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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)



### FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A

1st December –8th  
December 2019

**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

**Isaiah 2:1-5; Ps 121;  
Romans 13:11-14;  
Matthew 24:37-44**

### **STAY AWAKE, PRAY AND BE READY WHEN THE LORD COMES AGAIN.**

In the Gospel today, Jesus addresses his disciples with issues that do not make for easy hearing. Jesus refers to two separate events. The forthcoming destruction of the city of Jerusalem, and the Second Coming at the end of the world. It is at the beginning of Advent that the Church is preparing us for the first coming of Jesus and also reminding us of his Second Coming. These two events could not be more different, the birth of Jesus occurred mainly unnoticed by the world. The Second Coming will be heralded by cataclysmic events that will shake the planet earth and everyone will be aware of this occurrence. So, as we celebrate the first coming, let us not lose sight of who Jesus is and the eternal purpose of his mission to redeem mankind. We should not allow ourselves to be weighed down by trivial concerns or the things we get 'wound up' about so easily. Nor should we waste any time to start getting our lives in order. Now is the time and it is this message we should take into this new season of Advent. 'O most merciful Redeemer, friend and Brother, may I know thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day'. (Sir Richard of Chichester).

**DEACON TERRY**

### **SPECIAL NEEDS CHRISTMAS PARTY**

This party will take place on Saturday 14th December after 12.30pm Mass. If you know of anyone who would like an invitation please contact Jackie Mooney on 0745 552 6003.

### **JOURNEY IN FAITH**

Our theme this week is **Advent reflection– John the Baptist - prepare the way of the Lord**. These sessions are open to everyone so if you are enquiring about the faith or are a "cradle Catholic" there is something here for you.

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Mary Arulandhu, Ossie Bishop, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Maurice Hughes, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Bridie Howells, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Haydee Stanton, Anna Kennedy, Harold Johnson, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Sandra Pearson, Anne Jennings, Janet Chamberlain, Margaret Jacob, Millicent Finn, Kevin O'Neill, Kala Kanji, Grace Sharron, Rose Bohan, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon and Bridget Whitfield.

**RECENT DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember Mary King, Celine Greaves, Bryn Howells and all those who have died recently. We also remember Susan Deardon, Alice Goodwin, Winnie Owen, Wilfred Veevers, Fr. Colin Fortune, Garry Biddle, James Watson, Peter Murphy, John Kennedy, Brendan Weir, Henry Irvine, Garrett Hayes, Michael Byrne, William Huzarsky, Daniel Meehan, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Requiem Mass for Celine Greaves is on Wednesday 4th December at 12:30pm followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 1:45pm.**

**THE GOD WHO SPEAKS: A YEAR OF THE WORD**

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales has designated 2020 as 'The God Who Speaks': A Year of the Word to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Verbum Domini – Pope Benedict XVI's Apostolic Exhortation on 'The Word of the Lord', and the 1600th anniversary of death of St Jerome, who translated the Bible into Latin. Therefore, 2020 will be a year of celebrating, living and sharing God's word, through a range of events, activities and resources, available nationally and in our Diocese. Archbishop Bernard will launch the **Year of the Word – The God who Speaks** at the 4.30pm Mass on Saturday 30 November – the Vigil of the 1st Sunday in Advent, at St Chad's Cathedral. The Archdiocese of Birmingham is embracing this Scripture initiative and a steering group is already in place to develop how we will celebrate, live and share God's word in 2020. Full details will be shared in due course. There are some resources available from the Church Porch, please do take them for you.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week</b>  <b>30th November – 8th December</b>  <b>(Psalter Week 1 )</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Other Events</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 30th November</b>  <b>Feast of St Andrew, Apostle</b></p>	<p>10:00am James Brogan RIP  10:30am –12pm Confessions  12:30pm Holy Souls</p>	<p><b>1:30pm Parish Christmas Fayre</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 1st December</b>  <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  <b>Retiring Collection for Parish Levies</b></p>	<p>8:30am Thomas Fahy RIP  10:30am Fr. Colin Fortune RIP</p>	<p>Coffee &amp; Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass.  Friends of St Mark's School (Payal &amp; Group )  8.00pm-9:30pm Bingo in the Parish Centre.</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 2nd December</b>  Advent Feria</p>	<p><b>11:00am Divine Mercy</b>  11:30am Mary Regan RIP</p>	<p><b>1:30pm HNS Carol Practice</b>  <b>7:30pm Journey in Faith</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 3rd December</b>  Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest</p>	<p>9:15am Mass at HN School — Jerry O'Dowd, Hugh &amp; Eileen Brady RIP</p>	<p><b>3:00pm HNS Carol Practice</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 4th December</b>  Advent Feria</p>	<p><b>12:30pm Requiem Mass for Celine Greaves</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 5th December</b>  <b>Feast of St Birinus, Bishop</b></p>	<p>9:15am - Mass at St. Mark's School - Patrick &amp; Michael Cattigan RIP</p>	<p><b>11:15am HNS Carol Practice</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 6th December</b>  Advent Feria</p>	<p><b>11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>  11:30am Departed Souls of the Moore &amp; Power Families</p>	<p><b>3:30pm St Mark's School Christmas Fayre</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 7th December</b>  Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>12:30pm Theresa Vurlan RIP</p>	<p><b>1:30pm Senior Citizens Party at the Parish Centre</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 8th December</b>  <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  <b>Retiring Collection for Poor Parishes Fund</b></p>	<p>8:30am Ernest Cole  10:30am Pat Duffy RIP</p>	<p>Coffee &amp; Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass.  Maureen Fenton &amp; Group  8.00pm-9:30pm Bingo in the Parish Centre.</p>

**Loose Money:****£ 531.04****Gift Aid Envelopes:****£ 295.88****Catholic Youth Service:****£ 263.91****Mass Attendance Last Sunday: 407****Thank you for supporting your Parish.****OUR PARISH CENTRE**

We need your support. For bookings contact Jackie Mooney on 0745 552 6003 [holynameparishcentre.wix.com/event](http://holynameparishcentre.wix.com/event)

**Next Sunday's Mass****Readings:****Isaiah 11: 1-10;****Ps 71;****Romans 15: 4-9;****Matthew 3: 1-12****WE HOLD IN PRAYER**

Please pray for the departed soul of Mrs Rosa Naueiv Charoentham, the mother of Fr. Mongkhon, who died on Monday 25th November 2019. We pray that she may rest in peace and also we hold Fr. Mongkhon and his family in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time.

**ADVENT JOURNEY**

The "Walk with Me" booklets and calendar for the Advent Journey are available in the Church Porch. This booklet is to help focus on our relationship with God and to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus Christ during this Advent Season. Please consider taking a copy home to help with preparation for Christmas. A small donation is appreciated to defray the cost. Many thanks. Fr. Vincent SCJ.

**THE SOWER**

Advent edition of the Diocesan Magazine of The Sower is available from the Church Porch. They are free. Please do take a copy for you today after the Mass.

**SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY**

You are warmly invited to our Senior Citizens party to be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday 7th December 2019.

**MARIST WAY MEETING**

The next meeting is Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2.00pm in the Convent. We welcome new members to join us for a Marian Gospel reflection.

**ADVENT RETREAT DAY**

The Sisters are organising an Advent Retreat Day on Saturday 14th December at St. Mary's Convent, Hunters Road, B19 LEB. The retreat is from 10am to 3:30pm. For more details please see the poster on the Church notice board.

**THANK YOU**

We have received a letter of thanks from Missio for the collection on World Mission Sunday which raised £335.71. Please see the Thank you letter on the Church notice board.