



# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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THE ARCHDIOCESE  
of BIRMINGHAM

**TWENTY – SIXTH  
SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME  
30th September to  
8th October  
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  
Ezekiel 18:25-28;  
Ps 24;  
Philippians  
2:1-11;  
Matthew  
21:28-32  
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**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

The parable of the two sons is about two brothers whose father tells them to go work in his vineyard. One tells his father that he will but doesn't do it. The other tells his father that he won't go but ends up working all day among the vines. Jesus then asks the question, "Which of the two did the will of his father?" The answer is clear: the one who actually worked, though initially refusing to do so. From this we see that the father represents God. The first son represents the tax collectors and sinners. They said no to God initially, but when they heard the message of the kingdom, they changed their minds and began to do God's will. The second son represents the chief priests and elders in Jesus' time. They said 'yes' to God, but when they heard the message, they did not act. The vineyard represents the people of God. Those who refuse God but later repent and obey, like the first son, will go into the kingdom. They will go in before those who say 'yes', but don't obey God, like the second son. God wants us to believe and respond to the message of the kingdom. We are to respond by obeying God. God is looking for a change within, so that we come to do God's will, instead of ours or anyone else's. As Christians we have said "yes" to God. So, we are reminded in this parable that we need to come through on our commitment. We need to make sure that we are working in the vineyard, doing God's will; using our gifts and doing all that God tells us to do. In a manner of speaking, God asks all of us to work. This parable reminds us that actions speak louder than words.

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**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, Joyce Finch, Debbie Ferris, Diane Liddell, 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, Bridget Whitfield and Patricia Lacey.

**RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember **Colum Conway, Kevin Hammond, Raymond Henderson and Michael Kenny** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Francis Donnelly, Anne Ferris, Eddie Hennessey, Frank Grennan, John Cleary, Maria Decosta Aires Clemente, Phyliss Reidy, Mary Tabor, Bridget Revell, John Sanders, Paul Boyle, Margaret Ann Jacob, Margaret Hughes, Jane Gordon, John Robinson, Richard Nellist, Wyn darling, Mona Graham, Thomas Odgard, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Requiem Mass for Colum Conway, is on Friday, 6 October 2023, here in Holy Name Church at 11:30am.**

**SCRIPTURE REFLECTIONS**

We have come to the end of the current Scripture reflections, based on the Bible Alive booklets. We would like to continue with our reflections on the Scripture. So we have agreed to meet on a monthly basis starting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023. Please come and join the group.

**PRISONERS' WEEK**

Next Sunday is Prisoners' Sunday which begins an Ecumenical week of prayer for prisoners and their families, for all those who work in the prison and justice system and also for the victims of crime. Please remember them all in your prayers this week.

<b>This Week</b> <b>Saturday 30th September –</b> <b>Sunday 8th October</b> <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b>	<b>Holy Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Devotions &amp;</b> <b>Other Events</b>
<b>Saturday 30th September</b>	<b>12:30pm</b> Bridie Madden RIP	<b>12:00pm Confession</b>
<b>Sunday 1st October</b> <b>TWENTY—SIXTH SUNDAY</b> <b>ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b> <b>PARISH LEVIES</b>	<b>8:30am</b> Joan Rawlings RIP <b>10:30am</b> Ints of Frances Cahill <b>3:00pm</b> Malankara Mass	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass <b>By S.V.P</b>
<b>Monday 2nd October</b> Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels	<b>11:30am</b> Pat Galvin RIP	<b>11:00am Divine Mercy</b>
<b>Tuesday 3rd October</b> Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9:15am</b> Finola Moore RIP	
<b>Wednesday 4th October</b> Memorial of St Francis of Assisi	<b>11:30am HN School in Church</b> Ints of Phyllis Thompson	<b>11:00am Rosary</b>
<b>Thursday 5th October</b> Feria in ordinary Time	<b>9:15am Holy Mass in Church</b> Christine Smith RIP	
<b>Friday 6th October</b> Feria in ordinary Time	<b>11:30am Requiem Mass for Colum Conway</b>	
<b>Saturday 7th October</b> Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	<b>12:30pm</b> Jim Lynch RIP	<b>12:00pm Confession</b>
<b>Sunday 8th October</b> <b>TWENTY-SEVEN SUNDAY IN</b> <b>ORDINARY TIME</b> <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b> <b>PARISH MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>8:30am</b> Patricia Callaghan RIP  <b>10:30am</b> Ints of Bernadette and Adrian O’Sullivan	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass <b>By Helena, Marie and Friends</b>

**Last Week's  
Offertory  
Collection:  
£295.76**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£194.60**

**Fr. Hudson's Society  
£192.50**

**Standing Order for  
the month of  
July :1,892.50**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 265**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:  
Isaiah 5:1-7;  
Ps 79;  
Philippians 4:6-9;  
Matthew 21:33-43**

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## **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

We will be holding our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 18th November 2023. In order to prepare for this, there will be a planning meeting on Thursday 12th October at 7:00pm here in the Parish Office. If you are interested in getting involved and would like to help at this event, we like to invite the volunteers for the meeting. Please make a note in your diary. We also welcome parishioners to support this important social and fund raising event in the Parish. All are very welcome. Fr. Kuriakose.

## **PIETY STALL**

The Piety Stall will be open from next weekend for the sale of Christmas cards and gifts.

## **PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION 2024**

We are planning a short program of Preparation for Confirmation for Secondary age pupils, living in the parish, who would like to receive the Sacrament early next year. If you are interested, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible. The sessions will take place on Saturdays between 10am to 11:00am from 14th October to 18th November.

## **VACANCY AT THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF ST. MARY'S THE MOUNT, WALSALL**

The Parish Priest of St. Mary's The Mount in Walsall is looking for suitable candidate to take up the role of parish office administrator, for 10 hours per week, with day and time to be agreed. If you are interested please contact the Holy Name Parish Office for a Job Description.

## **THE SYNOD IN ROME**

The Synod meets in Rome from 4<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October. This meeting of representatives from all over the world will consider the main issues facing the church at present and try to understand what needs to be done to encourage the church to grow and flourish. The Holy Father has asked all the Catholics to join in prayer during the time of Synod, specially on 30th September at 4:00pm, so that the Holy Spirit will guide God's holy Church in these discussions.