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HOLY NAME OF JESUS

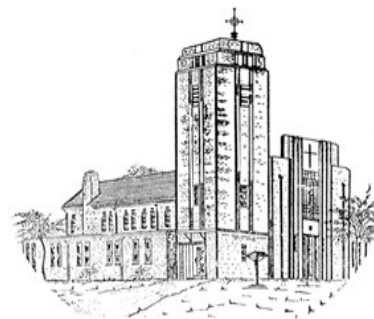
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus
(Betharram)



Today's Mass Readings

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B

30th January to
7th February 2021

**Welcome to this House
of God:**

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

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PROPHET AND THEIR TEACHING IN OUR LIVES

In the First Reading Prophet Moses says: **“Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen”**. This is one of those passages in the Bible referred to as the messianic prophecies. We see in the history of the Old Testament that the Prophets played a vital role in bringing people closer to God. Prophets were the mediators between God and the people. This prophecy from Moses reveals to us that God promised his people the Messiah. This promise was fulfilled in Christ. Jesus Christ is the great prophet for all times.

In today's Gospel Reading Mark says that his teaching made a deep impression on them, because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. This makes a clear distinction between the teaching of Jesus and that of the Scribes, the official interpreters of the Torah or Law of the Jews. The teaching of Jesus had a great impact on the People. In what way was it different from the teaching of the scribes? The words of Jesus had the power to move people's hearts because He spoke with his own voice, his own authority. We tend to associate authority with people in positions of power in society, like political or religious leaders, people we identify as 'authority figures'. But Jesus teaches us that there is another kind of authority, a moral authority, that has nothing to do with holding official positions of power or influence. It is the highest authority of all and has its roots in the authority of God. Jesus possessed this kind of authority in a unique way. As his followers, baptised in his name, and called to be his witnesses, we, too, share in his authority. Even in this time of uncertainty and anxiety, as new variants of Covid-19 continue to hold our fearful world in lock-down, we are called to reflect the authority of Jesus and to be beacons of hope for the people of our time.

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ANNUAL GUILD OF ST STEPHEN MASS 2021

Altar servers across the Archdiocese are invited to join the live streaming of the Guild of St Stephen Mass to renew their Guild promises with Bishop William Kenney. The Mass will be celebrated at St Chad's Cathedral at 10am on Saturday 6 March 2021. Live stream can be accessed through Diocesan website or <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk>

If you wish, as part of the celebration, servers - young and old, whether at home or in church, vested or not - are encouraged to send a picture of themselves holding their Guild Medal, so that the Vocations team can create a montage poster in lieu of the annual official photo at the Mass. By sending your photo, you consent to your photo being used in this way. For more information and to send your photo please go to office@vocations.org.uk or to the Diocesan website.

RE-OPENING THE CHURCH FOR PUBLIC MASS

The Church will re-open for Mass from this weekend onwards. The Parish Office will also re – open at the same time as the Church. I would like to thank every one in the parish for your prayers, support and co-operation during this difficult time.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **James Lawler** and all those who have died recently. We also remember David Waldron, Johanna Phillips, Linda Bradley, Blanche Kirby, Maureen Dodd, John Hemmings, Kenneth Leven, Eamon Byrne, Thomas Twohey, Mary Breen, Joe Kett, Mary Welford, Mary Nugent, Ernest Stretton, Borman Smallwood 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.

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 holynamgreatbarr20@gmail.com. We will do our best to help.

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<p style="text-align: center;">This Week Saturday 30th January – Sunday 7th February (Psalter Week 4)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Events</p>
<p>Saturday 30th January Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30pm Ints of Marie Johnson</p>	
<p>Sunday 31st January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>8:30am Beryl James 10:30am Angela & Phillip Gaughran</p>	
<p>Monday 1st February Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>10:00am John Carter - Private Mass</p>	
<p>Tuesday 2nd February Feast of the Presentation of the Lord</p>	<p>10:00am Requiem Mass for James Lawler</p>	
<p>Wednesday 3rd February Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:30am Johanne Phillips</p>	
<p>Thursday 4th February Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>10:00am Adrienne Gallagher - Private Mass</p>	
<p>Friday 5th February Memorial of St Agatha, Virgin, Martyr</p>	<p>10:00am Margaret Hagan RIP - Private Mass</p>	
<p>Saturday 6th February Memorial of St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs</p>	<p>12:30pm Ints of Molly Doocey</p>	
<p>Sunday 5th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>8:30am Marie McNally 10:30am Deceased members of the Coonagh Family</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:**

Job 7:1-4, 6-7;
Ps 146; I Corinthians
9:19-19,22-23;
Mark 1:29-39.

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.

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 or follow us on Facebook.

CELEBRATING THE WORD OF GOD

The Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis in 2019, was celebrated for the second time on 24th January 2021.

The Catholic Biblical Federation, the worldwide organisation of the Catholic Church, organised a pan-European webinar on 22nd January 2021. Video of the webinar 'The Prophecy of the Gospel for the Life of All' can be accessed on the CBF website www.c-b-f.org/en/Where-we-are/Europe or by clicking on <https://youtu.be/W4uRMUCEtoc>