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THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
10TH FEBRUARY TO
18TH FEBRUARY
2024

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
Leviticus 13:1-2,
44-46;
Ps 31;
1 Corinthians
10:31-11:
1; Mark 1:40-45
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Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

In today's Gospel, the man with leprosy took the initiative, approaching Jesus and asking for healing. In doing so, the leper violated the religious customs of the day by approaching a person who was clean. His request to Jesus can be interpreted as a courageous and daring act. The confidence of the leper in Jesus' ability to heal him is evident in the words of his request. But his words can also be read as a challenge to Jesus, asking just how far Jesus was willing to extend himself in order to heal someone. While healing the man, Jesus touched him, which also violated established social norms. This is an important sign of the depth of Jesus' compassion for the man and an important statement about Jesus' interpretation of the Law of Moses. Although Jesus touched the leper, he did not break completely with the Law of Moses. He instructed the man not to tell anyone about the cure and told him to present himself to the priests as prescribed by the Law of Moses. The first instruction sounds nearly impossible to honour. Certainly, the man would want to share the good news of his healing, and his quick improvement would require an explanation. The second part honours the Law of Moses. Mark's Gospel tells us that after this healing, it became difficult for Jesus to travel freely. There are several possible explanations for this. There might have been concern about the repercussions of Jesus' breach of social and religious norms. In touching the man with leprosy, Jesus made himself unclean. Mark's narrative, however, leads to the conclusion that Jesus' movement was hampered by his popularity. Despite his instructions, the cured man spread the word about Jesus' healing power. Even when Jesus was in deserted places, people sought him out in search of his healing.

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Braich**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Annette Keates, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Brendan Grogan, Bernie Mortlock, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Christine Enid and John King, Joyce Finch, David Quigley, Henry Miller, Christine McGivern, Mary Arulandhu, 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 **Margaret and David Curtis, Josephine Patricia Mary Davies, Mrs Joyce (Joy) Winifred Hitchens** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Millicent Finn, Patrick Finucane JNR, Fr. Patrick Hegarty, Nora Johnson, Winifred Reeves, Dorothy Ursell, Elizabeth Clarke, Betty Palmese, Lily McManus, Pasqualina Ruggiero, Vivian Weston, Christine Carroll, Elizabeth Kiernan, Sarah Johnson, Christine Baynes, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Requiem Mass for Josephine Patricia Mary Davies is on Friday 16th February here in Holy Name Church at 12:00pm, followed by Cremation at Perry Barr Crematorium at 1:30pm.

Reception into Church on Thursday, 15th February at 4:30pm.

Funeral Service for Mrs Joyce (Joy) Winifred Hitchens is on Thursday 22nd February 2024 here at Holy Name Church at 11:00am followed by Burial at Witton Cemetery, at 12:00pm.

The Requiem Mass for Margaret and David Curtis is on Friday 1st March 2024 here in Holy Name Church at 11:30am, followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 1:00pm.

MARIST WAY MEETING

The Marist Way group will meet on Tuesday 13th February at 2:30pm in the Convent. All are welcome.

This Week Saturday 10th February – Sunday 18th February (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 10th February Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin	12:30pm Patty Grennan RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 11th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH	8:30am Christine Carroll 10:30am Diane Liddell RIP	NO COFFEE MORNING
Monday 12th February Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Peter Corless RIP Mary Teresa Radford RIP	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 13th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Andy Deane RIP Sr. Marie Theresa RIP	
Wednesday 14th February ASH WEDNESDAY FAST AND ABSTINENCE	11:30am Ints of Archbishop Bernard Longley 7:00pm Ints of Bob Fleming	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 15th February Thursday after Ash Wednesday	9:15am Mass in Church Gerald Chapman Denise Watson RIP	
Friday 16th February Friday after Ash Wednesday	12:00pm Requiem Mass for Josephine Patricia Mary Davies	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 17th February Saturday after Ash Wednesday	12:30pm Pasqualina Ruggiero RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 18th February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR THE PARISH LEVIES	8:30am Deceased Members of the Coonagh Family 10:30am Helen Byrne RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By Holy Name Choir

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£436.82**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£211.80**

**CHURCH
FLOWERS :
£201.31**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 280**

**Thank you for
supporting your
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Genesis 9:8-15;
Ps 24;
1 Peter 3:18-22;
Mark 1:12-15**

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LENT 2024

In addition to the normal Masses and devotions, there will be additional prayer opportunities during Lent.

There will be **Holy Hour Monday evenings at 7pm**. This consists of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with time for personal prayer, a short scripture reflection, music and shared prayer. Fr Kuriakose and Fr Jibu will lead this prayer session.

On **Tuesday evening at 7pm we will pray the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary** as is traditional on Tuesdays.

Friday morning there will be Stations of the Cross at 11.00am and also on Friday there will be the Divine Mercy prayer at 7pm followed by Holy Mass.

On Sundays at 2.30 pm there will be Stations of the Cross, lead by different groups in the Parish as we usually do.

LENT REFLECTIONS FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND READERS

During Lent this year we are offering you an opportunity for reflection on your role at Mass

There are two sessions for new Ministers to understand their role. These will take place on Saturday 17th and 24th February from 10am – 12 noon, in preparation for making their Commitment on Maundy Thursday.

There is a session for established Ministers on Saturday 16th March also from 10am – 12noon.

Similarly, there is a session for all Readers on Saturday 2nd March 10am – 12noon. All these sessions will be led by either Fr Kuriakose or Fr Jibu.

We will contact all those involved with further details.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of someone who can take care of Bookings for the Parish Centre. Also, if your skills are more practical, we need help in a caretaking role for the parish centre. If you are able to help with either of these roles or are interested in finding out more about what would be involved, please contact the Parish Office.