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HOLY NAME OF JESUS

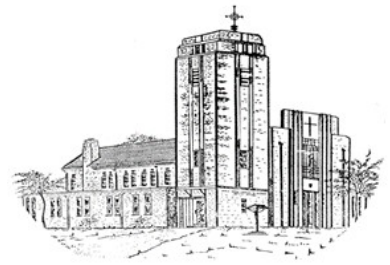
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and
Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus



**SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
YEAR C**

**4th December to 12th
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

Baruch 5:1-9; Ps 125;
Philippians 1:
3-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Gospel Reading for today begins with a list of names and titles. The Evangelist Luke uses these names of influential people for posterity because of their influence upon the lives of John and Jesus. In this way Luke captured and recalled the world's political and historical situation at the birth of the Messiah. It is important for the Evangelist Luke as he is preparing for the advent of Jesus Christ. It signifies that the Gospel belongs to all people. The message of the Gospel is for the world. This is God's gift to God's creation.

The Gospel Reading also introduces us to the figure of John the Baptist, the precursor of Jesus Christ. John is presented, in words taken from the prophet Isaiah, as a voice crying in the wilderness, calling his contemporaries to repentance: **'Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth'**.

Today there is another voice in the wilderness calling on us to prepare a way for the Lord. It is the voice of Pope Francis exhorting all of us to open our hearts and minds to the Spirit and engage courageously and humbly in the synodal journey that he launched just a month ago. For Pope Francis, this period of preparation for the upcoming Synod on the theme of journeying, listening, and discerning together, is a vitally important ecclesial moment, an opportunity to heal the wounds of the Church and renew its energies in the service of mission. So, he appeals to all of us, not to soundproof our hearts, not to remain barricaded in our certainties, but to listen to one another and to the Spirit of God, who will lead us to new pastures. The mountains we need to remove are the mountains of our pride, self-sufficiency and complacency. The valleys that we must fill are the valleys of hope, joy, peace, love and light.

Fr. Vincent Arulandhu SCJ

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ers**

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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 all those who have died recently. We also remember, William Huzarsky, Daniel Meehan, Bridget Howells, Kathleen Richards, James Farren, May Kinsella, William Morrison, Francis Roberts, James Farren, Mary Smith, James Jennings, William Revell, John Leahy, Margaret Flaherty, Teresa Sanders, Ernest Cole, Anne Simkiss, Grenville Elmore, Susanna Sullivan, Helena Champion, Alexander Butler, Marie Finn, and all those whose anniversary occur at this time.

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.

**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 .

<p>This Week Saturday 4th December – Sunday 12th December (Psalter Week 2)</p>	<p>Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p>Other Events</p>
<p>Saturday 4th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>12:30 pm John Peach RIP</p>	
<p>Sunday 5th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISH FUND</p>	<p>8:30 am Ernest Cole RIP 10:30 am Ints of Dermot Brady</p>	
<p>Monday 6th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>10:00 am Ints of Kath Gambin - Private Mass</p>	
<p>Tuesday 7th December Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>10:00am Teresa Vurlan RIP- Private Mass</p>	
<p>Wednesday 8th December SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p>	<p>11:00 am Holy Rosary 11:30 am Catherine Tideswall</p>	
<p>Thursday 9th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>9:15 am Mass at St. Mark's School - Roisin Dromey RIP</p>	
<p>Friday 10th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:00am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 11:30am Pauline Bond</p>	
<p>Saturday 11th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>12:30 pm Mary Holmes RIP</p>	
<p>Sunday 12th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES</p>	<p>8:30 am Rose Bohan RIP 10:30 am Mr Pat Duffy</p>	

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:**

£284.70

Gift Aid Envelopes:

£166.50

Building Fund:

£392.59

**Standing Order for
the Month of
October**

£1,657

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 187**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

Zephaniah 3:14-18;

Is 12: Philipians

4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18

S.V.P. UPDATE – HOLY NAME PARISH

Our core work continues to be regular calls to parishioners and food deliveries from Bethany Food Bank to Schools. Your support for the Giving Tree will provide some Christmas joy for local families. A legacy payment has enabled us to support SVP overseas projects. We've helped purchase a funeral car for a poor parish in Guntakel, Pradesh, India. They presently use a hand cart to transport coffins the 3.5 km's from Church to Cemetery. In a second project we have purchased 5 milking buffaloes, enabling 5 families in Guntar District, South India, to become self-sufficient.

We've also been able to purchase 50 'Vinnie packs' (containing thermal gloves, woolly hats, socks, tooth brush/ toothpaste) for St Chads sanctuary. Also, a further 25 Vinnie packs (including 25 Greggs vouchers) for distribution to homeless people across Birmingham to enable them to get hot food and drinks.

Our details and pictures are at the back of the church. Please approach us if you want any more information, would like to join us, or refer someone who would like contact or help. Alternatively ask the parish office to pass on your details and we'll contact you.

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.

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.