



# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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THE ARCHDIOCESE  
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**NINETEENTH  
SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
12th August to  
20th August  
2023**

**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**

**1 Kings 19:9,**

**11-13; Ps 84;**

**Romans 9:1-5;**

**Matthew 14: 22-33**

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**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ**

Once Jesus was walking on a sea shore with a boy. Their four footprints were imprinted on the sand. After a long way, the boy looked back. He could see only two footprints. Immediately he asked Jesus, "You left me alone in my difficult times. I could see only two footprints on the sand." Jesus replied, "The footprints on the sand are mine. I carried you, when you were in difficult situation." In the same way Jesus encourages and strengthens his disciples when they were in trouble. We also enjoy the providence of God in our life as the disciples.

The boat can be a metaphor for whatever represents safety and security to us apart from God himself. Most of us would stay in the boat, but not Peter. Peter embraces the call to discipleship and hears Jesus' invitation to come. That invitation makes Peter try walking on water. Jesus calls us to go out of our comfort zone, even in the midst of a storm. We must look outside the boat and see where Jesus is calling us to go.

When Peter's challenge goes wrong, he sinks calling out "Lord, Save me!" Jesus grabs him and calls him 'one of little faith' and questions him for doubting. There are many distractions in life that take our attention away from what we most cherish instead of keeping our focus on Jesus. When Peter notices the wind, his bond with Jesus is weakened. Peter begins to sink. Jesus reaches out his hand and saves Peter. The issue in this story is not intellectual faith or belief. The issue is loyalty or trust, and not getting distracted in times of trouble and testing.

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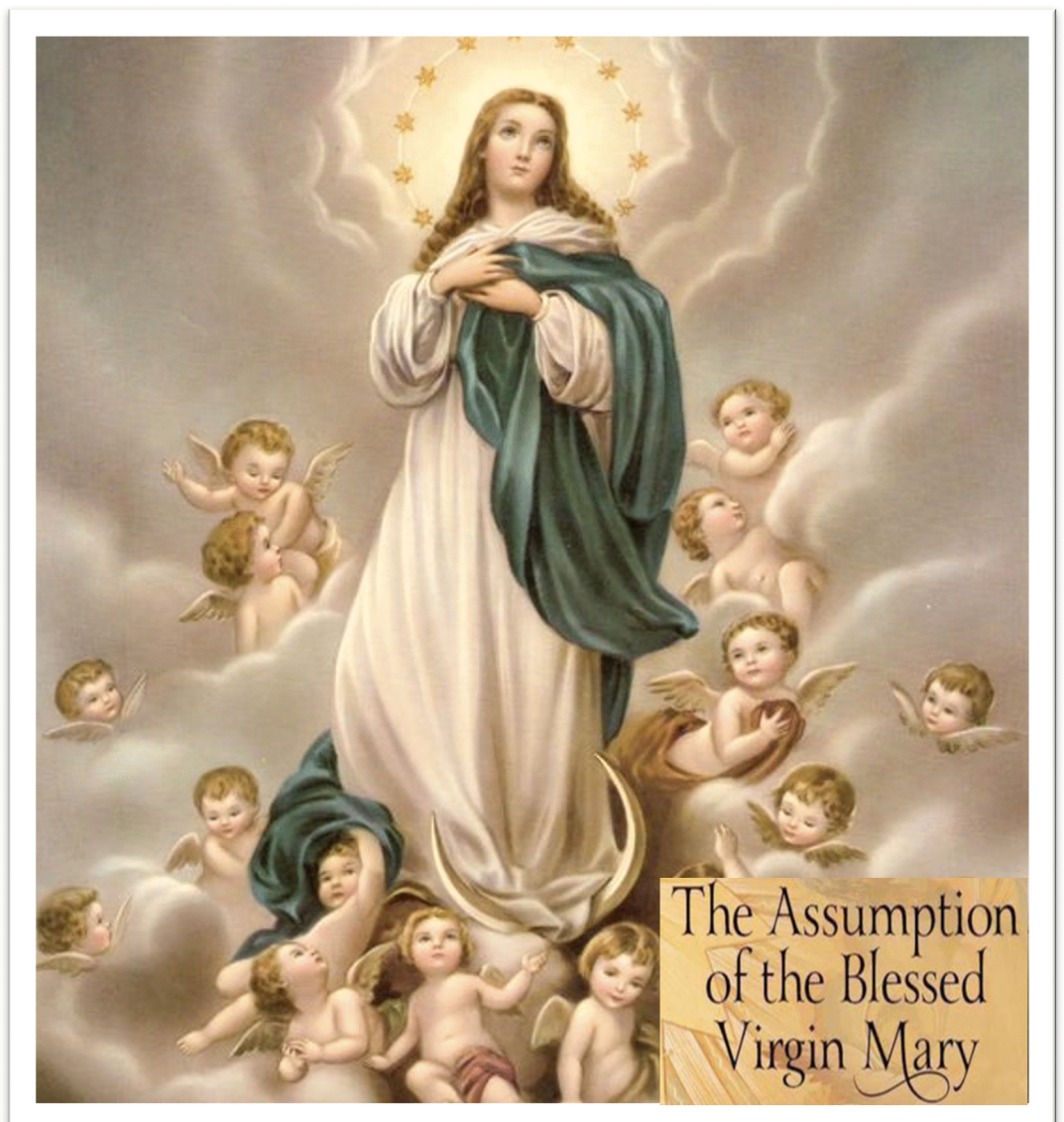
**Safeguarding  
Officers**

