



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF
ADVENT

23rd December to
31st December
2023

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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be used.



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

2 Samuel 7:1-5,
8-12,14,16;Ps 88;
Romans 16:25-27;
Luke 1:26-38

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Dear Brother and Sisters,

Christmas is a celebration for the whole of humanity, because Jesus was born for all. Usually we think that the passion and death of Jesus on the Cross was his greatest suffering. However, the Fathers of the Church say that his birth as man was a much greater suffering for Him because, though He was God, the Almighty and the Creator, He humbled himself to become one of his creatures. Here we see the self-sacrifice of our Saviour, just because of His love for us. This love caused him to become a man and this is what we celebrate at Christmas.

We can see some contrasts in the first Christmas and ours. There were many houses in Bethlehem, but Mary had only a stable to give birth to her child. Today, we still see people homeless. Mary had only basic clothes to wrap her child. Today, there are many clothes in the shops, but still there are people in need of clothes. Mary just had a manger to place her child and no proper place to prepare food. Now, some people have elaborate meals, while other people go hungry. When we celebrate Christmas, it reminds us not to turn away our eyes from the poor and needy.

Today the Christmas season is slowly changing into a seasonal celebration and the emphasis on shopping to make it even more secular. Christmas without Christ is meaningless. It is the celebration of Emmanuel, that is 'God is with us'. The birth of Jesus brings peace, hope, joy and love for all humanity. Our Christmas celebration is an expression of gratitude for all that we have received through the birth of Jesus. Let us not forget Jesus among the celebrations.

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Officers**

Thomas and Usha
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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Arulandhu, Annette Keates, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Brendan Grogan, Bernie Mortlock, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Christine Enid and John King, Joyce Finch, Debbie Ferris, 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 Colleen Watson, Dorcas Atteridge, Matthew Harrington, Billy Fitzgerald, Mary Ridley, Monaca Nash, Patricia Mullen, Rene Doano, Finola Moore, Elizabeth Long, John Collins, Chris Griffin, Nora Yates, Winnie Higgins, Gladys Barnes, Winifred O'Gara, Cicely Farrell, Mary Parkes, Conan & Edward Ferris, Charles Donaghey, John Toner, William Shannon, Mary Moane, Annie Venencia and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AND MASS AT HOLY NAME

This year the Christmas Masses are as follows:

Christmas Eve: 7.00pm and 9.00pm

Christmas Day: 8.30am and 10.30am

The Servers are invited to come to the 10.30am Mass on Tuesday 26th December renew their promises.

Sunday 31st December, Feast of the Holy Family, the Masses are 8.30am and 10.30am as usual.

This Week Saturday 23rd December – Sunday 31st December	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 23th December Advent Feria	12:30pm Antoni Wilczek RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 24th December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT	10:30am Advent Holy Mass Peter Corless RIP Finola Moore RIP	NO COFFEE MORNING
 <h2 style="color: #4F81BD;">The Season of Christmas</h2> 		
Sunday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE	2.00pm Syro-Malankara Holy Christmas Mass 7.00pm Christmas Eve Family Holy Mass (page 37) 9:00am Christmas Midnight Holy Mass (page 37)	8.30pm Carols 
Monday 25th December SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	8:30am Christmas Mass of the Dawn (page 39) 10:30am Christmas Mass during the Day (page 40)	
Tuesday 26th December Feast of St. Stephen, the first Martyr	10:30am Ints of Altar Servers	Alter Servers Mass
Wednesday 27th December Feast of St. John, Apostle, Evangelist	No Mass	
Thursday 28th December Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs	No Mass	
Friday 29th December Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr	No Mass	
Saturday 30th December Sixth Day within the Octave of Christmas	12:30pm Mr & Mrs Thomas RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 31st December FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH	8:30am Ints Kathleen Green 10:30am Ints of Bob Fleming	NO COFFEE MORNING

Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£461.14

Gift Aid Envelopes:
£161.00

Christmas Flowers
and Church
Donation
£211.65

Standing Order for
the month of
Sept:1,720.00

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 303

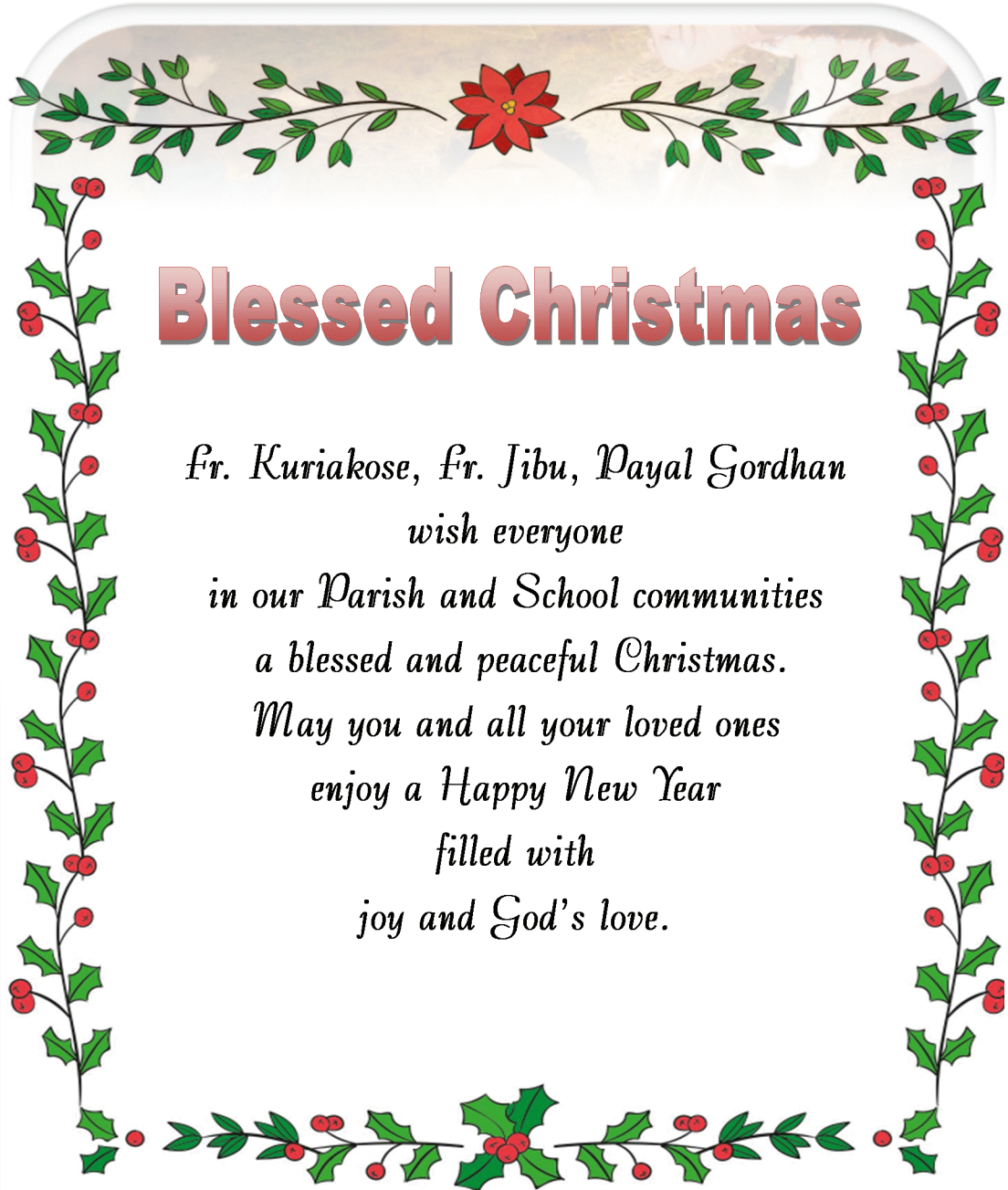
Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.



Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:

Ecclesiasticus
3:2-6, 12-14;
Ps 127;
Colossians
3:12-21; Luke
2:22-40

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Blessed Christmas

*Fr. Kuriakose, Fr. Jibu, Payal Gordhan
wish everyone
in our Parish and School communities
a blessed and peaceful Christmas.
May you and all your loved ones
enjoy a Happy New Year
filled with
joy and God's love.*