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BETHARRAM

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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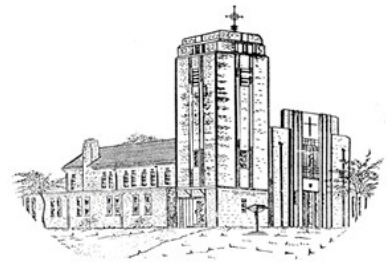
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Parish in the care of the Fathers and

Brothers of The Sacred Heart of Jesus



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

11th December to 19th
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

Zephaniah 3:14-18;

Is 12: Philippians

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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The third Sunday of Advent is known as the Gaudete Sunday which means "Rejoice in the Lord always." So, the Readings are connected with the theme of joy and the exhortation to be joyful.

In the First Reading, the prophet Zephaniah encourages us to "Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice; exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! ... The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear." Nothing could be a greater reason to be joyful than the presence of God in our midst. John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus Christ, while still in the womb recognised the eternal presence of God in the unborn Holy Child Jesus. He is the true fount and source of our joy. It was he who also pointed Him out to us; "behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world".

In our Gospel Reading we hear once again John the Baptist teaching in the desert. People are coming from miles around to hear him. They are excited and want to know what they must do to be saved. John is trying to make sure that the people are ready for Jesus when He comes. That's why we hear a lot from John during Advent. In his response, John talks about sharing, giving, looking after each other. If you have two coats and you see someone with no coat, give them yours. If you have food and you see someone going hungry feed them. These are simple instructions, yet we only look at newspaper or the news on the TV to know that people around the world are starving. There are people near to us living on the streets with only the clothes they have on and they have no idea where their next meal will come from. John is giving a clear example of the message Christ was to give. Love your neighbour as yourself. For us to follow that commandment is both a joy and a challenge. When we do something for someone else we normally feel good about it, we feel the joy of giving, and that feeling is the joy of Christ in our hearts. A caring heart, a heart that loves God, a heart that loves its neighbour, a heart that just loves, that is the path to happiness.

Christmas is only a few nights away. It's time to prepare. It's time to care for the people around us. It's time to rejoice.

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 all those who have died recently. We also remember, Margaret Morrison, Irene Chapman, Margaret Bates, Dr. Greaves, Anthony Leighton, Ernest Phillips, Mary Lemont, Umberto Infanti, Michael Donnelly, Sid Hobson, Clarence Coppock, Owen McCann, Harold Senior, Elizabeth Walker, Maureen Finn, Eric Pyne, Kathleen Milne, Bernard Kelly, Bryn Howells, and all those whose anniversary occur at this time.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND MASS AT HOLY NAME

This year the Christmas Masses are as follows:

On Christmas Eves 6:00pm and 8:30pm.

And Christmas Day 8:30am and 10:30am.

There will be taped carols before these Masses. We will not be taking bookings this year and the normal seating arrangements in Church will apply on the first come first serve basis.

Sunday the 26th December, Feast of the Holy Family, the Masses are 8:30am and 10:30am as usual.

The Servers are invited to come to the 10:30am Mass to renew their promises.

These arrangements may be subject to change according to any revised government guidelines

**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.

<p style="text-align: center;">This Week Saturday 11th December – Sunday 19th December (Psalter Week 3)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Holy Mass & Services</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Other Events</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 11th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>12:30 pm Mary Holmes RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 12th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES</p>	<p>8:30 am Rose Bohan RIP 10:30 am Pat Duffy</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 13th December Memorial St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</p>	<p>10:00 am Ints of Mary Anne Blaire- Private Mass</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 14th December Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>9:15am Mass at Holy Name School - Ints of Gusia McNally</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 15th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:00 am Holy Rosary 11:30 am Ints of Clarke and Tams</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 16th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>2:00pm Mass at St. Mark's School - Ints of Kathleen and Paddy Breen</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 17th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:00am Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament 11:30am Bernadette Wade RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 18th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>12:30 pm Georgette Tammam RIP</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 19th December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT LEAVING COLLECTION FOR FR. VINCENT AND BR. ANDREW</p>	<p>8:30 am Ella Franchesca Shannon RIP 10:30 am Rose, Malachy and Michael Farnan RIP</p>	

**Last week's
Offertory
Collection:**

£334.92

Gift Aid Envelopes:

£171.50

Poor Parish Fund:

£128.52

**Standing Order for
the Month of
October**

£1,657

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 243**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

Micah 5:1-4; Ps 79;

Hebrews 10:5-10;

Luke 1:39-45

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.

LEAVING COLLECTION FOR FR. VINCENT AND BR. ANDREW

If you would like to make a donation there will be retiring collection for them next Sunday after each Mass. You can also bring it in an envelope to the office and give it to me. Thank you.

Payal. (Parish Secretary)

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.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

If you would like to make donation for the Christmas Flowers, please put the money in the envelope and bring it to the office.

Thank you.