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HOLY NAME OF JESUS

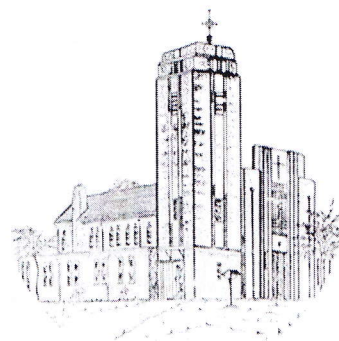
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus
(Betharram)



Today's Mass Readings

Zephaniah 3:14-18; Is 12;

Philippians 4:4-7;

Luke 3:10-18

Third Sunday of
Advent

Year C:

15th December -23rd
December 2018

(Psalter Week 3)

**Welcome to this House
of God:**

**Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

THE ONE WHO COMES AFTER ME IS GREATER, HE WILL BAPTISE YOU WITH WATER AND FIRE.

Today the Gospel spells out a challenge. Where would we have been in John the Baptist's day? Would we have been with the respectable religious types who failed to respond, or would we have been with the undesirables who listened to his call? Where do we stand today? Luke goes beyond the other Gospel writers in giving us a taste of the ethical dimension of John the Baptist's preaching. John advocates care for the needy and the sharing of resources, an ideal that Luke will later depict as being realized in the life of the early Church. He also demands professional conduct of people as tax collectors, and soldiers should be marked by honesty, and the avoidance of intimidation. Julian of Norwich (A Benedictine nun at Carrow, near Norwich 1342-1416) tells us that it is a good thing to be a sinner. It is only when we realize our own condition, that we are sinners in need of redemption, that we can begin to appreciate the love that God has for us. John the Baptist calls us to recognise our need for redemption. He calls us to repent, to turn again to God, a true repentance that will bear fruit in the way we live our lives. 'Lord help me to hear and recognise your voice in the world today. Lead me to realize my need for repentance and to turn again to you. Enable me to respond to your call with a selfless desire to give'.

DEACON TERRY

CHRISTMAS FAYRE - BIG THANK YOU

Fr. Vincent SCJ would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to all those who helped organise the Christmas Fayre and to all those who helped run the stalls. A special thanks to all those who donated goods to different stalls. The amount raised was £1279.79 Also a huge thank you to all those who supported by being in the Parish Centre on that day. I hope that people who visited our Christmas Fayre enjoyed the day. Hope to see you all again in the next fayre. God bless you all.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Ossie Bishop, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Anne Galvin, Teresa Goddard, John Griffiths, Peter Hayward, Arthur Harding, Maurice Hughes, Stephen Hurley, Bryn and Bridie Howells, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Anna Kennedy, Harold Johnson, Linda Lowe, Sandra Pearson, Anne Jennings, Grace Elizabeth Sharron, Joan Evelyn Rawlings, Sheila Shearon.

RECENT DEAD & ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember in your prayers Monica Humphreys, Diane Biddle and all those who have died recently. Please also remember in your prayers. Michael Donnelly, Sid Hobson, Clarence Coppock, Harold Senior, Elizabeth Walker, Eric Pyne, Kathleen Milne, Bernard Kelly, David Brian, Dennis Wheeler, Ivy Herbert, Mary O'Mahony, Eileen Kearns, Sarah Hayes, Andrew Johnson, Lilian Joyce Heath, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. **The Requiem Mass for Monica Humphreys is on Wednesday 19th December at 11:30am followed by Burial at Oscott Cemetery at 1:15pm.**

ADVENT JOURNEY

The Birmingham Taizé Group will meet on Sunday 16th December for their Advent Liturgy at 6.30pm at Carrs Lane Church. As in past we have received an invitation from St Paul's Church to join them for their Carol Service on Sunday 23rd December at 6.30pm. St Paul's will also be holding a 'Blue Christmas Service on Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm for those whose mood is 'blue' this Christmas season, perhaps due to bereavement or other pain or emptiness, with selected readings and carols sharing the Christmas story. You will have an opportunity to light a candle during the service as a sign that even in the darkest night the light of Christ offers hope.

SACRED HEART FATHERS AND BROTHERS COMMUNITY NEWS

Thank you for the kind welcome shared with our General Superior, Fr Gustavo SCJ. He enjoyed his few days here at Holy Name. He was able to visit our two Parish Primary Schools. He is continuing his Canonical Visitation to the Communities of the English Vicariate. He will be returning to Rome on Monday 17th December.

