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HOLY NAME OF JESUS

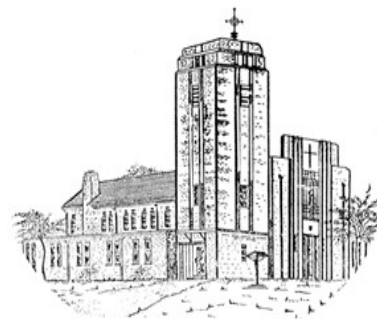
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus



**FIRST SUNDAY OF
LENT
YEAR B**

**20th February to
28th February 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**

Genesis 9:8-15;

Ps 24: 1

Peter 3:18-22;

Mark 1:12-15

LENT IS A TIME TO RENEW OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

The Season of Lent deepens our awareness that we have a Covenant with the living God. We are not just people who believe in God. We are a people formed by God and a people with a special relationship with God. When we are deeply aware of His love then we truly begin to repent in a Christian way. The First Reading reveals the unconditional relationship between God and Noah, who represents humanity.

God has been faithful to his covenant, to the extent of offering his own son Jesus Christ in order to renew it. Unfortunately, humanity has at times been unfaithful to God and his covenant. Therefore, this Lent, God offers us another opportunity to renew our covenant with him through Christ.

The Gospel Reading narrates the temptation of Jesus. Here, we are told that Jesus went into the desert immediately after his baptism, led by the Spirit and he remained there for 40 days. The fact that Jesus spent 40 days in the desert is significant. This recalls the 40 years that the Israelites wandered in the desert after being led from slavery in Egypt. The prophet Elijah also journeyed in the desert for 40 days and nights, making his way to Horeb, the mountain of God, where he was also supported by an angel of the Lord. Remembering the significance of these events, we also set aside 40 days for the season of Lent.

Jesus' action of going into the desert has two purposes. Firstly, he could be alone and commune with the Father through prayer and fasting for forty days and nights. Secondly, he would experience what every human being undergoes, especially temptation and suffering. Jesus continues to share our life and to be Emmanuel, God with us. During Lent, we may be led by the Holy Spirit to reject temptations and to follow Jesus' footsteps.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember Kathleen Hennessey, Tom O'Sullivan, Freda Burke, Lynne Campbell, Timothy Donovan, Mary Conery, Denis Coakley, Gerrard Campbell, Alice O'Riordan, Leslie O'Beirnes, Sydney Ridley, Ernest Watters, Nicholas Kharchoum, Mary Barber, Donna Broadbent, Katherine Davies, Mary Clifton, Margaret Sullivan, Stephen Kearns, Harry Bradshaw, Leslie Winston, Nora Miley, Dermot Fetherston and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

SEASON OF LENT

Lent is the time of repentance, prayer and fasting, consisting of 40 days starting from Ash Wednesday. In this time, Christians are reminded to repent from their sins and seek spiritual renewal by means of prayer, fasting and charity.

Lent is also a time to reflect more deeply on Jesus' journey to Calvary. This year once again we will have the traditional devotion of Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 11:00am followed by Holy Mass. You are very welcome to join us. For this we need a few more Stewards. If anyone can help please speak to Payal, the Parish Secretary.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

PIETY STALL

Due to pandemic the Piety Stall is still closed. However, Sympathy Mass cards, Anniversary Mass cards, Birthday Cards, Easter cards, cards for various occasions and religious articles are now available through the Parish Office. As we approach the Feast of St Patrick, St Patrick's day cards, Badges and Prayer Cards are also available. The Parish office is open from 9:00am to 3:00 pm Monday to Friday.

CHANGE OF PARISH EMAIL

Dear Parishioners, we would like to inform you that we have got a new email address for our parish. The new email is **holynam.bham@rcaob.org.uk** please use this email address in future. In advance we thank you all for your kind co-operation on this matter.

| <p style="text-align: center;">This Week Saturday 20th February – Sunday 28th February (Psalter Week 1)</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Holy Mass & Services</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Other Events</p> |
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| <p>Saturday 20th February Saturday after Ash Wednesday</p> | <p>12:30pm Nicholas Kharchoum RIP</p> | |
| <p>Sunday 21st February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</p> | <p>8:30am Ints of Margaret Pritchard 10:30am Ints of Irene & Rudolph Sampays</p> | |
| <p>Monday 22nd February Feast of the Chair of Peter, Apostle</p> | <p>10:00am Ints of Lila and Leo Hughes - Private Mass</p> | |
| <p>Tuesday 23rd February Lent Feria</p> | <p>10:00am Ints of Molly Doocey - Private Mass</p> | |
| <p>Wednesday 24th February Lent Feria</p> | <p>11:30am Ints of Bridget Green and Family</p> | |
| <p>Thursday 25th February Lent Feria</p> | <p>10:00am Collette McNally - Private Mass</p> | |
| <p>Friday 26th February Lent Feria</p> | <p>11:30am Ints of Rhonda Avery and Family</p> | <p>11:00am Stations of the Cross</p> |
| <p>Saturday 27th February Lent Feria</p> | <p>12:30pm Ints of Sandra Pearson</p> | |
| <p>Sunday 28th February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Second collection for CAFOD (Lent Fast)</p> | <p>8:30am Ints of Ruth Monksmith 10:30am Ints of Marist Sisters</p> | |

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£ 192.50**

**Loose money:
£ 220.90**

**Standing order for
December
£1358.17**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 114**

**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:**
Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18; Ps 115;
Romans 8:31-34;
Mark 9:2-10

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.

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. The Live stream can be accessed through Diocesan website or <https://www.stchadscathedral.org.uk> where you can also find more information

CAFOD—FAMILY FAST DAY

Next Sunday 28th February there will be a second collection for CAFOD. This year your donation will help to end water poverty which is still experienced by many communities around the world. Gift Aid envelopes are available this weekend.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLET FOR LENT

The "Walk with Me" booklets and calendar for Lent are available in the Church Porch. A small donation is appreciated to defray the cost. Please consider taking a copy for yourself. Many Thanks.

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.

LENT AND EASTER 2021

As we have begun the Season of Lent this year, there are many online and virtual resources now available through Birmingham Archdiocesan website. For more info please follow this link <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>