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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 A

7th December –15th  
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 11: 1-10;

Ps 71;

Romans 15: 4-9;

Matthew 3: 1-12

### REPENT, FOR THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS CLOSE AT HAND

The Gospel reading focuses on John the Baptist, who said “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand”. The closeness of the kingdom is clearly identified by John when he says “The one who is coming after me is mightier than I am and he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire”. Matthew makes several references to the words of Isaiah. He quotes by describing John as “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness. Prepare the way of the Lord”. John was specifically called to prepare the way of Jesus and he called the people of Israel to repent and be baptized. He carried this message out with great enthusiasm and fulfilled his mission completely. ‘Lord, as we await your coming this Advent, make us alert to the signs. May our faith be made strong as we stay awake, in the hope and longing of your arrival and may we be ever watchful in prayer’ Amen.

**DEACON TERRY**

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE - BIG THANK YOU

Fr. Vincent SCJ would like to say a big **THANK YOU** to Payal and Team and all those who helped to organise the Christmas Fayre and to all those who helped run the stalls. A special thanks to all those who donated goods to the different stalls. The amount raised was £1,617.69 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 all again at the next Fayre. God bless you all.

### JOURNEY IN FAITH

Our theme this week is **Advent Reflection - Mary's yes**. 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.

## PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Ossie Bishop, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Maurice Hughes, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, 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.

## SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

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## PARISH DEACON

Rev Terry Charles

## PARISH SECRETARY

Payal Gordhan

## PARISH SCHOOLS

### Holy Name School

Head Teacher

Mr A Neenan

0121 357 3216

### St Mark's School

Head Teacher

Mrs D. Linley

0121 357 9892

### Stuart Bathurst

Mrs Bridget Morris

(Interim Head Teacher)

0121 556 1488

### Marist Convent

0121 357 6341

## Safeguarding Officer

Bernadette Cook

0121 357 1351

## RECENT DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember Bryn & Bridie Howells and all those who have died recently. We also remember Kathleen Richards, May Kinsella, William Morrison, Francis Roberts, Mary Smith, James Jennings, William Revell, John Leahy, Margaret Flaherty, Teresa Sanders, Ernest Cole, Anne Simkiss, Grenville Elmore, Susanna Sullivan, Helena Campion, Alexander Butler, Maureen Finn, Margaret Morrison, Irene Chapman, Margaret Bates, Dr. Greaves and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## 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. 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.

## ADVENT JOURNEY

The "Walk with Me" booklets for the Advent Journey are still 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.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week</b>  <b>7th December – 15th December</b>  <b>(Psalter Week 2)</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 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 RIP            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>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 9th December</b>  <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE COCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b></p>	<p><b>11:00am Divine Mercy</b>            11:30am Anne Rodgers 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 10th December</b>            Advent Feria</p>	<p>9:15am Mass in Church - James Brogan RIP</p>	<p><b>10:15am SMS Carol Practice</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 11th December</b>            Advent Feria</p>	<p><b>11:00am Rosary</b>            11:30am Thomas &amp; Alice Moore RIP</p>	<p><b>1:30pm HNS Carol Practice</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 12th December</b>            Advent Feria</p>	<p>9:15am - Mass at St. Mark's School - Lisa Carnall &amp; Family</p>	<p><b>9:15am HNS Carol Practice</b>  <b>2:30pm HNS Carol Concert</b>  <b>6:00pm HNS Carol Concert</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 13th December</b>            Memorial St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</p>	<p><b>11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>            11:30am Peggy, Jerry &amp; Elaine Breen</p>	<p><b>9:15am SMS Carol Practice</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 14th December</b>            Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>10:00am Nonie, Mary, Kate &amp; John Murphy            10:30am– 12pm Confessions            12:30pm Joan Jones RIP</p>	<p><b>1:30pm Special Needs Party at the Parish Centre</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 15th December</b>  <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  <b>Retiring Collection for Parish Levies</b></p>	<p>8:30am Helen Brown &amp; Family            10:30am Georgette Tammam RIP</p>	<p>Coffee &amp; Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass. (Knights of St Columbia)            8.00pm-9:30pm Bingo in the Parish Centre.</p>

**Loose Money:**

**£430.70**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:**

**£312.20**

**Parish Levies:**

**£190.46**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 396**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

### **HOLY NAME KEEP FIT GROUP**

This exercise group  
will be closed for  
Christmas. It will  
re-open on Tuesday  
7th January  
2020. Many thanks

### **OUR PARISH CENTRE**

We need your  
support. For  
bookings contact  
Jackie Mooney on  
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event

**Next Sunday's Mass**

**Readings:**

**Isaiah 35: 1-6;**

**Ps 145;**

**James 5: 7-10;**

**Matthew 11: 2-11**

### **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.

### **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 12th December at 2:30pm and 6:00pm. St Mark's School is on Tuesday 17th December at 7:00pm.** Parishioners are warmly invited to the schools' Carol Concerts to herald the season of Advent and Christmas. Please put these dates in your diary. Fr. Vincent SCJ.

### **EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS**

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

### **THIS IS YOUR CHURCH - HOW YOU CAN HELP**

1. Encourage others to join your parish - invite someone to Mass, such as a young family from your school.
2. Pray for the spread of good news across our Archdiocese.
3. Remember Your Church in a will or bequest.
4. Help your parish on a finance or fundraising committee.
5. Consider increasing your regular offertory donation.
6. Make a Gift Aid declaration, if you are a UK tax payer.