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Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu
BETHARRAM

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

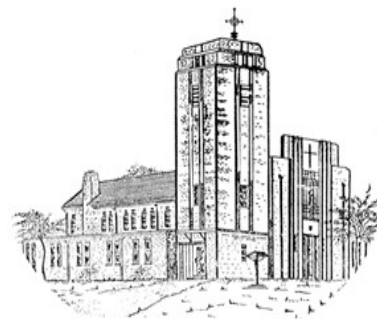
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus
(Betharram)



Today's Mass Readings

Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11;

Ps 84;

2 Peter 3: 8-14;

Mark 1: 1-8

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT, YEAR B

5th December to
13th 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,

The good news is that now our church is open for public Masses from this weekend. I am so pleased to welcome you back and to celebrate Mass for you all. Our public Masses will be **on Wednesday at 11:30am, on Saturday at 12:30pm and Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am with limited numbers as before.**

When you come to Church for the Mass, you are requested to adhere to the guidelines and arrangements as we did before. As usual please follow the instructions from the stewards; they are there to help you.

As we resume the public celebration of Mass, I would like to appeal to all parishioners to return to attending live Mass in church. Our church has adopted Covid-safe procedures and guidelines after rigorous risk assessments. The safety measures that we follow are wearing a face covering or mask, 2m social distancing and a one way system. The stewards will wear PPE when stewarding. I believe our church is safer than other public spaces. This appeal is to highlight the importance of experiencing sacramental life in an actual church building.

A big thank you

I would like to say a big thank you to the team of volunteer stewards who opened our Church last four weeks for certain hours for individual prayer. They continue to help stewarding for the Masses in church. Without their help it would have been impossible to have Masses for the people.

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Christmas celebration and Mass at Holy Name

This year's Christmas celebration is different and strange because of Covid-19 and its effects on people and society. As a result of this pandemic there are many restrictions in place that we have to adhere. To cope with restrictions we plan 4 Christmas Masses - two on Christmas Eve at 6:00pm 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.

The maximum capacity of our church is only 70 households. We are trying to estimate Christmas Mass numbers. As there is limited capacity, this year we will follow a booking system at Holy Name to lessen the chance of having to turn anyone away. We don't want to tell anyone no room at the inn. I request all the parishioners who want to attend one of the Christmas Masses at Holy Name, to please make an advance booking. You will be able to book via phone, email or possibly online through our parish website. The information required will be your name, contact telephone number, the number 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. If demand is high then consideration may be given for an additional Mass, provided we have enough stewards for stewarding.

Finally, hopefully we will have happy and safe Christmas. I assure you all my prayers 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.

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week Saturday 5th December – Sunday 13th December (Psalter Week 2)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Events</p>
<p>Saturday 5th December Feast of St Birinus, Bishop</p>	<p>12:30pm - Ernest Cole RIP</p>	
<p>Sunday 6th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Retiring Collection for Poor Parishes Fund</p>	<p>8:30am Frances Burke 10:30am Pat Duffy RIP</p>	
<p>Monday 7th December Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>10:00am Theresa Vurlan RIP - Private Mass</p>	
<p>Tuesday 8th December Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>10:00am Sally Wilkes RIP- Private Mass</p>	
<p>Wednesday 9th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:30am Mary O’Grady RIP</p>	
<p>Thursday 10th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>10:00am Josephine Reilly RIP - Private Mass</p>	
<p>Friday 11th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>10:00am Martha Murphy - Private Mass</p>	
<p>Saturday 12th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>12:30pm Peter Farren RIP</p>	
<p>Sunday 13th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p>	<p>8:30am Sheila Mahoney RIP 10:30am James Martin RIP</p>	

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£ 30.20**

**Loose money:
£ 70.50**

**Standing Orders
for October:
£1437.67**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**

THE SOWER

The Advent edition of the Diocesan Magazine of The Sower is available from the Church Porch or Stewards. In this edition some of our parishioners have written articles. They are free. Please do take a copy today after Mass.

**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11; Lk 1;
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24; John 1: 6-8, 19-28.

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 **Tony Liddell, Maurice Hughes, Michael Reeves, Margaret Cleaver** and all those who have died recently. We also remember William Huzarsky, Daniel Meehan, Bridget Howells, Kathleen Richards, James Farren, May Kinsella, William Morrison, Francis Roberts, Mary Smith, James Jennings, William Revell, John Leahy, Margaret Flaherty, Teresa Sanders, Ernest Cole, Anne Simkiss, Grenville Elmore, Susanna Sullivan, Helena Campion, Alexander Butler, Marie Finn and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Funeral Service for Maurice Hughes will be on Thursday 17th December at 11:00am here in Church followed by Cremation at Perry Barr Crematorium.

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.**

A BIG THANK YOU

Fr. George SCJ, The Mission Co-ordinator for the Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers, has sent to us a Certificate of Thanks for the Sponsored walk money raised for the Indian Missions. The amount raised was £903.75. Your generosity and support towards the Indian Missions of SCJ is much appreciated particularly in this difficult and challenging time. God bless you and your families. ⁴