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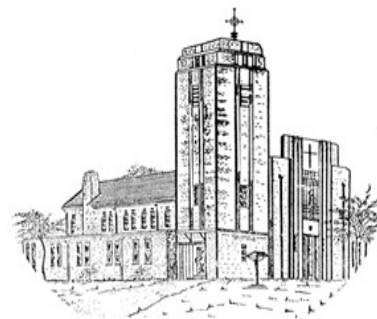
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus
(Betharram)



**FEAST OF THE HOLY
FAMILY
YEAR B**

**26th December to
3rd January 2021**

**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**

Genesis 15:1-6,

12-14; Ps 104;

Hebrews 11: 8,11-12,

17-19;

Luke 2: 22-40

A Happy & Prosperous New Year

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you all had a very blessed and joyful Christmas, though it was, for many people, a very different Christmas this year. This pandemic and the unexpected lockdown and restrictions have placed quite a lot of additional pressure on parents and families. This situation deprived many people of the togetherness offered by the festival of Christmas to share the love and joy of the festivity with their extended families. At the same time Covid-19 has enabled us to spend quality time with close family members in the home.

As we come closer to saying goodbye to the year 2020, which has been very challenging one, let us draw goodness and strength from it and thank God for that. This pandemic has presented us with many challenges, including, and not least, challenges to the practice and living out of our faith. As followers of Jesus Christ, faith will be crucial if we are to get the strength to cope and to continue on our journey. For me, the most edifying example of the importance of faith as a loved reality was abundantly evident during this year as we prepared for the resumption of public celebration of Mass after the first lockdown. Many of our parishioners volunteered to be stewards which enabled us to welcome people to church to find solace in a visit to the Blessed Sacrament and to participate in the Mass in which people experience the love, care and healing of our Lord Jesus Christ which people missed for months. I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to the volunteers for their continued support.

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It has been a particularly difficult and lonely time for those who had to lay to rest a family member, whether it is due to Covid-19 or illness, this year. For those in nursing homes and hospitals and for their families it has been a very trying time as visits were discouraged or made impossible. Couples who had planned to celebrate their love in the Sacrament of Marriage have been seriously inconvenienced by the pandemic. We remember them all in our prayers in a special way at this time and also their family members. May the new born King give them peace, strength and comfort.

This present situation constitutes a huge challenge to faith, yet in so many ways we witnessed that it brings out the best in people, awakening the need for connectivity and community. Goodness, generosity and gentleness are in evidence in service in the neighbourhood and through volunteering. As Christians and followers of Christ, let us be a beacon of hope.

Finally, as a people of faith and hope let us commend the New Year 2021 to the Blessed Virgin Mary as we prepare to celebrate the Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

*Wishing you all a very happy
and healthy New Year 2021!
From Payal, Br Andrew,
and Fr Vincent*



This Week Saturday 26th December – Sunday 3rd January (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 26th December Feast of St Stephen, the First Martyr	9:30 am Ints of the Altar Servers 12:30pm Ints of Carmel Martin	
Sunday 27th December Feast of the Holy Family	8:30am Peter Hayward RIP 10:30am Teague and Doris Roarty	
Monday 28th December Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs	10:00am Ints of Evelyn and Phil Doherty - Private Mass	
Tuesday 29th December Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr	10:00am Jimmy Hughes - Private Mass	
Wednesday 30th December Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	11:30am - Margaret Anne Jacob	
Thursday 31st December Seventh day within the Octave of Christmas	9:30am Patrick Peter Jacob - Private Mass	

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Friday 1st January SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD	11:30am Kevin and Eileen Mooney	
Saturday 2nd January Memorial of St Basil the Great and St Gregory Nazianzen	12:30pm Martin and Delia Greaney	
Sunday 3rd January SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	8:30am - Steve Rhodes 10:30am Ints of Marie Johnson	

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£103.50**



**Loose money:
£384.93**

**Standing Orders
for November:
£1446.17**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday:139**



**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

Ecclesiasticus
24: 1-2, 8-12;

Ps 147;

Ephesians
1:3-6, 15-18;

John 1:1-18

PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Catherine Freeman, Carmen Mulholland, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, 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 **Michael Reeves, Anthony Leighton**, and all those who have died recently. We also remember Matthew Harrington, Billy Fitzgerald, Mary Ridley, Patricia Mullen, Rene Doano, Elizabeth Long, John Collins, Chris Griffin, Nora Yates, Winnie Higgins, Gladys Barnes, Winifred O'Gara, Cicely Farrell, Mary Parkes, Conan and Edward Ferris, Charles Donaghey, John Toner, William Shannon, Mary Moane, Annie Venencia, Frances Bell, Paul Shaw, Mary Harborne, Anthony Brennan, Brenda McGuire, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Requiem Mass for Michael Reeves will be on Monday 4th January 2021 at 11:30am here in Church followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium.

SINCERE THANK YOU

As we welcome the New Year, I would like to express my gratitude to all parishioners for showing us in the Sacred Heart Community your love, hospitality, kindness, generosity and support during 2020. I would like to say a big Thank You to all those members of different groups of the parish who have helped me in so many different ways during this uncertain and challenging year. Most importantly, my sincere thanks to all those who helped prepare the Church and the Liturgy, especially at Christmas. Also the Sacred Heart Community would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone in our parish community for your Christmas cards, Christmas offering, prayers, presents, support and help. Finally, may we wish you a very Happy, Peaceful, Prosperous and Healthy New Year 2021.