



# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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THE ARCHDIOCESE  
of BIRMINGHAM

**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**

**YEAR C**

**26th February 2022 to  
6th March 2022**

**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**

Ecclesiasticus

27:4-7; Ps 91;

1 Corinthians

15:54-58;

Luke 6: 39-45

## **MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST**

In today's Gospel, Jesus urges us to focus more on ourselves, then change will be immediate and wide spread. If I look at myself, see my defects, admit their pressure in me and understand the need to change them and finally decide to address them, change will happen. If everyone does the same, change happens for everyone quickly.

A combination of self-criticism and fraternal correction is a perfect recipe for becoming a good person. As a Christian we have a dual responsibility to look at ourselves and to help others to improve. These are always based on Christian principles and moral values. That means seeing ourselves as God sees us. For this we need the help of the Holy Spirit. The ancient Greek philosopher Socrates tells us that self-knowledge is the beginning of wisdom. Few of us are truly wise in this respect but most of us are focused on the faults of others and criticize them without charity. The second responsibility of a Christian is to correct others when they turn away from the true path of faith. As the Gospel says : "A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good." Today's Gospel gives us practical guidance on how to behave as disciples of Jesus. We are warned against our tendency to negative criticism, arrogance and hasty judgement of others. We must all have the basic humility to accept our shortcomings and weaknesses and have a sympathetic attitude towards others on this score because our human nature is prone to sin. In this context it is good to remember that 'error is human and pardon is divine'. Jesus is asking to us to put our own home in order before trying to reform others. This is surely an appropriate invitation to all of us we are about to begin the holy season of Lent.

**Fr. Dr. Kuriakose Thadathil**

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## PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Mary and Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Audrey Clewlow, 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 **Thomas (Tom) Falveu, Catherine Lamb, Hannah Leahy** and all those who have died recently. We also remember, Ann Golden, Ann Dugsan, Bernadette Farrell, Esther Wilson, Fred Clewlow, Mary Holmes, Kevin Hewlett, Kathleen Ahern, Anthony Wilkie, Robert Lowry, Edward Graney, Nora Philomena, Mary Byrne, Norman Sargeant, Anna Kennedy, Peter Walker, Andrew Kitson, George Harold, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Requiem Mass for Catherine Lamb is on Friday 11th March 2022 at 11:30am here in Church followed by Burial at Oscott Cemetery at 1:00pm.**

**Reception of the Body will be on Thursday 10th March at 6:30pm.**

**Funeral Service for Hannah Leahy is on Thursday 17th March 2022 here in Church at 12:00pm followed by Burial at Heath Lane Cemetery 1:45pm.**

## SINCERE THANKS

Denise and Steve Watson would like to say a heartfelt thanks to everyone for the Masses, prayers and support during her recent illness. Mass will be offered for all your intentions. There is a thank you card on the Church notice board.

## READERS AND MINISTERS

The new Rotas for Readers and Ministers are now available from the Church Porch. If any existing readers and ministers would like to re-join the rota please let the Parish Office know. Thank you for your continuing support.

<p align="center"><b>This Week</b>  <b>Saturday 26th February–</b>  <b>Sunday 6th March</b>  <b>(Psalter Week 4)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Other Events</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 26th February</b>  Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30 pm Ethna Waldron</p>	<p><b>12:00pm Confessions</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 27th February</b>  <b>EIGHT SUNDAY IN</b>  <b>ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION</b>  <b>FOR PARISH LEVIES</b></p>	<p>8:30 am Kathleen Hennessy  RIP  10:30 am Jackie Conway  RIP</p>	
<p><b>Monday 28th February</b>  Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p><b>11:00am Divine Mercy</b>  11:30am Tom Sullivan RIP</p>	
<p><b>Tuesday 1st March</b>  <b>Feast of St David, Bishop,</b>  <b>Patron of Wales</b></p>	<p>10:00am Ints of Tom and  Aileen <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Wednesday 2nd March</b>  <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  <b>Fasting &amp; Abstinence</b></p>	<p><b>9:15am Mass at St. Mark's</b>  <b>School</b> Ints of Manprit Sira  <b>11:00am Rosary</b>  11:30am Regina, Edward  and Elizabeth Bailey R.I.P</p>	<p><b>7:30pm</b> Ints of John  Beirne</p>
<p><b>Thursday 3rd March</b>  Thursday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>10:00am Ints of Phyllis  Thompson <b>Private Mass</b></p>	
<p><b>Friday 4th March</b>  Friday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p><b>11:00 am Exposition of the</b>  <b>Blessed Sacrament</b>  11:30am Neil Chapman RIP</p>	
<p><b>Saturday 5th March</b>  Saturday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>12:30 pm Jackie Conway  RIP</p>	
<p><b>Sunday 6th March</b>  <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION</b>  <b>FOR CATHEDRAL</b>  <b>MAINTENANCE</b></p>	<p>8:30 am Ints of Joyce Finch  10:30 am John Peach RIP</p>	<p><b>2:00pm Baptism</b>   <b>3:00pm Syro Malankara</b>  <b>Holy Mass</b></p>

**Last week's  
Offertory  
Collection:  
£371.26**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£153.00  
Society of African  
Missions  
£523.05**

**Standing Order for  
the Month of  
December  
£1607**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday:216**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:  
Deuteronomy  
26:4-10; Ps 90;  
Romans 10:8-13;  
Luke 4:1-13**

## **THE SEASON OF LENT**

It is Ash Wednesday this week and so we begin the season of Lent once again. This year we will be able to pray together as a Parish at Mass more easily as there are no longer any Masses without a congregation. There will be Stations of the Cross on Fridays before Mass and on Sundays at 3:00pm, starting on 13<sup>th</sup> March. We are also encouraged to take and use the Walk with Me booklets prepared for Lent which guide us in prayer everyday.

Friday 11th March is Family Fast day in aid of the work of CAFOD in combating hunger and childhood malnutrition. You can bring your donations on the weekend 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> March. See CAFOD's website for more information and ideas. There are also Gift Aid envelopes with more information in the Church Porch.

Also let's not forget the needs of those closer to home whom we support via the Food Bank.

Wishing you a fruitful Lent in preparation for the celebration of the Easter Mysteries.

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

As noted in the newsletter there are three Masses on Ash Wednesday. We will follow the pattern for Communion for distributing the Ashes. Fr. Kuriakose will be in the centre and the Ministers will go to the side aisles.

### **PREPARATION FOR THE SACRAMENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION, RECONCILIATION AND CONFIRMATION**

If your child does not attend a Catholic Primary School and you would like them to receive one of these Sacraments this year, please inform the Parish Office. **The deadline for enquiries is 28th February to allow time to prepare for these important Sacraments.**

### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 4TH MARCH 2022**

We are invited to join in this International service of prayer prepared by women in different countries. This year it has been prepared by women in the UK. This year's theme is that God has a plan for all of us. The service will take place on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm at the Methodist Church opposite. All are welcome to attend.