READERS ROTA

Readers Rota are ready to be collected from the back of the Church Porch.

This Week 15th —23rd December (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 15th December Advent Feria	10:00am Kathleen Burke RIP 10:30am - Confessions 12:30pm Patricia Jennings RIP	Parish Christmas Party for People with Special Needs After 12:30pm Mass
Sunday 16th December Third Sunday of Advent	8:30am People of the Parish 10:30am Pat Duffy RIP	Coffee & Tea after 10:30 am Mass. Maureen Fenton and Group 8.00pm - 9:30pm - Bingo in the Centre
Monday 17th December Advent Feria	11:30am John Hayward RIP 7:30pm Advent Reconciliation Service	9:00am Carol Concert Practise by St Marks School 11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 18th December Advent Feria	9:15am Susan Khanchkhan RIP (Mass in Church)	10:00am Church Decoration 6:00pm St Marks School Carol Concert
Wednesday 19th December Advent Feria	11:30am Requiem Mass for Monica Humphreys	
Thursday 20th December Advent Feria	9:15am Mass at St Marks School - K.J.Churian RIP	7:30pm Parish Finance Meeting
Friday 21st December Advent Feria	9:15am Ints of Margaret and John Beirne - Mass in HN School. 11:30am Edward, Elizabeth and Regina Bailey RIP	After Mass Crib will be put up 11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 22nd December Advent Feria	10:00am Teresa Vurlan RIP 10:30am - Confessions 12:30pm Georgette Tammam RIP	
Sunday 23rd December Fourth Sunday of Advent Retiring Collection for Christmas Flowers and Decoration	8:30am People of the Parish 10:30am Michael, Rose and Malachy Farnan RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass. Knights of St Columba 8.00pm-9:30pm- Bingo in the Parish Centre

OUR PARISH CENTRE

We need your support. For bookings contact Jackie Mooney on 0745 552 6003 or www.holynameparishcentre.wix.com/event

Loose Money:

£353.41

Gift Aid Envelope :

£417.90

Poor Parish Fund:

£332.58

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 395

**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**

PARISH EXERCISE CLASS

In New year the
class will start on
Tuesday 8th and
Thursday 10th
January 2019.

HOLY NAME KEEP FIT GROUP

This group will be
closed during
Christmas period. It
will reopen again on
Tuesday 8th January
2019.

Next Sunday's Mass Readings

Micah 5:1-4; Ps 79;
Hebrews 10:5-10;
Luke 1:39 - 44

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

As we are in the season of Advent and Christmas we will be holding a carol concert this year in Church. This will be led by **St Mark's School on Tuesday 18th December at 6:00pm**. Parishioners are warmly invited to the school carol concert to herald the season of Advent and Christmas. Please put this date in your diary.
Fr. Vincent SCJ.

HOLY NAME PARISH CHOIR

Holy Name Choir needs singers and organists/ musicians of all abilities to help in worshipping our Lord. We lead the 10:30 Mass and other special occasions such as Easter and Christmas. If you are interested please phone the presbytery 0121 357 1351 and leave your name and number or pop up and see us at the 10:30 Mass. Your help would be very much appreciated.

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY 2018

This year - New Year's Party is again with Lee Ralph (DJ), Party Games and Disco. This is an event for the whole family and it takes place at the Parish Centre at 7.30pm onwards. The tickets are £7.00 each for Members and Children and £10.00 each for Non Members. Tickets are on sale now from Jackie Mooney on 07455 526003 or the Parish Office.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Once again this year we need Eucharistic Ministers' help to distribute Holy Communion at the Christmas Eve Masses and the Masses on Christmas day. Can the Eucharistic Minister please sign your availability on Christmas Eve and Christmas day planning sheet which is at the back of the Church? Many Thanks.

CHURCH CHRISTMAS DECORATION

We would be grateful for donation of any Holly with Berries and Trailing Ivy for Church decoration. Please leave them at the back of the Church or in Sacristy. In Advance many thanks for your help and support.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Advent Penitential Service here at Holy Name of Jesus will take place on Monday 17th December at 7:30pm. You are invited to take part and prepare spiritually to celebrate Christmas this year. You will have an opportunity for individual confessions.

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