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HOLY NAME OF JESUS

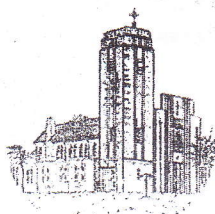
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus
(Betharram)



Second Sunday of
Advent

Year C:

8th December -16th
December 2018
(Psalter Week 2)

Welcome to this House
of God:

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

Today's Mass

Readings

Baruch 5:1-9; Ps 125;

Philippians 1:3-6,

8-11;

Luke 3:1-6

JOHN THE BAPTIST CAME TO PREPARE US FOR THE LORD'S COMING.

Throughout the history of the Jewish people, God had spoken through his prophets of the coming of the Messiah. John was the last of these prophets and the greatest. He spoke powerfully to the people and pointed to the One who would come after him. He said 'He is mightier than I and I am not worthy to untie his sandals'. Luke in the Gospel dates the beginning of John's preaching with great precision, in order to emphasize its importance. This was the beginning of Jesus' ministry which would lead to the salvation of the world.. John called the people to repentance, so they would be ready for the Lord when he came. In this season of Advent, we too are preparing for the Lord's coming. We pray that He will come more deeply into our hearts and we look forward to his Second Coming again in glory. As we await the birth of Christ, we also plead, Mighty Lord that our lives may be a preparation for the day when Christ will come again and our tears are turned into ever lasting joy. Let us pray, 'Lord Jesus, help us to prepare for your coming this Advent. Show us our sins and grant us the grace of repentant hearts, so that this Christmas we may be filled with joy as we recall your first coming for our salvation'.

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 had visited our Christmas Fayre had enjoyed the day. Hope to see 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, Miss Anne Jennings, Grace Elizabeth Sharron, Joan Evelyn Rawlings, Sheila Shearon. To add the names in the sick list we have to have the consent of the individual. If you would like your friend or relative's name to be included in this list please contact the Parish Office. Thank you very much for your understanding.

RECENT DEAD & ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember in your prayers Monica Humphreys, Agnes O'Sullivan, Diane Biddle and all those who have died recently. Please also remember in your prayers. May Kinsella, William Morrison, Francis Roberts, Mary Smith, James Jennings, William Revell, John Leahy, Margaret Flaherty, Teresa Sanders, Anne Simkiss, Grenville Elmore, Ernest Cole, Susanna Sullivan, Helena Campion, Alexander Butler, Margaret Morrison, Irene Chapman, Margaret Bates, Greaves, Ernest Phillips, Mary Shiels, Paul Lermont, Umberto Infanti, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. The Requiem Mass for Agnes O'Sullivan is on Friday 14th December at 11:30am followed by Burial at Oscott Cemetery at 1:00pm. The Reception of Body will be on Thursday 13th December at 4:00pm.

SACRED HEART FATHERS AND BROTHERS COMMUNITY NEWS

This weekend we welcome Our General Superior, Fr Gustavo SCJ, to our parish community as he is currently making his Canonical Visitation to the Communities of the English Vicariate. He is with us here at Holy Name (and Fr Anton in Clayton) from Saturday 7 to Tuesday 11 December. You are most welcome to practice your French and Italian language with him. The Fathers and Brothers have gathered together at Nympsfield this week, and will meet again at Corpus Christi in Nottingham on Friday.

JOURNEY IN FAITH

We continue our Journey in Faith by reflecting on the meaning of Advent. You are welcome to join us for these sessions of prayer and reflection **10th December – The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.** We meet in the presbytery at 7.30pm. Please come and join us.

This Week 8th December —16th December (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 8th December <i>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10:00am Ints of Sr Valention 10:30am - 12 noon Confessions 12:30pm Mick Durkin RIP	
Sunday 9th December Second Sunday of Advent Retiring Collection for Poor Parish Fund	8:30am People of the Parish 10:30am Ernest Cole RIP	Coffee & Tea after 10:30 am Mass in the Parish Centre. Friends of Holy Name (Debbie O'Shea) 8.00pm - 9:30pm - Bingo in the Centre
Monday 10th December Advent Feria	11:00am Divine Mercy 11:30am Ints of Margaret Byrne	7:30pm— Journey in Faith
Tuesday 11th December Advent Feria	9:15am Holy Name School Mass (In Church) Ints of Irene Powell	10:30am Carol Concert Practise by St Mark's School 1:30pm Carol Concert Practise by HN School
Wednesday 12th December Advent Feria	11:00am Rosary 11:30am Ints of Phyllis Thompson	1:30pm Carol Concert Practise by HN School
Thursday 13th December Memorial St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr	9:15am Vincent Greene RIP (In Church) 4:00pm Reception of the body	10:45am Carol Concert Practise by HN School 2:15pm and 6:00pm Holy Name School Junior Carol Concert
Friday 14th December Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	11:30am Requiem Mass for Agnus O'Sullivan	
Saturday 15th December Advent Feria	10:00am Kathleen Burke RIP 10:30am - 12 noon 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 in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass. Maureen Fenton and Group 8-9:30pm 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:**£504.49****Gift Aid Envelope :****£317.92****Special Needs Party:****£356.20****Mass Attendance Last Sunday:302****Thank you for****BAPTISM TALK****On Wednesday****12th December 2018****8:00pm for parents of****babies being Baptised****in January.****This will take place in the Parish Office.****PARISH EXERCISE CLASS****Tuesday class****finish on 11-12-2018****And Thursday class finish on****13-12-2018****In New year the class start Tuesday 8-1-2019****Thursday 10-1-2019****Next Sunday's Mass****Readings****Zephaniah 3:14-18; Is****12; Philippians 4:4-7;****Luke 3:10-18****CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT**

As we begin the season of Advent and Christmas we will be holding carol concerts this year in Church. These will be led by Holy Name School and St Mark's School. **Holy Name School's carol concert is on Thursday 13th December at 2:30pm and 6:00pm. St Mark's School is on Tuesday 18th December at 6:00pm.** Parishioners are warmly invited to the school carol concerts to herald the season of Advent and Christmas. Please put these dates in your diary. Fr Vincent SCL.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM FR ALESSANDRO

Dear Parishioners of Holy Name, I have just received a special gift that Fr Vincent and Br Andrew sent to me in your name and I'm moved by your kindness and generosity. Thank you so much, not only for this gift but also for your prayers and the good example you gave me while I served you at Holy Name. May God, through the intercession of our Lady, bless you and your families. Christmas is approaching so I want to wish you a holy Advent journey: at the end of these weeks may you meet with Jesus, Son of God and our Saviour and may He give you and those you love His hope and His grace. A very happy Christmas to you all. Blessings and Peace. Fr. Alessandro, SCL.

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.

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