



Societas Presbyterorum  
Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu  
BETHARRAM

**FIRST SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT,  
YEAR B**

**28th November to  
6th December 2020**

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

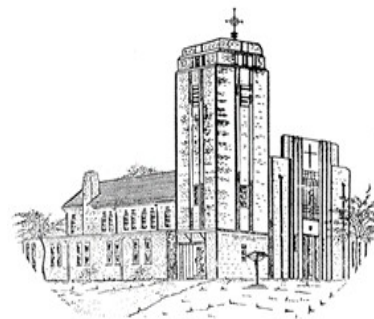
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and  
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus  
(Betharram)



### Today's Mass Readings

Isaiah 63: 16-17, 64:

1, 3-8; Ps 79;

1 Corinthians

1:3-9;

Mark 13: 33-37

**Welcome to this House  
of God:**

**Talk to God before Mass**

**Listen to God during Mass**

**Talk to others after Mass**

### Dear Parishioners,

Today is the first Sunday of Advent. In the Catholic Church, the new Liturgical Year commences with the first Sunday of Advent. As we begin this new year, the Church does not just indicate the beginning of a year, but the beginning of a renewed commitment to the faith by all those who follow Christ, the true light of the world.

The season of Advent is also a time of waiting and watching for the coming of the Lord Jesus. The entire Liturgy of the Advent season invites us to lift our gaze and open our hearts to welcome the mystery of the Word Incarnate, who will give the 'Light' in this time of uncertainty, fear and challenge due to the Coronavirus. As we enter into this season of Advent let us remember the words of St John Henry Newman: **"Advent is a time of waiting, it is a time of joy because the coming of Christ is not only a gift of grace and salvation but it is also a time of commitment because it motivates us to live the present as a time of responsibility and vigilance"**. The words of this great Saint rejuvenate us to live this time of waiting not just to celebrate a historical event but to repeat this event in our lives and in the service of others.

There are so many ways and symbols that enlighten us to prepare for the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Advent Wreath is one of the most iconic symbols of Advent. It is a beautiful symbol of the eternity of Christ and his presence in our lives. As a symbol, apart from being lit on each of the Sundays of Advent, it also has a deeper meaning. The entire Advent Wreath has a richness which offers a real opportunity for reflecting in a prayerful way on this beautiful season of preparation for Christmas. The candles symbolise the light of Christ coming into the world. The evergreen symbolises renewal and the circular

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shape the completeness of God. The candle colours - purple, rose & white - come from the traditional liturgical colours of Advent, and Christmas. Each candle on the wreath has its theme of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love as they are lit on the appropriate Sunday of Advent. As we begin our Advent Journey this year in lockdown, I invite you all, when you come to church, to pray with a focus on each candle as this can really help us to focus our preparation for Christmas.

As we approach the end of this second lockdown, we will, hopefully, be able to welcome back parishioners for the Mass from next weekend onwards. Mass for the public will be on **Wednesday at 11:30am, on Saturday at 12:30pm and Sunday at 8:30am & 10:30am.** Please note that maximum capacity of our church for the Mass is 68 households. As you can see, I have added an extra Mass on Sunday, so we need some more stewards to help for stewarding for the Masses. If anyone can help please contact the Parish office or speak to Fr. Vincent or one of stewards.

When you come into the Church, you are requested to adhere to the guidelines and arrangements which are in place already. As usual please follow the instructions from the stewards; they are there to help you.

Details about Christmas celebrations and Masses at Holy Name will be in next week's Newsletter.

Finally, be assured of my prayers for you all during these difficult days. **Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ**

**PIETY STALL & CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Due to Coronavirus this year our Piety Stall is closed at the moment. The usual boxes and packs of Christmas cards, advent Calendars, Liturgical Calendars, Get well & Birthday Mass Bouquet cards are now available for purchase from the Parish office between 10:30am to 2:00pm. If anyone wishes to buy any other religious articles you can order them on request. Let the parish office know what you would like to have.

