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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)



**THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**Year A**

**25th January – 2nd  
February 2020**

**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 8:23-9:3;  
Ps 26; 1 Corinthians  
1:10-13, 17; Matthew  
4:12-23**

### **THE LORD IS MY LIGHT AND MY HELP**

There is a link between today's psalm and both the 1<sup>st</sup> reading and the gospel. In the gospel, Matthew records how Jesus settled in Capernaum near the lake of Galilee. This was a fulfilment of the prophet Isaiah, who lived six hundred years before Jesus began his ministry. He promised that their land would one day witness a great light in its midst. Jesus is that light. Jesus' invitation to the fishermen Simon, Andrew, James and John to follow him and the promise that from now on they would be fishers of men was not only true for them but is also true to us Christians as well. We are called to evangelise and spread the gospel and when we do, we can be sure God will help us. The Holy Spirit is the principal agent of our evangelization. It is this Spirit who gives us wisdom and courage and most of all love for people and a desire that they come to know God's love. 'Lord Jesus, you are our light, our stronghold and our salvation. Like the fishermen, may we follow you knowing that you enlighten us in times of darkness, strengthen us in moments of weakness and lead us to salvation in the vision of the goodness of God in this land of the living.

**DEACON TERRY**

### **JOURNEY IN FAITH**

Our theme this week is **Knowing God - the teaching of the Church**. 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.

### **PIETY STALL HELP NEEDED**

We urgently need a volunteer to take care of the Piety Stall now as Pat Richards has retired. If you are interested please let me know. Fr Vincent SCJ

**SACRED HEART  
COMMUNITY**

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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

Head Teacher

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**Marist Convent**

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**Safeguarding Officer**

Bernadette Cook

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**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Mary Arulandhu, Ossie Bishop, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Carmen Mulholland, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Maurice Hughes, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Haydee Stanton, Anna Kennedy, 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 Doris Roarty, Harold Johnson Anne Wootton, Ronald O'Reilly, and all those who have died recently. We also remember Joseph Long, Dorothy O'Sullivan, Gordon Whittall, Irene McMillan, Patrick Murphy, William McGrath, Wilfred Revill, Bridget Bourke, Nora Boyle, Bill Harborne, Sister Margaret, Alfreda Davis, Andrew Steward, Harry Stanley, Robert Reid, Elsie Wheatley, Wilma Lloyd, Michael Leahy, Mary Emery, Bernadette Sampays, Victor Wadley, Edward Donohoe, Robert Hourihane, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Funeral Service for Doris Roarty is on Monday 27th January 2020 at 11:30am followed by burial at Oscott Cemetery at 12:30pm.**

**Funeral Service for Anne Wootton is on Friday 14th February 2020 at Perry Barr Crematorium at 11:30am.**

**PARISH CENTRE BOOKING MANAGER**

The Parish and Parish Centre Committee would like to express a big thank you to Jackie Mooney. Jackie has been looking after the Parish Centre bookings on a voluntary basis for the last few years but due to other commitments has now given up this role. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Jackie for her hard work, time and dedication. Jackie continues to be a vital member of the Parish Centre Committee and works voluntarily for the Parish in many other capacities.

We are also pleased to introduce Anne Chamberlain who will be the new booking Manager. For all enquires in relation to Parish Centre booking, please now contact Anne on 01922 630495 who will be happy to help you.

<b>This Week</b> <b>25th January - 2nd February</b> <b>(Psalter Week 3)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Saturday 25th January</b> <b>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul</b>	10:00am James Brogan RIP 10:30am– 12pm Confessions 12:30pm Mary King	
<b>Sunday 26th January</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY</b> <b>TIME</b> <b>Retiring Collection for Church</b> <b>Maintenance</b>	8:30am Andrew Steward RIP 10:30am Eileen Kearns <b>12:00pm Baptism</b>	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass. (Marie and Carmel) 8.00pm-9:30pm Bingo in the Parish Centre.
<b>Monday 27th January</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>11:00am Divine Mercy</b> 11:30am Jim Crawley	<b>7:30pm Journey in Faith</b>
<b>Tuesday 28th January</b> Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9:15am- (HNS) Mass in Church -Celine Greaves RIP	
<b>Wednesday 29th January</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>11:00am Rosary</b> 11:30am Catherine Kelly	
<b>Thursday 30th January</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am –Service of the Word –at St Mark’s School	
<b>Friday 31st January</b> Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest	<b>11:00am Exposition of Blessed Sacrament</b> 11:30am James Brogan RIP	
<b>Saturday 1st February</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00am Anthony Brennan RIP 10:30am– 12pm Confessions 12:30pm Mary Lynch RIP	<b>9:00am –12:00pm Fire Drill Training in Parish Centre</b>
<b>Sunday 2nd February</b> <b>FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b> <b>Retiring Collection for Parish Levies</b>	8:30am June and Tony Hoefkens 10:30am Joe McNamara RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass Friends of St Marks (Payal and Group) 8.00pm-9:30pm Bingo in the Parish Centre.

### **FIRE DRILL TRAINING**

This is a reminder for the people involved that Fire Drill Training will take place on Saturday 1st February 2020 9:00am - 12:00pm in the Parish Centre.  
Margaret Pritchard

## LENT - PENTECOST 2020

People often say that they would like to read the Bible more but they don't know where to start. As mentioned last week, we are offering a chance to do just that from the beginning of Lent until Pentecost. The program is called, **The big picture, You, the Bible and God's big Plan**. It consists of a series of reflections on passages of Scripture and a chance to share our thoughts. In this **Year of the Word – the God who speaks** we can begin to discover more about God's plan for his world and for us as revealed in Scripture. Please think about joining us to take part in this course. There will be more information about how to join next week.

### THE ANNUAL BIRMINGHAM PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

The Pilgrimage, lead by Archbishop Bernard Longley will take place from 23<sup>rd</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> May. Fares are from £461.00 by coach or £805.00 by air, both full board. For further information, please see the notice in the Church Porch. If you require any financial assistance, please speak to Fr Vincent.

### FATHER HUDSON'S ANNUAL BALL

This event takes place on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February at St John's Hotel, Solihull. Tickets are £45 each. For more details please see the notice in the Church Porch.

### CHURCHES TOGETHER IN GREAT BARR

To celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity we are invited to St Margaret's Anglican Church, Chapel Lane this evening (Sunday 26 January, 6.30pm) for our annual unity service. Please do come and join as we continue to celebrate and pray for a deepening of unity amongst God's people and in thanksgiving for our shared witness here in Great Barr.

### PARISH CENTRE MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Parish Centre Membership Renewals are now due, these can be renewed in the Parish Centre after 12.30pm, 8.30am and 10.30am Mass next weekend. Please give the Parish Centre your support by renewing or becoming a Member. Annual Membership is £5 per person or £3 per person for Senior Citizens and Students.

**Loose Money:**

**£ 554.54**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:**

**£302.80**

**Building Fund:**

**£638.58**

**Mass Attendance**

**Last Sunday: 409**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

### ARCHDIOCESAN DIRECTORIES

Copies of these are available in the Parish Office. They are £5.00 each.

### CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP

The Children's Liturgy group is on now. Please encourage your children and grandchildren to be part of this Liturgy group.

**Next Sunday's Mass  
Readings:**

**Malachi 3: 1-4, Ps 23;**

**Hebrews 2:14-18;**

**Luke 2:22-40**