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# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
YEAR A PART - 1  
10th December to 18th  
December  
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

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10;  
Ps 145;  
James 5: 7-10;  
Matthew 11:2-11  
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### My Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

This testimony of Jesus about John shows him faithful to his promise in Matt. 10:32, "whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge before my Father in heaven". John witnessed to Jesus, thus Jesus is witnessing to John. While John was still in prison, Jesus was praising him before men. The final acknowledgement is in heaven! Jesus witnesses to all who would witness to him with their lives in the presence of men.

In our world today, true values have been traded for worthless things. Both in the Churches and in the society, people of low morals are given merit awards and are honoured simply because they are rich. Sometimes, it seems evil is rewarded while righteousness brings contempt.

As Christians, we have to draw our values from Jesus as shown in today's Gospel. In John, Jesus affirms that earthly glamour is not what makes for greatness. John was greatest of all born of women but had no clothes but animal skin, no food but locusts, no house and indeed was in prison, yet Jesus ranked him greatest among men. Therefore, no matter what we have and whatever position we occupy, our net worth cannot compare with a faithful relationship with God.

Secondly, we are assured of God's faithfulness. No matter what our situation on earth might be, God still knows our worth. We are encouraged to exercise patience as we see in the Second Reading taken from James 5:7-10. We should only have recourse to God who is aware of everything and rewards every good work.

May these words find a place in our hearts as we discover our true worth in God through Christ our Lord.

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**Safeguarding  
Officers****PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Mary Arulandhu, Annette Keates, Lynne Mary Allan, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, 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 **Denise Watson, Audrey Clewlow, John Cremin** and 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, Helen Champion, Alexander Butler, Marie Finn, 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.**

**Funeral Service for John Cremin is on Thursday 15th December 2022 at 12:00pm here in Church followed by Cremation at 1:00pm at Sandwell Valley Crematorium.**

**Requiem Mass for Denise Watson is on Wednesday 21st December 2022 at 2:30pm here in Church followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 4:00pm**

**Reception into Church is on Tuesday 20th December here in Church at 4:30pm.**

**CHRISTMAS EVE MASS**

We need a Reader and one Minister of the Eucharist for the 9.30pm Vigil Mass. If you can help, please contact Payal.

**THE GIVING TREE**

The Giving Tree deadline for St Chad's Sanctuary<sup>2</sup> is 19<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

Saturday 10th December - Sunday 18th December (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass & Services	Other Events
Saturday 10th December Advent Feria	12:30pm Patrick Duffy R.I.P	12:00pm Confession
<b>SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER</b> <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF</b> <b>ADVENT</b> <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b> <b>CHRISTMAS FLOWERS</b>	8:30 am Stephen Ault R.I.P 10:30 am Ints of Payal Gordhan Elizabeth Mitchell R.I.P	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am. <b>Knights of St.</b> <b>Columba</b> <b>12:00pm Baptism</b>
Monday 12th December Advent Feria	11:00am Requiem Mass for <b>Audrey Clewlow</b>	
Tuesday 13th December Memorial St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr	<b>Private Mass</b> Sarah Beirne R.I.P	
Wednesday 14th December Memorial of St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	11:00am <b>Rosary</b> 11:30am Michael Clarke R.I.P	
Thursday 15th December Advent Feria	9:15am <b>Mass at St. Marks</b> <b>School</b> Madge Gallagher R.I.P  12:00pm <b>Funeral Service for</b> <b>John Cremin</b>	
Friday 16th December Advent Feria	9:15am (HN School Mass in <b>School</b> ) David Gioni and Family 11:00am <b>Exposition of the</b> <b>Blessed Sacrament</b> 11:30am Teague and Doris Roarty R.I.P	
Saturday 17th December Advent Feria	12:30pm Georgette Tammam R.I.P	12:00pm Confession
<b>SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER</b> <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF</b> <b>ADVENT</b> <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b> <b>BUILDING FUND</b>	8:30 am Ints of Debbie Ferris 10:30 am Varkey Scaria	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am. <b>Holy Name</b> <b>Choir</b>

**Last Week's  
Offertory  
Collection:  
£391.29**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£195.40**

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

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 267  
Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:  
Isaiah 7:10-14;  
Ps 23;  
Roman 1:1-7;  
Matthew 1:18-24  
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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.

### **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE – MONDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**

As part of our preparation for Christmas, we are invited to come to the Advent Penitential Service. This is a form of the Sacrament of Reconciliation in which we pray and reflect together before making our personal Confession to the priest. It allows us time and space to think about the things which sometimes stop us being the followers of Jesus that we would like to be. The theme of this service is “Prepare the way of the Lord” and it gives us the opportunity to reflect on how we can allow the Lord to truly enter into our minds and hearts this Christmas. It is also a good way to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after the gap caused by lock down.

### **FOUNDATION GOVERNORS NEEDED FOR HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL:**

At Holy Name we are seeking foundation governors to help our wonderful parish school to continue to thrive! We currently have a small, but very welcoming governing body. To be a foundation governor you must be over 18 and be a practising Catholic. As a governor of Holy Name you will be invited to attend two meetings per term / a total of six per academic year. Our meetings usually last between one and two hours and are held in our school building. You do not need to be an expert in any particular area of school life! Please phone (0121 357 3216) or email our school office if you would like to visit school to find out more:

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