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



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Year A

21st December – 29th
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 7:10-14;

Ps 23;

Romans 1: 1-7;

Matthew 1: 18-24

ST. JOSEPH FATHER OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Joseph together with Mary showed great faith in God's word. Joseph also displayed great trust in his wife. Over the centuries, Catholics had such a devotion to the Holy family. Today we see Joseph as a saint who teaches us how to take care of our own families. He is truly an inspiration and a wonderful example of fatherly love. We can see also that Joseph was a deeply spiritual man. Although Saint Joseph has long been remembered in Eucharistic Prayer 1 at Mass, it was decreed by Pope John XXIII at the Second Vatican Council that Joseph was worthy of inclusion in the other Eucharistic Prayers as well. On the feast of St. Joseph the Worker 1st May 2013, St. Joseph's name was added to the other Eucharistic Prayers. He is an example for all fathers to follow. 'Heavenly Father, we thank you for the example and inspiration of St. Joseph. We pray for fathers we know that, like Joseph, they will be able to hear your word for their families'.

DEACON TERRY

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.

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.

**SACRED HEART
COMMUNITY**

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SCJ (Parish Priest)

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PARISH DEACON

Rev Terry Charles

PARISH SECRETARY

Payal Gordhan

PARISH SCHOOLS

Holy Name School

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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

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.

RECENT DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember Bryn & Bridie Howells, James Farren, Owen McCann, and all those who have died recently. We also remember Andrew Johnson, Lilian Heath, James Haugh, Sarah Hayes, Patricia Mullen, Elizabeth Rees, Jack Biddle, Tony Clarke, Kathleen Golden, Teresa Cole, Edith Mullen, Vera Csucsmi, John Yule, Sarah Dyson, Colleen Watson, Dorcus Attridge, Matthew Harrington, Billy Fitzgerald, Mary Ridley, Patricia Mullen, 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.

Requiem Mass for James Farren is on Friday 10th January 2020 at 11:30am followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 1:00pm.

TRANSPORT TO MASS

The S.V.P. are looking to see if there is a demand to provide a minibus, or similar, to bring parishioners to and from Mass. We need to know how many people would be interested in this free service, their location and preferred Mass time in order to obtain quotations. Would people interested in taking advantage of this service please contact the Parish office in the first instance. Please let anyone you know, who has difficulty getting to Mass, that we hope to introduce the service in the New Year if there is sufficient response.

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.

This Week 21st December - 29th December (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 21st December Advent Feria	10:00am Patricia Flanagan 10:30am– 12pm Confessions 12:30pm Georgette Tammam RIP	
Sunday 22nd December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Retiring Collection for Parish Christmas Flowers & Decorations	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.
Monday 23rd December Advent Feria	11:00am Divine Mercy 11:30am John Vickers & Family	
Tuesday 24th December Advent Feria	9:15am Mass in Church	2:00pm Flower Arrangements



The Season of Christmas



Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve	6:00pm First Mass of Christmas (Family Mass) 8:30pm Christmas Carols followed by Mass (Midnight Mass)	
Wednesday 25th December SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	8:30 am Mass of the Dawn 10:30am Mass During the Day	
Thursday 26th December Feast of St Stephen, Patron Saint of Altar Servers	10:30am - Mass in Church - Pat Duffy RIP	
Friday 27th December Feast of St John, Apostle	11:30am Emma Howes & Family	
Saturday 28th December Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs	10:00am Samantha Madden & Family 12:30pm Michael Freeman RIP	
Sunday 29th December FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Retiring Collection for Parish Building Fund	8:30am James Brogan RIP 10:30am Ints of Connor's Family	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass (Scouts) 8.00pm-9:30pm Bingo in the Parish Centre.

Loose Money:

£574.70

Gift Aid Envelopes:

£328.21

Parish Levies:

£289.27

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 397

**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/event

Next Sunday's Mass

Readings:

Ecclesiasticus

3: 2-6,12-14;

Ps 127;

Colossians 3:12 - 21;

Matthew

2:13-15,19-23

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Please collect your New Eucharistic Minister Rota, starting from January 4th, from the Church Porch as you leave Mass today. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS AND READERS

Thank you if you have already signed up to help. We still need Eucharistic Ministers' and Readers' help to distribute Holy Communion and read the scriptures at the Christmas Eve Masses, Carol Service and the Masses on Christmas day. If you can help please sign in your availability on the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day planning sheet which is at the back of the Church. Many Thanks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

The Children's Liturgy group will be closed from Sunday 22nd December for Christmas. It will re-open on Sunday 12th January 2020. We wish everyone a Happy and Holy Christmas. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to be part of this Liturgy group.

CATHOLIC PAPERS

There is a double Issue dated 22nd December and 29th December. Please check the prices for these papers.

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.