<b>This Week</b> <b>Saturday 28th November –</b> <b>Sunday 6th December</b> <b>(Psalter Week 1)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Saturday 28th November</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00am Mary & James Breen RIP - <b>Private Mass</b>	<b>12:00pm to 1:00pm</b> <b>Church open for Prayer</b>
<b>Sunday 29th November</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF</b> <b>ADVENT</b>	9:00am James Brogan RIP - <b>Private Mass</b>	<b>10:00am to 11:00am</b> <b>Church open for prayer</b>
<b>Monday 30th November</b> <b>Feast of St Andrew, Apostle</b>	10:00am Jane Waldron RIP - <b>Private Mass</b>	
<b>Tuesday 1st December</b> <b>Feast of St Edmund</b> <b>Campion, Priest, Martyr</b>	10:00am Ints of Bishop David Oakley - <b>Private</b> <b>Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday 2nd December</b> Advent Feria	10:00am Ints of Leo Hughes - <b>Private Mass</b>	<b>11:00am to 12:00pm</b> <b>Church open for Prayer</b>
<b>Thursday 3rd December</b> Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest	10:00am Little Sisters of the Assumption - <b>Private Mass</b>	
<b>Friday 4th December</b> Advent Feria	10:00am Mary Tubb RIP - <b>Private Mass</b>	
<b>Saturday 5th December</b> Feast of St Birinus, Bishop	12:30pm Ernest Cole RIP	<b>CHURCH OPEN FOR</b> <b>MASS</b>
<b>Sunday 6th December</b> <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF</b> <b>ADVENT</b> <b>Retiring Collection for Poor</b> <b>Parishes Fund</b>	8:30am Frances Burke 10:30am Pat Duffy RIP	<b>CHURCH OPEN FOR</b> <b>MASS</b>

**Last week's  
Offertory  
Collection:**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:**

**£ 125.00**

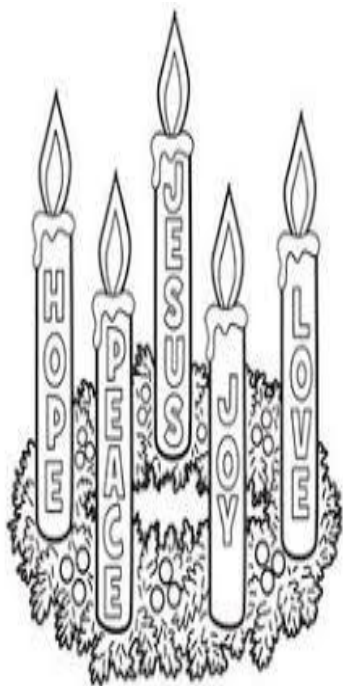
**Loose money:**

**£ 57.90**

**Standing Orders  
for October:**

**£1437.67**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:**

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11;

Ps 84; 2 Peter

3: 8-14; Mark 1: 1-8

## **PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Mary Arulandhu, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Carmen Mulholland, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Michael Reeves, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Elizabeth Ibbotson, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Rose Bohan, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon and Bridget Whitfield.

## **RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember **Tony Liddell, Maurice Hughes** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Norah Haines, Richard Stanton, Wilfrid Insley, George Flynn, Philomena Grogan, Eileen Kearns, Andrew Johnson, 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, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

## **CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE AT HOLY NAME**

This year, the Giving Tree will be in the Lady Chapel from this week onwards. The idea is to help local families and their children this Christmas. I invite parishioners to take a gift tag from the tree, purchase a present suitable for the person whose details are given on the gift tag and return the present wrapped in suitable paper with the gift tag attached. The latest date for bringing the presents to church or the Parish Office is Tuesday 15th December. The presents will be distributed via the SVP, Bro. Andrew and St Mark's School. In advance many thanks for supporting this project. **Payal Gordhan, Parish Secretary.**

## **ADVENT JOURNEY**

The "**Walk with Me**" booklets and calendars for the Advent Journey are available in the Church Porch or from the Stewards. 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.