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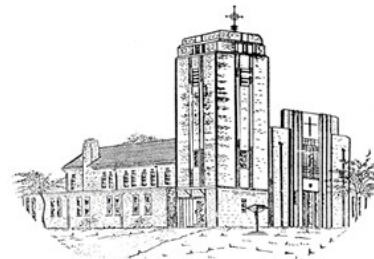
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B

27th November to 5th
December 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

Jeremiah 33: 14-16;

Ps 24; 1

Thessalonians

3:12– 4:2;

Luke 21: 25-28,

34-36

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we begin the Season of Advent. The word Advent comes from a Latin word, Advenio which means “the coming.” It marks the beginning of the Church’s new Liturgical Calendar. It is a four-week period leading up to Christmas. In these four weeks, as St Richard of Chichester said, prayers and readings and the symbol of the Advent Wreath, are to help us ‘to see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly and follow him more nearly’. This season is designed to help us to appreciate more fully the significance of Christ’s first coming, and to make more room for him in our hearts now as we await his coming. It is traditionally defined as a time of preparation.

In today’s Gospel Jesus tells his disciples and us, “Be vigilant . . . pray that you have strength.” Advent provides a wonderful opportunity to consider what is going on inside us, to reflect on the reason for our waiting: the arrival of Jesus, the arrival of love and light, in our heart in ever new ways. Moreover, we can learn about how we wait. Are we anxious, lonely, tired, curious, thankful, excited? We can open our heart to the Lord in quiet prayer and allow His presence to instruct us and fill us. Therefore, the Season of Advent is a call for us to intensify and strengthen our prayer life. This is because prayer purifies the soul and casts away all fears. It prepares and strengthens us in joyful hope. Most importantly, prayer provides us with spiritual energy, courage and confidence to stand firm. So, the Advent Season offers us the opportunity to unite in prayer as we wait for the Lord.

During this Advent, take a few minutes every day to sit quietly. Talk to the Lord about your day, especially the unresolved issues that occupy your time. Let the cares and distracting thoughts come and go; notice how you feel when you are alone with God. This could be the best preparation for Christmas.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Mary and Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, Bernadette O'Reilly, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Dawn Rutherford, Enid and John King, Teresa Goddard, Arthur Harding, Stephen Hurley, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Sr Annie Enright, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Joan Rawlings, Sheila Shearon, and Bridget Whitfield.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Jackie Conway, Marie Johnson (Formerly of Hillcrest Road), Anna May Lenehan** and all those who have died recently. We also remember, Norah Haines, Richard Stanton, Wilfrid Insley, George Flynn, Philomena Grogan. Eileen Kearns, Andrew Johnson, Susan Deardon, Alice Goodwin, Michael Reeves, Winnie Owen, Wilfred Veevers, Fr. Colin Fortune, Garry Biddle, James Watson, Peter Murphy, John Kenny, Brendan Weir, Henry Irvine, Garreth Hayes, Michael Byrne, and all those whose anniversary occur at this time.

Requiem Mass for Jackie Conway will be on Friday 3rd December 2021 at Holy Name Church at 10:00am followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 11:30am.

Reception of the Body will be on Thursday 2nd December at 4:30pm.

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is now in Church. The SVP will be supporting families in our schools and we will also be supporting refugees via St Chad's Sanctuary in Birmingham. The adults and teenagers at St Chads Sanctuary are in need of items such as hats, scarves, gloves as well as toiletries. They also need gifts for children. The deadline for S.V.P is Sunday 12th December and for St Chad's Sunday the 19th December. Please take a gift tag and buy appropriately. We are always touched by your great generosity to those in need of help. Thank you for your kindness.

WELCOME

We welcome Bishop Stephen Wright and Fr. Enrico SCJ at the Masses next weekend.

This Week Saturday 27th November – 5th December Sunday (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 27th November Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30 pm Maureen Brennan RIP	
Sunday 28th November FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	8:30 am Bridie Slally 10:30 am James Martin RIP	
Monday 29th November Advent Feria	10:00 am Betty Ibbotson RIP - Private Mass	
Tuesday 30th November Feast of St Andrew, Apostle	9:15 am Mass at Holy Name School - Grace Deane	
Wednesday 1st December Feast of St Edmund Campion, Priest, Martyr	11:00 am Holy Rosary 11:30 am Jim Quaid	
Thursday 2nd December Advent Feria	9:15 am Mass at St. Mark's School - Ints of Jill Nash	4:30pm Reception of the Body into Church
Friday 3rd December Memorial of St Francis Xavier, Priest	10:00am Requiem Mass for Jackie Conway	
Saturday 4th December Advent Feria	12:30 pm John Peach RIP	
Sunday 5th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISH FUND	8:30 am Ernest Cole RIP 10:30 am Ints of Dermot Brady	

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:
£378.21**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£130.50**

**Catholic Youth
Service:
£158.25**

**Standing Order for
the Month of
October
£1,657**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 228**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**
Baruch 5:1-9; Ps
125; Philippians 1:
3-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

WALK WITH ME BOOKLET AND CALENDERS FOR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

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

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Christmas Cards, and Christmas Gifts available from the Parish office .

MUSIC IN CHURCH

After many years of devoted service, Margaret Brennan has retired as choir co-ordinator. We thank her for her efforts and support. We would now like to recruit some more musicians who can support our music in church. If you are interested and can help in any way please let me know. We look forward to being able to praise God in song once again.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome all those who have joined our Parish community in recent weeks. We are very pleased to have you in our church . We also welcome back our own parishioners who now feel ready to join us for worship in church. It is good to see you. Also we have had a number of baptisms in recent weeks and these young Catholics and their families are especially welcome to be part of this community. May God bless all of us as we look to the future with renewed faith, hope and love.

SINCERE THANKS

We would like to thank Teresa and Pauline Martin for the flowers donated this weekend in memory of James Martin.

Holy Name School – Reception Class Places for September 2022:

Holy Name Catholic Primary School would like to invite any parents who have a child who is due to start in Reception Class in September 2022 into our wonderful school for a visit. Please phone or email the school office or visit the homepage of our school website to complete our booking form if you would like to arrange a visit. School Telephone Number: 0121 357 3216

School Email Address: headteacher@holynamesandwell.sch.uk

SOWER MAGAZINE

The Sower Magazine from the Archdiocese of Birmingham is now available free at the back of the Church porch.