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Mary Arulandhu, Annette Keates, Lynne Mary Allan, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Bernie Mortlock, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Christine Enid and John King, Margaret and David Curtis, David Quigley, Christine McGivern, Teresa Goddard, , Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Sheila Shearon, Colum, Conway, Bridget Whitfield and Patricia

**RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember Harry Barnes, George Barker, Eileen Sawyer, Helena Davenport, Philip Harkin, Arthur Harding, Jeannie Sturt, Kathleen Wynn, John Peach, James Clarke, Patricia Kelly, Tom Walker, Mary Walker, John Willis, Aidan McMulkin, John McCarthy, Terry McGovern, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.



<b>This Week</b> <b>Saturday 12th August –</b> <b>Sunday 20th August</b> <b>(Psalter Week 3)</b>	<b>Holy Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Devotions &amp;</b> <b>Other Events</b>
<b>Saturday 12th August</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>12:30pm</b> Ints of Joe McNamara	<b>12:00pm Confession</b>
<b>Sunday 13th August</b> <b>NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN</b> <b>ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>RETIRING COLLECTION</b> <b>PARISH LEVIES</b>	<b>8:30am</b> Joan Rawlings RIP <b>10:30am</b> Ints of Jackie Mooney and Family	<b>NO COFFEE</b> <b>MORNING IN</b> <b>AUGUST</b>
<b>Monday 14th August</b> Memorial of St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr	<b>11:30am</b> Carmel Biddle RIP	<b>11:00am Divine Mercy</b>
<b>Tuesday 15th August</b> <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE</b> <b>ASSUMPTION OF THE</b> <b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b>  <b>HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION</b>	<b>11:30am Holy Mass in</b> <b>Church</b> Eileen Cafferty RIP <b>7:00pm Holy Mass in</b> <b>Church</b> Ints for the Parish	
<b>Wednesday 16th August</b> Feria in Ordinary time	<b>11:30am</b> Gill Dodd RIP	<b>11:00am Rosary</b>
<b>Thursday 17th August</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9:15am Holy Mass in</b> <b>Church</b> Ints of Davitt Family	
<b>Friday 18th August</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>11:30am</b> Mark and Diane Bevington RIP	<b>11:00am Exposition of</b> <b>the Blessed</b> <b>Sacrament</b>
<b>Saturday 19th August</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>12:30pm</b> John Peach RIP	<b>12:00pm Confession</b>
<b>Sunday 20th August</b> <b>TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN</b> <b>ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b> <b>PARISH MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>8:30am</b> Glenys Bennett RIP <b>10:30am</b> Paul Deakin RIP	<b>NO COFFEE</b> <b>MORNING IN</b> <b>AUGUST</b>

## PREPARATIONS FOR THE JUBILEE AND HOLY YEAR 2025

The Holy Father pronounced 2025 as a Jubilee Year called Pilgrims of Hope, with 2023 a preparatory year concentrating on the Four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council and 2024 being a preparatory year concentrating on prayer.

## SEASON OF CREATION, 1 SEPTEMBER-4 OCTOBER 2023

“Let Justice and Peace Flow” is the theme chosen for Season of Creation 2023, the ecumenical celebration we hold each year from September 1, The World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, to 4 October, the feast of St. Francis of Assisi.

## BIBLE ALIVE SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS

We are hoping to start a Bible Alive group here at Holy Name, starting in September. The Bible Alive magazines have a daily reflection on the Mass readings for every day, which can be used on an individual basis. When used in a group, we can choose either the Sunday reading or another reading from the week to reflect on. If you are interested please put your name on the sheet in the Church Porch. If you're not sure, you can always come along and see if this is for you.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

If you would like to donate flowers to the Church in memory of a loved one, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity and kindness. If you are interested in helping to arrange the flowers please contact the Parish Office.



## THANK YOU

Maureen Hurley and family would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy, prayers and support at the sad loss of Stephen Hurley. They would also like to thank you for the £202 raised for the British Heart Foundation at the funeral. They will offer a Mass in Thanksgiving for you.

**Last Week's  
Offertory  
Collection:  
£559.45**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£127.00**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 248  
Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:  
Isaiah, 56:1, 6-7;  
Ps 66;  
Romans 11:13-15,  
29-32;  
Matthew 15:21-28  
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