

SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B
16th January to
24th January 2021

# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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# 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

1 Samuel 3: 3-10, 19; Ps 39; 1 Corinthians 6:13-15, 17-20; John 1: 35-42

# **RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL**

This Sunday we have, in the First Reading and the Gospel, the stories of call and response. In these stories, we hear the voice of God loud and clear as always, giving us an invitation for us to be his disciples. The call of Samuel reminds us of our own call. Many times I have been asked, "How does God speak to us? How can I respond to God's call?" These are very interesting questions which reflect our own confusion and we see them also in the young Samuel in today's First Reading. The story of Samuel's call reveals that he received a revelation - a bond had been forged between himself and God. His responsiveness opened him further, enabling him to receive the word of God and to speak it to others.

Though we live in a very noisy world, we can still hear God because life is full of God's voice. As a Father, he speaks to us and calls us to his service every day. Like Samuel, we must always be ready to say: "Speak Lord, your servant is listening."

However, the problem we have is that we are too busy and always in a hurry. We hardly have time to listen to Him. The question we have to ask is - when was the last time we spent up to ten minutes in silence in His presence?

Perhaps we could quietly meditate on these passages of Scripture and listen for the gentle voice of the Holy Spirit. If we give God our time, we can be assured that he will speak to us. **Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ** 

# SACRED HEART COMMUNITY

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### RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember James Lawler and all those who have died recently. We also remember Frederick Brearly, Wilfred Nash, James Breen, Mary Grummett, Tom Pountney, Joseph Flanagan, Joseph Bergin, Anne Coonagh, Catherine Sillwood, Anne Higgins, Jane Johnson, Irene Newman, Kieran Leddy, Paul Egan, Maisey Chattell, Keelan O'Sullivan, Patrick Neville, Bridie Lindsey Green, Dorothy Ellen Howells, Pemberton, Anthony Chatterton O'Shaunessy, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

# 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.

## THE GOD WHO SPEAKS - LIVESTREAM EVENT

Catholic Biblical Association is organising a virtual conference on 23rd January from 11 am until 12.30. Dom Henry Wansbrough will be presenting a live stream talk entitled 'The Adventures of a Biblical Translator'. Dom Henry is the editor of the New Jerusalem Bible and the recently published Revised New Jerusalem Bible. The event will be presented by Dr Sean Ryan, chair of the Catholic Biblical Association. The event can be accessed live by going to www.ssppilford.org.uk and will be available to download subsequently on www.whatgoodnews.org Questions for Fr Henry, and other queries, may be directed to catholicbiblicalassociation.gb@gmail.com

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

The Sacrament of the Reconciliation can now be received by appointment on Wednesday and Saturday. To make an appointment please speak to Fr. Vincent or the Parish Office. Many Thanks.

This Week Saturday 16th January – Sunday 24th January (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 16th January Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Ints of Jonathan Dudley	
Sunday 17th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8:30am Ints of Arulandhu & Family 10:30am Mary O'Grady RIP	
Monday 18th January Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00am Sr. Theresa RIP - Private Mass	
Tuesday 19th January Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop	10:00am Ints Bro. Andrew Ferris - <b>Private Mass</b>	
Wednesday 20th January Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am - Ints of Teenie McManus	
Thursday 21st January Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr	10:00am Ints of Theresa Hayward - <b>Private Mass</b>	
Friday 22nd January Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00am Patricia Tucker - Private Mass	
Saturday 23rd January Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Mary Lynch	
Sunday 24th January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARU TIME	8:30am Kathleen & Paddy Breen 10:30am Marie Connors	

Last week's Offertory Collection: Gift Aid Envelopes: £ 93.50

Loose money: £173.10

Mass Attendance Last Sunday: 123

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:

Jonah 3:1-5,10; Ps 24; I Corinthians 7:29-31;

Mark 1:14-20

## 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. We will do our best to help.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ.

# **CATHOLIC BIBLICAL FEDERATION (CBF) WEBINAR**

The Catholic Biblical Federation is organising a webinar in preparation for the "The Day of the Word" which has been organised on the 22nd January 2021 on 'The Prophecy of the Gospel for the Life of All'. In this meeting we will propose some reflections, which analyse two biblical texts of that Sunday liturgy and make us understand the value of their message for contemporary life. Competent and passionate representatives from various European regions, from the west and east will speak. The meeting will start at 5pm and will end at 6.30pm. It will take place online and can be followed via c-b-f.org/streaming or YouTube and Facebook by the Catholic Biblical Federation.

## 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 beginning 17th January.

**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 from 15th January

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.