



# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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THE ARCHDIOCESE  
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THIRTY—SECOND  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
11th November to  
19th November  
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

Wisdom

6:12-16; Ps 62;

1 Thessalonians

4:13-18

Matthew 25:1-13

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**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.**

Jesus told the parable of ten bridesmaids to his disciples as they sat on the Mount of Olives. This parable leaves us with more questions than answers. Perhaps, rather than providing answers, this parable is an invitation. This parable invites us to wait. It is waiting for something which we are not sure will even come. Opportunities for waiting on Jesus' presence are all around us. Each time we work for justice, we testify to the presence of Jesus. Each time we bear one another's burdens, we testify to Jesus' presence. Each time we advocate for the poor, befriend the friendless, or work to make this world that God loves a better place, we testify to the presence of the risen Christ.

This parable is also inviting us to stay awake. Staying awake is a challenge. Despite their differing levels of preparation, both the wise and the foolish bridesmaids fall asleep. Preparation is the distinction between the "wise" bridesmaids and the "foolish" ones. The wise bridesmaids were prepared, they brought plenty of oil, and the foolish ones did not. It is easy enough to separate the world into two camps: into foolish people and wise people. The foolish ones are the ones who are not ready for God and not welcome in the kingdom of heaven, the wise ones are the smart, perfect, prepared ones who will be welcomed in with open arms. We have all got both light and dark inside of us. What matters is the part we choose to act on. That's who we really are. But if we can make a conscious choice to stay awake to the presence of God, perhaps we will be more ready. To wait means to recognize our absolute dependence on the presence of God.

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Braich**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Mary Arulandhu, Annette Keates, Lynne Mary Allan, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Brendan Grogan, 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, Bridget Whitfield and Patricia Lacey.

**RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember all those who have died recently. We also remember Valentine Byrne, Margaret Donnelly, Estelle Evans, Teresa Vurlan, Fr. Anthony Guilfoyle, Paul Morris, Beatrice Watkins, Nora Huzrsky, Gerard Hayes, Joseph Pham, Daniel Mullen, Celina Greaves, Margaret Quinn, Mary Regan, Bernadette Sullivan, William O'Flaherty, Agnus O'Sullivan, Delia Shaughnessy, John Conway, Florence Wadley, Alison Cross, Julia Szuman, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY**

Next weekend 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> November is Safeguarding Sunday across the Archdiocese of Birmingham. It is an awareness raising campaign organised by the Christian safeguarding charity Thirtyone:eight. The Safeguarding Officers for this parish are Thomas and Usha Braich and they can be contacted via the Parish Office or on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk). There is information available in the Church Porch regarding safeguarding and also via the Diocesan website. The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies and procedures at all times.

**WORLD YOUTH SUNDAY**

World Youth Sunday is celebrated on the Feast of Christ the King, which this year is 26<sup>th</sup> November. In Lisbon the Pope Francis invites the global Church to celebrate and pray for young people. In Lisbon this year, Pope Francis told young people that "Jesus' door is always open: Come and See!" There are several World Youth Day resources **available here:** <https://worldyouthsunday.org/wyd2023>.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>This Week</b>  <b>Saturday 11th November –</b>  <b>Sunday 19th November</b>  <b>(Psalter Week 4)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Holy Mass Intentions</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Devotions &amp;</b>  <b>Other Events</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 11th November</b>            Memorial of St Martin of Tours,            Bishop</p>	<p><b>12:30pm</b> Patrick Duffy RIP</p>	<p><b>12:00pm Confession</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 12th November</b>  <b>THIRTY—SECOND SUNDAY IN</b>  <b>ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b>  <b>SENIOR CITIZEN PARTY</b></p>	<p><b>8:30am</b> Michael and Anne            Doocey RIP  <b>10:30am St. Mark’s</b>  <b>Family Mass and Liturgy of</b>  <b>the Children</b>            Ints of Andrew Campbell</p>	<p>Coffee &amp; Tea in the            Parish Centre after            10:30am Mass  <b>By Helena , Marie and</b>  <b>friends</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 13th November</b>            Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p><b>11:30am</b>            Kevin Hammond RIP            Nicholas Sampays RIP</p>	<p><b>11:00am Divine</b>  <b>Mercy</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 14th November</b>            Feria in ordinary Time</p>	<p><b>NO HOLY MASS</b>            Because of Deanery Meeting</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday 15th November</b>            Feria in ordinary Time</p>	<p><b>9:15am HN School Mass in</b>  <b>School</b>  <b>11:30am</b>            Ints of Joyce and Paddy Finch            Ints of Simi and Tiya Gordhan</p>	<p><b>11:00am Rosary</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 16th November</b>            Feria in ordinary Time</p>	<p><b>9:00am Mass at St. Mark’s</b>  <b>School</b>            John Kirwan            Colum Conway RIP</p>	
<p><b>Friday 17th November</b>            Feria in ordinary Time</p>	<p><b>11:30am</b>            Ints of Michael Mitchell            Ints of Margaret Beirne</p>	<p><b>11:00am Exposition of</b>  <b>the Blessed Sacrament</b>  <b>6:00pm Christmas Fayre</b>  <b>Set up in the Parish</b>  <b>Centre</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 18th November</b>            Feria in ordinary Time</p>	<p><b>12:30pm</b> Norma Jaynes RIP</p>	<p><b>12:00pm Confession</b>   <b>1:30pm Christmas Fayre</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 19th November</b>  <b>THIRTY—THIRD SUNDAY IN</b>  <b>ORDINARY TIME</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b>  <b>PARISH MAINTENANCE</b></p>	<p><b>8:30am</b> Edmund Gallagher            RIP   <b>10:30am</b> Mary Greaves RIP   <b>3:00pm Syro Community</b>  <b>Holy Mass</b></p>	<p>Coffee &amp; Tea in the            Parish Centre after            10:30am Mass  <b>By Holy Name Choir</b></p>

Last Week's  
Offertory  
Collection:  
£559.33

Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£200.00

Standing Order for  
the month of  
Sept:1,720.00

Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 267

Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.



Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:

Proverbs  
31:10-13, 19-20,  
30-31; Ps 127; 1  
Thessalonians  
5:1-6;  
Matthew 25:14-30

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## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The annual Christmas Fayre will take place on Saturday 18th November after 12:30pm Mass, in the Parish Centre. Your donations will now be appreciated.

*We are still in need of chocolates, toys, bottles, and fancy goods. We also need prizes for the main raffle. These can be left in the Parish Office during office hours. Thank you.*



### Remembrance Sunday

The First World War ended on 11 November 1918 and the Sunday nearest to this date is kept as Remembrance Sunday. Please support war veterans by buying a poppy from the Church porch.

### SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

You are warmly invited to our Senior Citizens party to be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday 2nd December 2023. Please take the letter with you from the Church Porch after Mass and fill in the form below and return to the Parish Office by 20th November 2023.

### MARIST WAY GROUP MEETING

Marist Way Group Meeting Tuesday 14th November at 2:30pm in the Convent.

### READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

There are new Rotas available for Readers and Ministers from the Church Porch as you leave Mass today. Thank you.

### CLIMATE ACTION

If you are interested in finding out what is happening in the Archdiocese in response to the Pope's call to take care of our world in "Laudato Si", please visit the diocesan website [www.Birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.Birminghamdiocese.org.uk) to see the other resources available.