

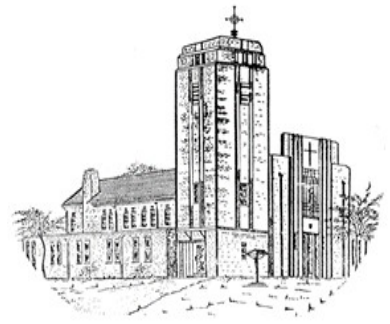


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Sacratissimi Cordis Jesu  
BETHARRAM

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR B  
13th February to  
21st February 2021**

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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### Today's Mass Readings

2 Chronicle 36: 14-  
16, 19-23; Ps 136;  
Ephesians 2: 4-10;  
John 3:14-21

**Welcome to this House  
of God:  
Talk to God before Mass  
Listen to God during Mass  
Talk to others after Mass**

### THE OUTSTRETCHED HANDS OF JESUS

Today's Gospel Reading begins with Jesus healing a man with leprosy. Leprosy is a disfiguring, infectious skin disease that has been surrounded by many social and religious taboos throughout history.

In Jesus' time, the examination of skin diseases was done by the priests in accordance with the Law of Moses, and if leprosy was identified, the person was declared unclean. People with leprosy lived in isolation from the community. Anyone who touched them would also be unclean.

Jesus once again showed his compassion and power as the Divine Healer. He said to the leper: **"Of course I want to - be cured"**. The leper was healed. However, before saying those words, Jesus did something unusual and even unthinkable: **"Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him."** In the sight of the Jewish leaders, touching a leper is such a horrible thing to do. Jesus could be contaminated and declared unclean, and more importantly, he could be accused of violating the Law. But he did not mind, rather he showed his love to the leper.

Jesus' action here reveals important lessons for us. This was an expression of his overwhelming desire to reach out to people, especially those who are in need, the sick, the sinners and the outcasts. **"Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."**

This was always his mission in accordance with the Mystery of the Incarnation. God became man so that He could touch us and be one with us, especially in our misery and suffering. With this touch of Jesus, the leper was healed and could now go back to his family and community – not anymore an outcast. The healing touch of Jesus gave him new life. So, let us go to Jesus with simplicity, humility and hope just as the leper did in today's Gospel.

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**RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember Lily McManos, Vivian Weston, Christine Carroll, Elizabeth Kiernan, Sarah Johnson, Christine Baynes, Helen Lewis, Lindsay Bullock, Jim Quinn, Mary Chamberlain, Kenneth Leven, Anne Johnson, Mary Macklin, Albert Gilbert, Peter Hourihane, Albert Fryer, Monica Percival, Sarah Johnson, John Graham 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. It is a day of fasting and abstinence when ashes are blessed and imposed on the head of the faithful to remind of their call to holiness. Christians are reminded to repent from their sins and seek spiritual renewal by means of prayer, fasting, almsgiving and charity. For Ash Wednesday Mass timings please refer to the Parish Newsletter.

Lent is also a time to reflect more deeply on Jesus' journey to Calvary. Every year during the season of Lent we used to have the traditional devotion of Stations of the Cross. Given the present situation of Pandemic and Lockdown, this year we are uncertain about it. More information about it will follow soon.

**Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ**

**HOW WE WILL DISTRIBUTE THE ASHES THIS YEAR**

The Priest says the prayer for blessing the ashes. He sprinkles the ashes with holy water, without saying anything. Then he addresses all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent, and believe in the Gospel", or "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return".

The Priest then cleanses his hands, puts on a face mask and distributes the ashes to those who come to those who are standing in their places. The Priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them on the head of each one without saying anything.

This instructions are given by the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, 12 January 2021.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week</b>  <b>Saturday 13th February –</b>  <b>Sunday 21st February</b>  <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>
<p><b>Saturday 13th February</b>  Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30pm Mary O’Grady RIP</p>	
<p><b>Sunday 14th February</b>  <b>SIXTH SUNDAY IN</b>  <b>ORDINARY TIME</b></p>	<p>8:30am Christine Carroll  RIP  10:30am John Carter RIP</p>	
<p><b>Monday 15th February</b>  Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>10:00am Mary O’Grady RIP  - <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Tuesday 16th February</b>  Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>10:00am Tony McCorry RIP  - <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Wednesday 17th February</b>  <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b></p>	<p>11:30am Ints of Joe &amp; Gusia  McNally  7:30pm Elizabeth and  Edward Brennan</p>	
<p><b>Thursday 18th February</b>  Thursday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>10:00am Suzanne  O’Sullivan - <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Friday 19th February</b>  Friday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>10:00am Kath Titterton -  <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Saturday 20th February</b>  Thursday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>12:30pm Nicholas  Kharchoum RIP</p>	
<p><b>Sunday 21st February</b>  <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b></p>	<p>8:30am Ints of Margaret  Pritchard  10:30am Ints of Irene &amp;  Rudolph Sampays</p>	

**Last week's  
Offertory  
Collection:**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£ 312.50**

**Loose money:  
£ 245.20**

**Standing order for  
December  
£1358.17**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 115**

**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 9:8-15;  
Ps 24: 1 Peter 3:18-22;  
Mark 1:12-15

**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 others. This is an opportunity for you all to deepen your relationship with God through prayer, and reflection. The online events are as follows:

**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](mailto:FCJCentreStHughs@gmail.com) or follow us on Facebook.

**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. Many Thanks.