



Societas Presbyterorum  
Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu  
BETHARRAM

**THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT,  
YEAR B**

**12th December to  
20th December 2020**

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

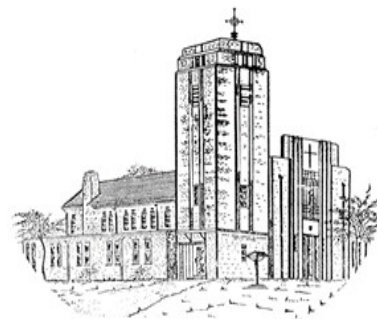
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and  
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus  
(Betharram)



### Today's Mass Readings

Isaiah 61: 1-2, 10-11;

Ps: Lk 1;

1 Thessalonians 5:

16-24; John 1: 6-8,

19-28.

**Welcome to this House  
of God:**

**Talk to God before Mass**

**Listen to God during Mass**

**Talk to others after Mass**

### Dear Parishioners,

Our church is now open for public Masses. I was pleased to welcome you back and to celebrate Mass with you all. Masses with the people will be **on Wednesday at 11:30am, on Saturday at 12:30pm and Sunday at 8:30am and 10:30am with limited numbers.**

To keep our church safe and virus-free, you are requested to adhere to the guidelines and arrangements. As usual please follow the instructions from the stewards; they are there to help you.

As we have started the public celebration of Mass, I would like to encourage 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 volunteers who continue to help stewarding for the Masses in church. Without their help it would be impossible to have Masses for the people.

### 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.

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To cope with restrictions we have planed 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 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. **The first Mass of Christmas on Christmas Eve at 6:00pm is nearly fully booked, please choose another Mass time.**

**Sacrament of Reconciliation**

Every year before Christmas we used to have an Avent Reconciliation Service where people can go for individual confession. Due to Covid-19 we can not have this year, however, the Sacrament can now be received by appointment on Wednesday and Saturday before Christmas. To make an appointment please speak to Fr. Vincent or the Parish Office.

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**

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;"><b>This Week</b>  <b>Saturday 12th December –</b>  <b>Sunday 20th December</b>  <b>(Psalter Week 3)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Other Events</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 12th December</b>            Advent Feria</p>	12:30pm - Peter Farren RIP	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 13th December</b>  <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF</b>  <b>ADVENT</b></p>	8:30am Sheila Mahoney RIP 10:30am James Martin RIP	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 14th December</b>            Memorial of St John of the            Cross, Priest, Doctor of the            Church</p>	10:00am John Bennet RIP - <b>Private Mass</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 15th December</b>            Advent Feria</p>	10:00am Its of Margaret Tickner- <b>Private Mass</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 16th December</b>            Advent Feria</p>	11:30am Anthony Rossey	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 17th December</b>            Advent Feria</p>	9:30am Connor Mulholland - <b>Private Mass</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00am Funeral</b>  <b>Service for Maurice</b>  <b>Hughes</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 18th December</b>            Advent Feria</p>	10:00am Frank Edwards RIP - <b>Private Mass</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 12th December</b>            Advent Feria</p>	12:30pm Georgette Tammam RIP	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 20th December</b>  <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF</b>  <b>ADVENT</b></p>	8:30am Brendan McGlacken RIP 10:30am Rose, Michael & Malachy Farnan RIP	

**Last week's  
Offertory  
Collection:**  
**Gift Aid Envelopes:**  
**£382.30**  
**Loose money:**  
**£490.30**  
**Standing Orders  
for November:**  
**£1446.17**

**Retiring Collection  
for Poor Parishes  
Fund: 311.90**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday:121**

**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:**  
2 Samuel 7: 1-5,  
8-12, 14,16; Ps 88;  
Romans 16:25-27;  
Luke1: 26-38.

### **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 **Maurice Hughes, Michael Reeves, Margaret Cleaver** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Margaret Morrison, Irene Chapman, Margaret Bates, Dr Greaves, Ernest Phillips, Mary Shiels, Paul Lemont, Umberto Infantti, Michael Donnelly, Sid Hobson, Clarence Coppock, Owen McCann, Harold Senior, Elizabeth Walker, Maureen Finn, Eric Pyne, Kathleen Milne, Bernard Kelly, Bryn Howells 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 is in the Lady Chapel. 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.