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BETHARRAM

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

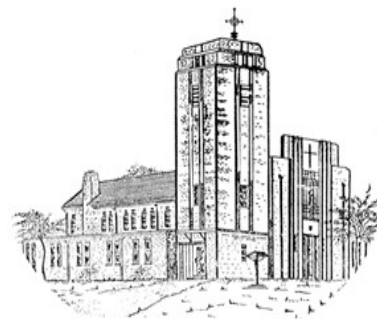
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(Betharram)



**SECOND SUNDAY  
AFTER THE NATIVITY**

**YEAR B**

**2nd January to  
10th January 2021**

**Welcome to this House  
of God:**

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

**Today's Mass  
Readings**

Ecclesiasticus

24: 1-2, 8-12;

Ps 147;

Ephesians

1:3-6, 15-18;

John 1:1-18

## **CHRIST, GOD'S WISDOM AND LIGHT THAT DISPELS OUR DARKNESS**

On this Sunday, we continue to savour the joy of the new born king, we continue to greet the Word made flesh that now dwells among us as wisdom of God. The wisdom of God dispels our darkness and illuminates our lives. There is a very strong relationship between wisdom and light. In fact, they are synonymous to each other. Light is always contrary to darkness and dispels it. The Book of Wisdom addresses God as the one who "made all things by your word; God's eternal, creative, and illuminating power". Light, Word and Wisdom are seen as one and the same.

This is what the birth of Christ did for us this season. As the wisdom of God, Christ came to abolish ignorance by revealing things that are hidden for ages. As Wisdom He enlightens the eyes of our mind so that we can appreciate God. As light, he not only clears the obscurities of our mind, but also lights up our way. This is echoed in the Psalm 119: "**Your Word is a lamp for my feet and a guide for my path.**"

In today's Gospel reading, the evangelist John describes Jesus as God's life, light giving and creative Word that has come to us in human form.

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In fact, Jesus is the Wisdom and Power of God which created and sustains the world. In order to save us, He assumed our nature. Jesus became truly man while remaining truly God.

As we continue to rejoice this season, let us know that Christ is our true light and our salvation.

**RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember **Michael Reeves, Anthony Leighton**, and all those who have died recently. We also remember John Kelly, Margaret Moore, Patrick Flood, Patrick Logan, Sheila Morris, Irene McNulty, Della King, Ellen Dyer, Anne Forde, Maureen Leighton, Rosario Adamo, Tony Brennan, Bridget Gordon, Peter Bolger, Peter O'Grady, Lawrence Woods, Raymond Cutler, Philomena Skeen, Robert Royce, George Flynn, Father Becker, Nellie Tonks, John Toner, Maureen Mann, Nora Cruise, Sylvia Twohey, Mary Brian, Edith Stadniczuk, Francis Gilligan, Peter Flynn, Violet Atkinson, Steven Chan, Mary Small, 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.**

**Requiem Mass for Anthony Leighton will be on Thursday 7th January 2021 at 10:30am here in Church followed by burial at Streetly Cemetery.**

**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.



| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week</b><br/> <b>Saturday 2nd January–</b><br/> <b>Sunday 10th January</b><br/> <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b></p>        | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b></p>                              | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Other Events</b></p> |
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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 2nd January</b><br/> <b>Memorial of St Basil the Great</b><br/> <b>and St Gregory Nazianzen</b></p>            | <p>12:30pm Martin and Delia Greaney RIP</p>                                                     |                                                        |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 3rd January</b><br/> <b>SECOND SUNDAY</b><br/> <b>AFTER THE NATIVITY</b></p>                                     | <p>8:30am James Farren<br/> 10:30am Ints of Marie Johnson</p>                                   |                                                        |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 4th January</b><br/> Christmas Feria</p>                                                                         | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:30am Requiem Mass</b><br/> <b>for Michael Reeves</b></p>   |                                                        |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 5th January</b><br/> Christmas Feria</p>                                                                        | <p>10:00am Kayleigh Marie Jacob - <b>Private Mass</b></p>                                       |                                                        |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 6th January</b><br/> <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE</b><br/> <b>EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD</b><br/> HOLIDAY OF OBLIGATION</p> | <p>11:30am - Mary O'Grady</p>                                                                   |                                                        |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 7th January</b><br/> Christmas Feria</p>                                                                       | <p style="text-align: center;"><b>10:30am Requiem Mass</b><br/> <b>for Anthony Leighton</b></p> |                                                        |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 8th January</b><br/> Christmas Feria</p>                                                                         | <p>10:00am Ints of Joe and Gusia McNally - <b>Private Mass</b></p>                              |                                                        |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 9th January</b><br/> Christmas Feria</p>                                                                       | <p>12:30pm Edward, Elizabeth and Regina Bailey</p>                                              |                                                        |
| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 10th January</b><br/> <b>FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF</b><br/> <b>THE LORD</b></p>                                    | <p>8:30am Angela and Phillip Callaghan<br/> 10:30am Helen Byrne RIP</p>                         |                                                        |

**Last week's  
Offertory  
Collection:**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£463.20**



**Loose money:  
£284.77**

**Standing Orders  
for November:  
£1446.17**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 104**



**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:**  
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7;  
Ps 28;  
Acts 10: 34-38;  
Mark 1: 7– 11

## **SINCERE THANK YOU**

As we welcomed the New Year, I would like to express my gratitude to all parishioners for showing us in the Sacred Heart Community your love, hospitality, kindness, generosity and support during 2020. I would like to say a big Thank You to all those members of different groups of the parish who have helped me in so many different ways during this uncertain and challenging year. Most importantly, my sincere thanks to all the Stewards and those who helped to decorate the Church and people who have provided the Christmas Tree and wreathes for the church this year and those who prepared the Christmas Liturgy at Christmas. **Also the Sacred Heart Community would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone in our parish community for your Christmas cards, Christmas offering, prayers, presents, support and help.** Finally, may we wish you a very Happy, Peaceful, Prosperous and Healthy New Year 2021.

**Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ**

*Wishing you all a very  
happy, prosperous and  
healthy New Year 2021!  
From Payal, Br Andrew,  
and Fr Vincent*

