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(Betharram)



**THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT**

Year A

**14th December –22nd
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 35: 1-6;

Ps 145;

James 5: 7-10;

Matthew 11: 2-11

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.

VOLUNTEER REQUIRED

The Parish Centre is looking for a part time Volunteer. This Voluntary role will be to help with Parish Centre weekend bookings. Full training will be given. For further details, please contact Fr Vincent via the Parish Office.

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 SECRETARY

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Holy Name School

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Head Teacher

Mrs D. Linley

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Stuart Bathurst

Mrs Bridget Morris

(Interim Head Teacher)

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0121 357 6341

Safeguarding Officer

Bernadette Cook

0121 357 1351

RECENT DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember Bryn & Bridie Howells, James Farren and all those who have died recently. We also remember Ernest Phillips, Mary Shiels, Paul Lermont, Umberto Infanti, Michael Donnelly, Sid Hobson, Clarence Coppock, Harold Senior, Elizabeth Walker, Maureen Finn, Eric Pyne, Kathleen Milne, Bernard Kelly, David Brian, Dennis Wheeler, Ivy Herbert, Mary O'Mahony, Eileen Kearns, Sarah Hayes, Monica Humphreys and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Requiem Mass for Bryn & Bridie Howells is on Friday 3rd January 2020 at 10:00am followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 11:30am.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

When buying your Christmas presents this year please consider buying a CAFOD 'World Gift'. This is a gift that can really make a difference to people's lives. Catalogues are available at the back of the Church.

THANK YOU - PIETY STALL

We have a big Thank You to say to Pat Richards who is retiring from her role in looking after the Piety Stall after over 30 years of dedicated service. Her quiet presence at the back of the Church on so many Sundays has kept us in cards and gifts for all those special occasions throughout the years. She will be missed. We now have a vacancy for this role so if you are interested and would like to help, please speak to Fr. Vincent.

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 the Sacristy by Wednesday 18th December. In advance many thanks for your help and support.

<p align="center">This Week 14th December - 22nd December (Psalter Week 3)</p>	<p align="center">Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p align="center">Other Events</p>
<p>Saturday 14th December Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church</p>	10:00am Nonie, Mary, Kate & John Murphy 10:30am– 12pm Confessions 12:30pm Joan Jones RIP	<p>1:30pm Special Needs Party at the Parish Centre</p>
<p>Sunday 15th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Retiring Collection for Parish Levies</p>	8:30am Helen Brown & Family 10:30am Annamma Mathai RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass. (Knights of St Columbia) 8.00pm-9:30pm Bingo in the Parish Centre.
<p>Monday 16th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:00am Divine Mercy 11:30am James Grogan RIP 7:30pm Advent Reconciliation Service</p>	
<p>Tuesday 17th December Advent Feria</p>	9:15am Mass in School Hall - James Brogan RIP	<p>10:15am SMS Carol Practice 7:00 pm St Mark's School Carol Concert</p>
<p>Wednesday 18th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:00am Holy Rosary 11:30am Thomas Fahy RIP</p>	
<p>Thursday 19th December Advent Feria</p>	9:15am - Mass at St. Mark's School - John Vickers & Family	
<p>Friday 20th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 11:30am K. J. Cherian RIP</p>	
<p>Saturday 21st December Advent Feria</p>	10:00am Patricia Flanagan 10:30am– 12pm Confessions 12:30pm Georgette Tammam RIP	
<p>Sunday 22nd December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Retiring Collection for Parish Christmas Flowers & Decorations</p>	8:30am Winifred Flanagan RIP 10:30am Rose, Michael & Malachy Farnan RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass. C.A. M.P 8.00pm-9:30pm Bingo in the Parish Centre.

Loose Money:

£495.01

Gift Aid Envelopes:

£383.57

Poor Parishes:

£298.00

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 370

**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
0745 552 6003
[holynameparishcentre.wix.com/
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Next Sunday's Mass

Readings:

Isaiah 7:10-14;

Ps 23;

Romans 1: 1-7;

Matthew 1: 18-24

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

St Mark's School Carol Concert is on Tuesday 17th December at 7:00pm. Parishioners are warmly invited to Concert to herald the season of Advent and Christmas. Please put this date 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. Please can the Eucharistic Ministers and Readers sign in your availability on the Christmas Eve and Christmas day planning sheet which is at the back of the Church. Many Thanks.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Advent Penitential Service here at Holy Name of Jesus will take place on Monday 16th December at 7:30pm. You are invited to take part and prepare spiritually to celebrate Christmas. The service includes a reflection on Scripture and a chance for us to reflect on different aspects of our life which may need healing and reconciliation. You will have an opportunity for individual confessions.

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.