.

Listening is not an isolated moment. It is a way of life. It means openness to the Lord's voice not only in the Scriptures but in the events of our daily lives and in the experience of our brothers and sisters. It is not just my listening but our listening together for the Lord's word to the community. (*Fulfilled in Your Hearing*, 20)

Although there is no set time for a homily's length, about ten to twelve minutes on this Sunday in Ordinary Time seems best for both homilists and listeners. And the homilists know it takes time to prepare a well-focused ten- to twelve-minute homily.

After a minute or so of silence, after the homily, five catechumens (who hope to be called to Baptism next Easter) and seven candidates (who on Easter will be welcomed into full communion) are dismissed to continue studying the Scriptures. Two catechists go with them. The assembly sees these people week after week for a year or more. They are very much a part of this parish community.

The Creed is a loud, almost mighty sound, chant-like. Few need the text as the rhythm carries it along. Then the Liturgy of the Word comes to its conclusion in prayerful intercession. No longer is there a dull reading of bland texts with a weak "Lord, hear our prayer/Te lo pedimos Señor" after each. Today the cantor chants the intercessions. The texts are short and strong. Only a few are written new each week, and these echo some image or notion from the day's Scriptures and the week's news. The assembly is engaged in this rhythmic exchange with the cantor. One would have to believe that these people regularly pray in their homes for the world and the Church, for the sick and the dead. The back and forth of cantor and assembly shows that this parish is standing together before the Lord and demanding to be heard.

Extract from
Gather Faithfully Together: A Guide for Sunday Mass.
Cardinal Roger Mahony, Archbishop of Los Angeles



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JUNE 2023: PARISH MASSES THIS WEEK

Sa	3	6pm		Breen Family (Kenny)
Su	4	9am	TRINITY SUNDAY	For the parish
		11am		Michael Dube (Szambir)
M	5	10am	St Boniface	
T	6	10am		
W	7	10am		
Th	8			
F	9	7pm		
Sa	10	6pm		
Su	11	9am		
		11am		

Anointing of the Sick: Next celebration is 30th June 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 Andy Kean, Brenda Davies; David Cotton, Rita Rhodes, Stephen Burke; Lesley Devlin; Lyn Hunt; Joan James; Jean Lawlor; Joanne McShane & Teresa Monteiro. **Please pray** for Sharon Timperley, James O'Riarda, Margaret Knowles, Lesley Willis, Elizabeth Doyle and all whose anniversaries are at this time.

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

Parish Car Park

Free parking is available for anyone at anytime in our parish carpark. In addition, automatic free parking permits are issued:

- On **Saturdays** for those arriving after 5.30pm and leaving before 7.30pm; and on **Sundays** for those arriving after 8am and leaving before 2pm
 - On **Mondays to Wednesdays** for those arriving after 9.30am and leaving before 11.30am and on **Fridays** those arriving after 6.30pm and leaving before 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.

First Communion and Confirmation

There is an introductory meeting at beginning of July for parents of children who will celebrate these sacraments in 2024. If you have not already receive a letter about this please see Fr Allen as soon as possible.

RESPONDING TO THE CHALLENGE OF THE DIOCESAN VISION

In a recent Pastoral Letter Archbishop Bernard reminded us of his call to the Diocese:

- *to come to church, to pray and to encounter Christ - to help form missionary disciples and parishes.*
- *to invigorate and deepen our worship and sacramental celebrations so that we share in and reflect the divine life of the Trinity*

Over the coming weeks the newsletter contains material for our reflection on some of this

As you read it, ask yourself how this compares to how things are at St Nicholas. Ask yourself too whether there is something you might do to help us better fulfil the vision. And where you see others making their contribution to our common life - whether you have said 'thank you' to them recently?

SUNDAY MASS, 2000

Part Three: The Liturgy of the Word

All the readers of Scripture know what they are there to do. They know that these readings could be read privately by each individual, but that this public reading is quite different. For two years now there have been no booklets for the assembly to follow the reading, although by the front doors there are Sunday Missals for the hearing impaired and for those whose language is different from the one used at this Mass. The assembly gives all its attention to the lector (reader).

These lectors have been struggling with the assigned Scripture for the past few days. Their manner and understanding may vary, but they open this Lectionary and read knowing that this church is full of people hungry for the Word of God.

The lectors have taken the time to hear anew old words, to let the images of Scripture reflect against and mingle with their lives. Each has found something to cherish in a reading, something to be passionate about. But they also know how to communicate their passion without calling attention to themselves. The assembly is hearing God's Word. You can tell that the main activity going on during these readings is good listening. And what a treasure that is! The liturgy -- God's word proclaimed and God's

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The Introductory Rites

Opening Song


Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty
Early in the morning my song shall rise to thee
Holy. holy, holy Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Holy, holy, holy all the saints adore Thee
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
All the cherubim and seraphim
are falling down before Thee
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be

Holy, holy, holy though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eyes of sinful man Thy glory may not see
Lord, only Thou art holy and there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity

Holy, holy, holy Lord God almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name
in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy, Merciful and mighty
God in three persons, blessed Trinity

Gloria



Glo - ry to God in the highest, and on earth peace to peo - ple 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.

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

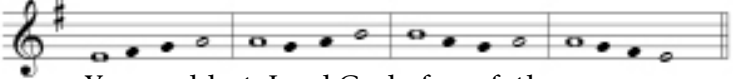
The Liturgy of the Word

Exodus 34:4-6,8-9

With the two tablets of stone in his hands, Moses went up the mountain of Sinai in the early morning as the Lord had commanded him. And the Lord descended in the form of a cloud, and Moses stood with him there.

