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Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu  
BETHARRAM

**THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR B**

**23rd January to  
31st January 2021**

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

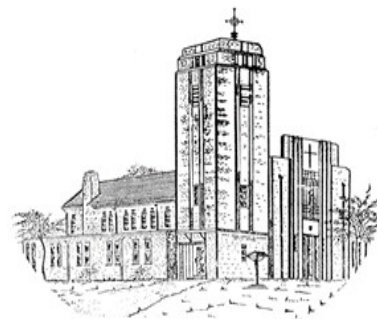
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and  
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus  
(Betharram)



### **Today's Mass Readings**

Jonah 3:1-5,10; Ps

24; I Corinthians

7:29-31;

Mark 1:14-20

**Welcome to this House  
of God:**

**Talk to God before Mass**

**Listen to God during Mass**

**Talk to others after Mass**

### **THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR TIME AND REPENTENCE**

Jesus begins his preaching in Galilee: **'The time has come and the Kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News'**. In other words, today is all we have, this is the time, repent now and believe the Gospel. This preaching reminds us of a certain urgency and shortness of our time and the need for repentance in our lives. To understand this teaching of Jesus we must ask a question; What is the Kingdom of God? The Kingdom of God is not a place but rather it is a web of relationships, particularly the relationship with God and His Son Jesus.

The word repent comes from the Greek word **'metanoia'** which means to look at things in a new way. This new way may mean a change of direction as regards to the priorities in life. But it is much more a turning to than a turning from. It is a turning from unchristian behaviour, deed and life to the person of Jesus and entering into a personal relationship with him. For us, repentance means looking at life as Jesus taught, living out the gospel values of love, forgiveness, compassion and kindness. The Kingdom of God belongs to all those who accept and try to live out the vision of life that Jesus gave us. It is a total commitment of my life to Jesus.

In the First Reading, Jonah warned the Ninevites by saying; "Only forty days, and Nineveh will be destroyed." The people of Nineveh heard the message, believed in God, fasted wearing sackcloth, changed their way of life and God showed mercy to them. The Ninevites show us how we can enter into a relationship with God and His Son Jesus Christ. Many times, I have wondered if the homilies, sermons, readings and religious teachings that we hear almost every day make any impact on our lives.

Like the Ninevites, the four fishermen heard the message of Jesus and responded to his call with urgency. They left their nets - their means of livelihood - their father, the other fishermen, the way of life, the place they are used to and followed Jesus. It involved a complete act of trust and total surrender. They had no idea where they were going or what the future would hold for them.

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They trusted Jesus and followed him. But they often misunderstood him, fought for the best places, even betrayed him and ran away. But Jesus did not give up on them and eventually they were able to respond fully by giving their own lives.

As Jesus gives us a call to repent and believe the Good News of God, let us ask what is this Good News for me? The gospel changes lives. It changed the lives of the first four called. Should it not change mine?

**Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ**

**CLOSURE OF HOLY NAME CURCH FOR TWO WEEKS**

Fr. Vincent had a close contact with a person who has been tested positive for Coronavirus. According to the protocol and guidance of the Government he has to be in self-isolation for two weeks. Therefore, the Church, the Parish Office and the Presbytery are temporally closed for two weeks. His self-isolation period will end this weekend. The Church will re-open for Mass from Saturday 30th January onwards. The Parish Office will also be open on the same day as the Church. During this self-isolation time he continued to celebrate his private Mass for the intentions which are published in the newsletter. Fr. Vincent would like to thank every one in the parish for your support and co-operation during this difficult time. Finally, I assure you all my prayers and best wishes. Stay safe and well. God Bless you all. **Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ**

**RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember **James Lawler** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Joseph Long, Dorothy O'Sullivan, Gordon Whittall, Irene McMillan, Patrick Murphy, William McGrath, Wilfred Revill, Bridget Burke, Nora Boyle, Bill Harborne, Sr. Margaret, Alfreda Davis, Andrew Steward, Harry Stanley, Robert Reid, Elsie Wheatley, Wilma Lloyd, Michael Leahy, Mary Emery, Bernadette Sampeys, Victor Wadley, Edward Donohoe, Robert Hourihane and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Requiem Mass for James Lawler will be on Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 10:00am here in Church followed by the committal at Heath Lane Cemetery.**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week</b>  <b>Saturday 23rd January –</b>  <b>Sunday 31st January</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><b>Saturday 23rd January</b>  Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:00am Mary Lynch -  <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Sunday 24th January</b>  <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN</b>  <b>ORDINARY TIME</b></p>	<p>11:00am Kathleen &amp; Paddy  Breen &amp; Marie Connors -  <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Monday 25th January</b>  <b>Feast of the Conversion of St</b>  <b>Paul</b></p>	<p>11:00am Ints of Fr. Vincent  Arulandhu SCJ - <b>Private</b>  <b>Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Tuesday 26th January</b>  Memorial of ss Timothy  and Titus, Bishops</p>	<p>11:00am Pauline Callaghan  - <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Wednesday 27th January</b>  Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:00am Tony Liddell RIP-  <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Thursday 28th January</b>  Memorial of St Thomas  Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the  Church</p>	<p>11:00am Mary O’Grady RIP  - <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Friday 29th January</b>  Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:00am Ints of John Beirne  - <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Saturday 30th January</b>  Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30pm Ints of Marie  Johnson</p>	
<p><b>Sunday 31st6 January</b>  <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN</b>  <b>ORDINARU TIME</b></p>	<p>8:30am Beryl James  10:30am Angela &amp; Phillip  Gaughran</p>	

**Last week's  
Offertory  
Collection:**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:**  
£

**Loose money:**  
£

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday:**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**



**DIOCESAN  
DIRECTORY FOR  
2021**

The new directory of the Archdiocese of Birmingham is now available from the Parish Office. They are £5:00 each.

**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:**

Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Ps 94; I Corinthians 7: 32-35; Mark 1:21-28

**SUPPORT AVAILABLE**

If you are shielding or if you know someone who needs any help and support for shopping, collecting prescriptions and other help, please contact us on 0121 3571351 or email to [holynamegreatbarr20@gmail.com](mailto:holynamegreatbarr20@gmail.com). We will do our best to help.

**Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ.**

**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.

**FCJ YOUNG ADULT NETWORK**

The FCJ Young Adult Network is organising online events for young adults and other. This is an opportunity for you all to deepen your relationship with God through prayer, learn new ways of praying, enjoy some input on prayer, discernment and spirituality and speak with a prayer guide each week for the four weeks. The online events are as follows:

**4 Weeks of Guided Prayer : Sundays at 5:30pm**

**Vocations Weekend: 26th - 28th February**

For women exploring the vocation to religious life. There will be times of prayer, reflection, input and discussion as well as a Q&A session with FCJ Sisters (Faithful Companions of Jesus)

**Reading Group: Friday 4pm**

Book: Let us Dream - Pope Francis

Each session stands alone so there is no need to attend every week. Register, read the chapter set and then have a chance to talk with others about it. Everyone welcome!

These events can be accessed live by going to [FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com](mailto:FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook.