

Parish Youth Club at 7.00pm every Friday in the Hall. There is a sheet to sign in the porch if you or your child (year 6 to age 18) would like to join. See Margaret Mbugoniwia, Rosa Tikimo or Fr Dominic for further details.

Journey in Faith is at 7.00 in the Presbytery on **Tue 17 October...Who is the Church?.....**Anyone is welcome to come.....

The new edition of the Parish Epistle is now available – please take a copy.

Our Catholic Primary Schools Open Mornings

St Martin de Porres is on **Wed 8 Nov 9.30 - 11.30** am.



St John and Monica is on **Thurs 9 Nov 9.30-11.30** am

Anawim “Next to New” Sale **Tue 31 Oct 11am – 2pm** in the Church Hall.

St Paul’s Convent (Selly Park) has a vacancy for a part time carer – see poster in porch for details.

2017		Forthcoming Parish events	
Oct			
15	Sun	10.00	Confirmation Preparation Mass - Renewal of Baptismal Promises & Apostles Creed
22	Sun	10.00	Second Collection – APF World Mission Sunday
29	Sun		Clocks go back one hour
Nov			
5	Sun	10.00	Confirmation Preparation Mass – Gifts of the Holy Spirit Second Collection – Johnson Association for retired clergy
19	Sun	10.00	Confirmation Preparation Mass – Fruits of the Holy Spirit
26	Sun	10.00	Confirmation Preparation Mass – Patron Saints & Bearing witness to Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit Second Collection – Catholic Youth Service
29	Wed	7.00	Confirmation Mass
Dec			
10	Sun	10.00	Second Collection – Poor Parishes Fund

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 Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham Registered Charity No 234216			
St John the Evangelist & St Martin 31 George Street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9RG 0121 440 3025			
Parish Priest: Fr Dominic Innamorati SCJ		www.ssjohnandmartin.org.uk innamorati@btinternet.com admin@ssjohnandmartin.org.uk	
		Deacon: Michael McKearney	
Oct 2017	Twenty Eighth Sunday		
		Readings: Sun A weekdays 1	
Mass Times	Sat 14	10.00 Feria	Parish
	Sun 15	10.00 Twenty Eighth Sunday	Michael and Eileen Drugan Wedding Anniversary
	Mon 16	9.30 Feria	Vocations
	Tue 17	9.30 St Ignatius of Antioch <i>at St Martin De Porres</i>	Malcolm Morris
	Wed 18	9.30 St Luke	Holy Souls
	Thu 19	9.30 Feria at <i>SS John and Monica</i>	Holy Souls
	Fri 20	9.30 Feria	Ricchard Callaghan
	Sat 21	10.00 Feria	Parish
	Sun 22	10.00 Twenty Ninth Sunday	Jackie and Margaret Delaney
	Confessions		Saturdays 10.30 – 10.45 and by request

Please pray for those who are sick: Majella McAtavey, Harry Walkley, Paul Keene, Sr. Stella, Lynn Callaghan, Mary Cox, Bridget Kemp, Soraya Wilson, David Mishra, Ruth West, Alan and Tess Shepherd, James Cafferkey, James Casserley. June Beard.

Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Patrick Wade, Agnes Beatrice Reeves, Patrick, Desmond Keenan, Alice Elizabeth Cowell, Montel John Boyce, Ann Cottrell, Patrick Addison, Melanie Powell, Brendan Robb, Martin Doherty.

Instructions for a funeral Mass.

Have you thought what you want for your funeral? Are your relatives aware that you want a Catholic Mass and burial? **Take a leaflet from the porch....**

You are invited to refreshments in the Hall after the Sunday Mass

Pilgrimages

Rome: Mon 23 – Sat 28 Oct 2017. Fly from B'ham Airport. £750 per person (sharing).
Single room supp £150. Deposit £150.

**Fatima (Weekend Pilgrimage – Feast of Immaculate Conception): Thu 7–10
Dec 2017.** £399 per person (sharing). Single room supp £65. Deposit £150.

Holy Land Pilgrimage. Sat 9–Sat 16 Jun 2018. £1,300 per person (sharing). Single room
supp £250. Deposit £250.

Instalment plans available. Contact: Andrew Oldnall, (h) 0121 440 8623 (m) 07733 226063
andrewsoldnall@gmail.com

ACTA National Conference in Birmingham on October 21 starts 10.30 for 11.00 at the Quaker Priory Rooms Conference Centre, 40 Bull Street, B4 6AF central Birmingham. Covering the topic that all Catholics are deeply concerned with - Eucharist, Leadership, Priesthood and Laity. Is the closing or amalgamation of parishes inevitable? There are alternatives. Light lunch with soft drinks is included. Cost is £20. www.acalltoaction.org.uk/conference-2017/book-now

Exciting concert by Voskresenije Ensemble of St Petersburg Russian sacred music from across the centuries, together with Russian folk music: romantic, humorous, quixotic! **Thu 26 Oct 7:30pm, St Mary's Church, Moseley** - see poster in porch for details.

Diocesan Youth Service Bonfire Night, Sun 5 Nov @Oscott College from 7-9pm. With music, professional firework display, bonfire & BBQ - a night not to be missed, open to youth groups, young adults & families. £10 per person - group & family discounts available. Contact: kristi.doughty@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk or www.kyt.org.uk for more information.

On TV and Radio

Bad Habits, Holy Orders. Thu 17 Oct 10.00pm Channel 5. "A group of wild twenty-somethings go to live in a convent in rural Norfolk." Perhaps created more for entertainment than education.

Meditations From The Monastery. BBC Radio 3 (90.2 - 92.4 FM & podcast). Daily, Mon 23 - Fri 27 Oct. 10.45pm-11.00pm. "Slow radio". Following the course of the monastic day. The monks explain why repeating the same activities again and again is good for the soul, and an effective way of achieving tranquillity in a busy world.

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Retreat: Meditations from a Monastery. BBC 4 (TV). Tue 24, Wed 25, Thu 26 Oct 9pm. 3 episodes at Downside, Pluscarden and Belmont Abbeys. "Slow TV" in search of inner peace. Where prayer, meditation, contemplation, worship hold a central place.



The Invitation

Jesus chose an invitation to a wedding to explain the mysterious nature of his kingdom and warn those chosen to listen to Him.

He was addressing this parable to the priests and the elders, educated and schooled in the

Scriptures yet many looked down on those who were not. They understood that Jesus was referring to them who were rejecting him. They were incensed when Jesus implied that their places would be given to the prostitutes and sinners who accepted Him.

But the parable is timeless and not just meant for the past but for every age. It is a picture of the church where some who by their actions do not live by Jesus's teaching even though they believe they are his followers. No one can be complacent. But those even if they are sinners yet listen to Him, they will be invited into the Kingdom and take their place.

In this gospel there are two parables linked together. The second parable is about the wedding garment and refers to getting into the kingdom under false pretences. What is this wedding garment?

The wedding garment is the right disposition; to live one's faith as well as one can and not to get into the kingdom pretending to be a catholic and not living as a Catholic.

The challenge for us today is firstly to know that anyone can be invited into the Kingdom and secondly if we are to accept that invitation we are to live in the way the Jesus lived and taught.

We will always need to pray for perseverance in our faith and always seek its renewal each day of our lives.

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