He called on the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, ‘Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in kindness and faithfulness.’ And Moses bowed down to the ground at once and worshipped. ‘If I have indeed won your favour, Lord,’ he said ‘let my Lord come with us, I beg. True, they are a headstrong people, but forgive us our faults and our sins, and adopt us as your heritage.’

Daniel 3:52-56



You are blest, Lord God of our fathers.
To you glory and praise for evermore.
Blest your glorious holy name.
To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest in the temple of your glory.
To you glory and praise for evermore.
You are blest on the throne of your kingdom.
To you glory and praise for evermore.

You are blest who gaze into the depths.
To you glory and praise for evermore.
You are blest in the firmament of heaven.
To you glory and praise for evermore.

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Brothers, we wish you happiness; try to grow perfect; help one another. Be united; live in peace, and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with the holy kiss. All the saints send you greetings. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; the God who is, who was, and who is to come. *Alleluia!*

John 3:16-18

Jesus said to Nicodemus: ‘God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God’s only Son.’

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 June 18th

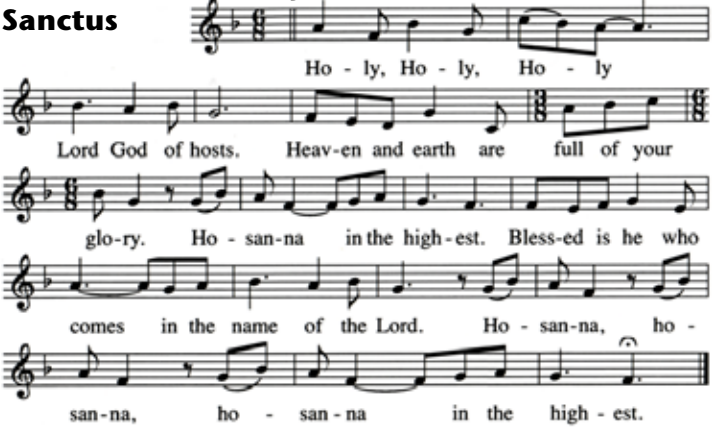
Take my hands and make them as your own,
and use them for your kingdom here on earth,
consecrate them to your care,
anoint them for your service where,
you may need your Gospel to be sown.

Take my hands they speak now for my heart,
and by their actions they will show their love,
guard them on their daily course,
be their strength and guiding force,
to ever serve the Trinity above.

Take my hands I give them to you Lord,
prepare them for the service of your name,
open them to human need,
and by their love they’ll sow your seed,
so all may know the love and hope you give.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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, ho -
san-na, ho - san-na in the high-est.

The mystery of faith



When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a -
gain, un - til you come a - gain.

The Communion Rite

Communion thanksgiving

Father, in my life I see,
You are God who walks with me.
You hold my life in Your hands.
Close beside You I will stand.
I give all my life to You. Help me, Father, to be true!

Jesus, in my life I see,
You are God who walks with me.
You hold my life in Your hands.
Close beside You I will stand.
I give all my life to You. Help me, Jesus, to be true!

Spirit, in my life I see,
You are God who walks with me.
You hold my life in Your hands.
Close beside You I will stand.
I give all my life to You. Help me, Spirit, to be true!

Continued from page 1 word listened to -- is being carried by the assembly and they mean it when they say, ” be to God/Demos gracias a Dios.” Every Sunday the Sacred Scriptures have been opened and read aloud. God’s Word proclaimed and listened to will be the foundation for all else that this Church does. (Lectionary, Introduction: 1 & 10; or General Instruction of the Roman Missal: 8)

Silence follows the first and second readings at Our Lady of the Angels, and again after the homily, last-ing about a minute. People are used to it, and know what to do with it. They will tell you: Let that reading echo in your head, cling to a word or a phrase, savour it, stand under it. It becomes a very still time. Babies fuss, but people are not distracted.

The psalm after the first reading is almost an extension of this silence. No one gets out a book because the parish uses a repertoire of perhaps a dozen psalms -- and each year they learn one or two more -- where all can sing the refrain by heart. The cantor at this Mass, like the other cantors at Our Lady of the Angels, knows that people want to hear the words. Good articulation is as important as a good voice. Sometimes the hom-ilists have borne the psalm, and especially the refrain, into the homily. Sometimes the texts appear in the parish bulletin with the suggestion that these psalms be prayed at home. In these ways and more (seasonal evening prayer, for example), the people of Our Lady of the Angels are coming to know the Church’s oldest prayer book, the Psalter.

Another reader comes forward for the second Scripture and again silence follows. There is nothing half-heart-ed about the procession that now begins: The alleluia is singing to move with, to process with; it takes can-dle-bearing servers, incense bearer, and book-bearing presider through the assembly and to the place of proclamation.

A regular churchgoer usually knows within a sentence or two whether the homilist worked hard enough on the homily. This Sunday and every Sunday at Our Lady of the Angels, the expec- Continued on page 4

The Ave Regina caelorum is the Marian antiphon especially sung by the Church in Advent.

On this day as we contemplate the awesome mystery of the Trinity, the prayer helps us also hold in our hearts and minds the awesome way in which Mary, as Mother of God, enables and participates in God being made flesh.

Mother of Christ! hear thou they people’s cry,
Star of the deep, and portal of the sky!
Mother of him who thee from nothing made,
Sinking we strive, and call to thee for aid:
Oh, by that joy which Gabriel brought to thee,
Thou Virgin first and last, let us thy mercy see.