



THE ARCHDIOCESE  
of BIRMINGHAM

**SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
YEAR A PART - 1  
3rd December to 11th  
December  
2022**

# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**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

Isaiah 11:1-10;  
Ps 71;  
Romans 15:4-9;  
Matthew 3:1-12  
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## MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

In today's Gospel we hear the preaching of John the Baptist regarding the urgency for repentance and for producing the fruits of peace. The peace promised by Jesus and for which we long is something that must begin in our own hearts. It is something that we must work for; we cannot leave it all to God. Peace occurs when we make decisions that lead to peace. So even though we have found Jesus in his glorious dwelling, the Church, because of the consequences of the sin of Adam and the brokenness we all share, we each have spiritual progress to make in our lives. Therefore the words of John the Baptist in our Gospel today are words that we want to make our own also: Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. (Matt 3:8) By producing good fruit through repentance, we will be bringing peace to ourselves, to others and healing to our relationship with God. Repentance and good fruit are a grace from God so we can pray this Advent that we may receive the grace from God to produce the good fruit of repentance and to bring peace. If we do not, there is a warning from John the Baptist in our Gospel when he describes Jesus cleansing humanity by separating good from evil. During these days of Advent we should make an examination of ourselves to see which are the aspects of our lives which we need to repair by repentance. Repentance is brought about by penance and acts of charity. Let us prepare ourselves to celebrate the great feast of Our Lord's birth in our hearts.

**FR.KURIAKOSE THADATHIL**

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## PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Annette Keates, Lynn Marie, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, , Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Denise Watson, Enid and John King, Teresa Goddard, 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 **Mary Lynch, Audrey Clewlow,**

**John Cremin** 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, Gerry Biddle, James Watson, Peter Murphy, John Kennedy, Brendan Weir, Henry Irvine, Garrett Hayes, Michael Byrne, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Requiem Mass for Audrey Clewlow is on Monday 12th December 2022 at 11:00am here in the Church followed by Burial at Oscott Cemetery at 12:30pm.**

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre on the 19th November was a great success. **We raised £1,817.39** in all and we would like to thank everyone involved for their effort.

## THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree is now in Church. It supports the work of both the SVP in the Parish and with local schools and St Chad's Sanctuary in Birmingham, which helps refugees and asylum seekers. **The deadline for the SVP is 10th December and for St Chad's Sanctuary 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

## PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION 2023

If you have a child in Year 6, who does not attend either St Mark's or Holy Name school and who wishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in February, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

<b>Saturday 3rd December - Sunday 11th December (Psalter Week 2)</b>	<b>Holy Mass &amp; Services</b>	<b>Other Events</b>
<b>Saturday 3rd December</b> Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest	<b>12:30pm Thanksgiving Mass for all the Volunteers in the Parish</b>	<b>12:00pm Confession 6pm Volunteers party</b>
<b>SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISH</b>	8:30 am Ernest Cole R.I.P 10:30 am Michael Clarke R.I.P  3:00pm Syro Malankara Holy Mass	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am. <b>S.V.P</b> <b>12:00pm Baptism</b>
<b>Monday 5th December Feast of St. Birinus, Bishop</b>	<b>11:00am Divine Mercy</b> 11:30am Marie McNally R.I.P	
<b>Tuesday 6th December</b> Advent Feria	<b>Private Mass</b> Pake and Kitty O'Dowd	
<b>Wednesday 7th December</b> Memorial of St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	<b>11:00am Rosary</b> 11:30am <b>(HN School Mass in Church)</b> Teresa Vurlan R.I.P	<b>12:00pm Carol Practice by St Marks school</b>
<b>Thursday 8th December SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>	<b>9:15am Mass at St. Marks School Margaret O'Donnell</b> <b>11:30am Holy Mass in Church Mass for the Parish</b>	<b>7:00pm St Marks School Carol Concert</b>
<b>Friday 9th December</b> Advent Feria	<b>11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b> 11:30am Patrick McDermott R.I.P	
<b>Saturday 10th December</b> Advent Feria	<b>12:30pm Patrick Duffy R.I.P</b>	<b>12:00pm Confession 1:30pm Senior Citizen Party</b>
<b>SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS</b>	8:30 am Stephen Ault R.I.P 10:30 am Ints of Payal Gordhan	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am. <b>Knights of St. Columba</b> <b>12:00pm Baptism</b>

**Last Week's  
Offertory  
Collection:  
£297.80**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£188.50**

**Standing Order for  
the Month of  
September:  
£1591.50**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 261  
Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:  
Isaiah 35:1-6, 10;  
Ps 145;  
James 5: 7-10;  
Matthew 11:2-11  
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## **PARISH CHRISTMAS CARDS**

The Parish Christmas cards contain the details of the Masses over Christmas. Please collect your copy from the Church Porch.

### **CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND MASS AT HOLY NAME**

This year the Christmas Masses are as follows:

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December 7:00pm - Advent Penitential Service

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December – 3:00pm Holy Mass for Syro - Malankara Rite

7:00pm Family Holy Mass for Holy Name Parish

9:00pm Christmas Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> December - 8:30 am Holy Mass of the Dawn

10:30 am Holy Mass during the Day

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> December – Feast of St Stephen, Patron Saint of Altar Servers 10:00 am Holy Mass.

### **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.

### **ST. MARK'S CAROL CONCERT 2022**

The KS2 children of St. Mark's School, warmly invite all Parishioners to join our Christmas Carol Concert on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2022. The Carol Concert will take place in Holy Name Church and will begin at 7pm. We would really like to see as many of you there as possible. Bring your singing voices!

