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BETHARRAM

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

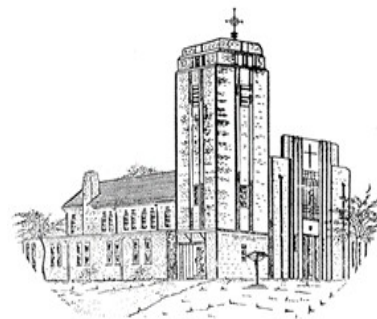
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus
(Betharram)



Today's Mass Readings

2 Samuel 7: 1-5,
8-12, 14,16; Ps 88;
Romans 16:25-27;
Luke 1: 26-38.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

19th December to
27th December 2020

**Welcome to this House
of God:**

**Talk to God before Mass
Listen to God during Mass
Talk to others after Mass**

Dear Parishioners,

As we come closer to Christmas, on the 4th Sunday of Advent, the liturgy gives us the person of Mary for our reflection. Mary's role in the history of salvation stands out vividly today. She receives the message with humility: "I am the handmaid of the Lord, let what you have said be done to me." With these humble words, she accepted her role in the history of salvation. Mary's faith was a testimony of her total self-giving to God for our salvation.

Her response to God's call encourages us to also become witnesses of humility, generosity, courage, and love for humanity. At the same time Mary also reminds us that this is a season of joy, receiving and sharing. Let us spread this message of hope and joy.

I am really looking forward to seeing you all at Christmas this year and to celebrating Mass with you. This year's Christmas celebration is going to be different and strange because of Covid-19 and its effects on people and society. For many of you this could be the first time that you are attending. Mass in church since we went into lockdown. For those people I, extend my warmest welcome and I assure you that our church is safe. I ask you all to follow the guidelines and arrangements which are in place in our church. As usual please follow the instructions from the stewards; they are there to help you.

We have 4 Christmas Masses - two on Christmas Eve at 6:00pm (**This mass is fully booked**) and 8:30pm (with Christmas Carols being played by Tape at 5:30pm & 8:00pm), two on Christmas Day at 8:30am and 10:30am.

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If anyone would like to attend one of the Christmas Masses at Holy Name this year I ask you to please make an advance booking. There are still few places left but they are going very quickly. You will be able to book via phone and email. The information required will be your name, contact telephone number, the number of people, and the Mass you would like to attend. To help us to prepare the Christmas liturgy in advance, the last day for booking will be Sunday 20th December.

Finally, I wish you all, particularly those who are unable to attend the Christmas Mass, a Blessed and Peaceful Christmas. May the blessings of Christmas embrace you and your family. Fr. Vincent Arulandhu

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE AT HOLY NAME

I would like to say a Big Thank You to everyone for being so generous with your presents for the children and their families. I believe that we have helped a good number of families who would have struggled to find presents for their children. Your presents have been distributed via our Parish St Vincent de Paul Society, St Mark's School and Bro. Andrew. Thanking you all for your kindness. Wishing you and your families a happy and safe Christmas. **Payal Gordhan, Parish Secretary.**

CHRISTMAS CARDS

It is lovely to exchange Christmas cards and share the Joy of Christmas but due to COVID-19 restrictions, please do not leave any cards in Church for collection. They can not be passed on under the current regulations. We will have to discard any cards found in the porch. Many thanks for co-operation in this matter. **Fr. Vincent SCJ.**

FEAST OF ST STEPHEN: ALTAR SERVERS

St. Stephen is the pattern Saint of the Altar Servers. This is a special day for them. I invite all Altar Servers and their families to attend Mass at 9:30am on Saturday 26th December 2020. At this Mass Altar Servers will renew once again their commitments. We will follow Covid-safe procedures and guidelines. **Fr. Vincent SCJ**

This Week Saturday 19th December – Sunday 27th December	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 19th December Advent Feria	12:30pm Georgette Tammam RIP	
Sunday 20th December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:30am Brendan McGlacken RIP 10:30am Rose, Michael & Malachy Farnan RIP	
Monday 21st December Advent Feria	10:00am Elizabeth Macjuire - Private Mass	
Tuesday 22nd December Advent Feria	10:00am Sr Grace - Private Mass	
Wednesday 23rd December Advent Feria	11:30am Deceased members of Brady Family	
Thursday 24th December Advent Feria	9:30am - Private Mass	



The Season of Christmas



Thursday 24th December Christmas Eve	6:00pm First Mass of Christmas 8:30pm Christmas Mass (Midnight Liturgy)	
Friday 25th December SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	8:30 am Mass of the Dawn 10:30am Mass During the Day	
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	

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£969.70**



**Loose money:
£411.08**

**Standing Orders
for November:
£1446.17**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 165**



**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

Genesis 15:1-6,
12-14; Ps 104;
Hebrews 11: 8,11-
12, 17-19;
Luke 2: 22-40

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**, and all those who have died recently. We also remember David Brian, Dennis Wheeler, Ivy Herbert, Mary O'Mahony, Eileen Kearns, Sarah Hayes, Monica Humphreys, Doris Roarty, Andrew Johnson, Lilian Heath, James Haugh, Patricia Mullen, Elizabeth Rees, Jack Biddle, Tony Clarke, Kathleen Golden, Teresa Cole, Edith Mullen, Vera Csusmi, John Yule, Sarah Dyson, Colleen Watson, Dorcas Attridge 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.

HAPPY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR

Fr. Vincent SCJ, Bro. Andrew SCJ, Payal Gordhan (Parish Secretary) and Parish Staff, with loving thoughts at Christmas, wish everyone in our parish & school communities a Blessed and Safe Christmas. May you and your loved ones enjoy a happy and healthy New Year filled with joy and God's love.

**Merry
Christmas**

