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BETHARRAM

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

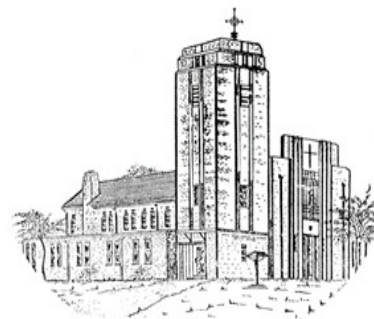
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and  
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus



**SECOND SUNDAY OF  
EASTER  
YEAR B  
10th April to 18th April  
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**

Acts 4:32-35;

Ps 117;

1 John 5: 1-6;

John 20:19-31

### **EXPERIENCE THE LOVE AND MERCY OF GOD**

On this Second Sunday of Easter, the church celebrates the feast of Divine Mercy. John in today's Gospel reading provides us with an account of what Jesus did after His Resurrection. Jesus came and stood among his disciples as they had gathered behind locked doors. They were still scared of their enemies in spite of receiving the good news that their master was alive and they sat huddled together in that house. In case there was any doubt about him, he showed them his hands which had been pierced with nails. He gave them the normal Jewish greeting of 'Shalom' which means Peace. The presence of Jesus was the sign of peace.

The resurrection of Jesus was a new experience to the disciples. Even though Jesus had constantly explained to them about his rising from the dead, they were unable to grasp the implication of it. It was not something the disciples of Jesus could have anticipated, but now they were confronted with a new experience of their master. The encounter with the Risen Christ helps them to move from fear to joy, seclusion to mission, absence to presence, disbelief to faith, mere existence to new life. Jesus breathes the Holy Spirit on the disciples and through the Spirit they enter into the second creation leading them into something even greater. Jesus gives them peace and the power to forgive sins. The forgiveness that Jesus speaks of is not just the juridical wiping away of sins but a deep reconciliation of people with God and with each other. Here, Jesus restored their peace, and commissioned them as ministers of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is the Sacrament of Love and Mercy.

As we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, we are reminded that God extended his mercy to us by allowing his Son to pay the ransom for our sins. Christ accomplished this through his Paschal Mystery. Let us extend this mercy to others and let us be disciples of mercy.

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**WALK WITH ME BOOKLET FOR EASTER**

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

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THIS YEAR**

We would like to say a sincere thank you to all those who Gift Aid their Offertory Donations. Last year's tax refund was £5866.19 It is a great financial support to our parish. We encourage parishioners who pay tax to Gift Aid your offertory donations. We also encourage people to set up a standing order as this is easier for everyone. To set up a Standing Order and to Gift Aid please collect an application form from the Parish Office. Those parishioners who Gift Aid via the envelop boxes can now collect them from the Parish Office. Many thanks for your support to our parish.

**RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember **Ellen King, Margaret Stella Floyd, Margaret Abbott, Mary Lynch** and all those who have died recently. We also remember John McMulkin, Frank Gibbons, Teague Roarty, Edith Hill, Ronald Coles, Concepcion Garcia, John Nixon, John Murphy, John Sullivan, Florence Brady, Erick Majorczyk, Mary Watson, James Chambers, Christopher Donnelly, Josephine Carey, Michael Burke, Jack Clifton, Michael Scally, Leah Hobson, and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

**Requiem Mass for Ellen King is on Thursday 15th April 2021 here in Church at 10:30am followed by Burial at Oscott Cemetery 12:00pm.**

**Requiem Mass for Margaret Stella Floyd is on Monday 19th April 2021 here in Church at 11:00am followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium 12:15PM.**

**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.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week</b>  <b>Saturday 10th April –</b>  <b>Sunday 18th April</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 style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 10th April</b>  <b>Easter Saturday, Solemnity</b></p>	<p>12:30pm - Elaine Bryson and Family</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 11th April</b>  <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER</b>            Divine Mercy Sunday</p>	<p>8:30am John McMulkin RIP and Teague and Doris Roarty RIP            10:30am Mr Pat Duffy</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday 12th April</b>  <b>Easter Feria</b></p>	<p>10:00am Ints of Lila Hughes  <b>- Private Mass</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday 13th April</b>  <b>Easter Feria</b></p>	<p>10:00am - Barran Family -  <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday 14th April</b>  <b>Easter Feria</b></p>	<p>11:30am - Intentions of Rudolf and Irene Sampays</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday 15th April</b>  <b>Easter Feria</b></p>	<p><b>10:30am Requiem Mass for Ellen king</b></p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday 16th April</b>  <b>Easter Feria</b></p>	<p>11:30am Ints of Sally Brolly</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday 17th April</b>  <b>Easter Feria</b></p>	<p>12:30pm Raymond Pearson RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday 18th April</b>  <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER</b></p>	<p>8:30am Marie Flanagan RIP            10:30am Philip Davies RIP</p>	

**Last week's  
Offertory  
Collection:**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£434.00**

**Holy Place:  
£274.78**

**Standing order for  
January: £1430.67**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 267**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**

### **MISSIO RED BOX**

If you have a Missio Red Box, please empty it into the envelopes (available from the Parish office), then hand it into the office. Thank you all for your continued and valuable support. It is much appreciated.

**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:**

Acts 3: 13-15, 17-19;  
Ps 4; 1 John 2: 1-5;  
Luke 24:35-48

## **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.

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

Thank you for your generous offerings for Mass Intentions for your family and friends. As we now have a large number booked, we would ask you to consider sending some of your intentions to support our retired priests in England, particularly Fr Tom Kelly, or our Mission in India. We understand that it is important for you to know when a Mass is being offered, but like this you would also be helping the work of the Church in other ways. Please indicate your choice on the Mass Intentions Envelopes. Thank you for your co-operation and support.

## **SINCERE THANK YOU**

As we have just completed our Easter celebration this year, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone in our parish community for your Easter cards, Easter Offerings, prayers, presents, support and help. I wish you and your families all the blessings and the joys of the Easter Season. I would like to offer **SINCERE THANKS** to the groups and individuals like Altar Servers, Readers and Flower Ladies. In particular this year, my appreciations and huge thanks go to the Stewards for their time, support and help in celebrating the Feast of Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ safely and meaningfully. **Fr. Vincent SCJ.**

