



# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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THE ARCHDIOCESE  
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FIRST SUNDAY IN  
LENT  
17TH FEBRUARY TO  
25TH 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  
Genesis 9:8-15;  
Ps 24;  
1 Peter 3:18-22;  
Mark 1:12-15  
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## Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

It is our firm conviction that we are created from the earth (as God's beloved dust), that God's grace gives us life, and we are connected with the rest of humanity and with all living things. We are mortal beings, our bodies will become dust when buried and ashes if cremated, and our lifespan is very brief and unpredictable. Lent is a loving invitation to realize and acknowledge our sinful condition and to return to our loving and forgiving God with true repentance as the prodigal son did.

We need to purify and renew our lives during the period of Lent by repentance, by expressing sorrow for our sins, by turning away from the temptation to sin and by turning to God. We express our repentance by becoming reconciled with God daily, by asking for forgiveness from those we have offended and by giving unconditional forgiveness to those who have offended us.

When St. John Chrysostom speaks about Fasting; he asks "Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works. If you see a poor man, be moved to pity for him. If you see an enemy, be reconciled to him. If you see a friend being honoured, do not envy him.

Do not let only your mouth fast, but also the eye and the ear and the feet and the hands and all the members of your bodies. Let the hands fast, by being free of avarice and greed. Let the feet fast, by ceasing to run after sin. Let the eyes fast, by disciplining them not to stare at that which is sinful. Let the ear fast, by not listening to evil talk and gossip. Let the mouth fast from ugly words and gossip".

I wish you all a holy Lenten Season.

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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, 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, Mrs Joyce (Joy) Winifred Hitchens, David Quigley** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Lindsay Marie Bullock, Eamon Byrne, Vivian Weston, Christine Carroll, Elizabeth Kiernan, Sarah Johnson, Christine Baynes, Helen Lewis, Jim Quinn, Mary Chamberlain, Kenneth Leven, Anne Johnson, Mary Macklin, Albert Gilbert, Peter Hourihane, Albert Fryer, Monica Percival, Sarah Johnson, John Graham, Kathleen Hennessey, Maragret Floyd, Tom O'Sullivan, Freda Burke, Lynne Campbell, Timothy Donovan, Mary Conery, Denis Coakley, Gerrard Campbell, Alice O'Riordan, Leslie O'Beirnes, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**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 11:00am, followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 1:00pm.**

**SINCERE THANKS**

We would like to thank Pat Byrne and family for the Flowers donated last weekend in memory of Eamon Byrne.

**SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

There will be Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre after 10.30 Mass. It is an opportunity for our parishioners to come together for a chat and a warm cuppa. We are also in need of more volunteers to host continuously the Coffee Morning. Please contact our Parish Administrator Payal in the office, if you can help our parish in this regard. Many thanks for your continuing support.

<p align="center"><b>This Week</b>  <b>Saturday 17th February –</b>  <b>Sunday 25th February</b>  <b>(Psalter Week 1)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Holy Mass Intentions</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Devotions &amp;</b>  <b>Other Events</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 17th February</b>  Saturday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p><b>12:30pm</b> Pasqualina  Ruggiero RIP</p>	<p><b>12:00pm Confession</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 18th February</b>  <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b>  <b>PARISH LEVIES</b></p>	<p><b>8:30am</b> Deceased  Members of the Coonagh  Family  <b>10:30am</b> Helen Byrne RIP</p>	<p>Coffee &amp; Tea in the  Parish Centre after 10:30am  <b>Mass By Holy Name Choir</b>    <b>2:30pm Stations of the</b>  <b>Cross Led by Church</b>  <b>Cleaners</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 19th February</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>11:30am</b> Peter Corless RIP  Mary Teresa Radford RIP</p>	<p><b>11:00am Divine</b>  <b>Mercy</b>    <b>7:00pm Holy Hour</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 20th February</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>9:15am</b> Andy Deane RIP  Sr. Marie Theresa RIP</p>	<p><b>7:00pm Sorrowful Mysteries</b>  <b>of the Rosary</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 21st February</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>11:30am Holy Name School</b>  <b>Mass in Church</b>  Diane Liddell RIP  Aidan Hornett RIP</p>	<p><b>11:00am Rosary</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 22nd February</b>  <b>Feast of the Chair of the St.</b>  <b>Peter, Apostle</b></p>	<p>9:00am Mass at St. Mark's  School Ints for the School  <b>11:00am Funeral Service</b>  <b>Mrs Joyce (Joy) Hitchens</b></p>	
<p><b>Friday 23rd February</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p>11:30am Ints of John Beirne  Ints of Sandra Pearson    <b>7:15pm Holy Mass</b></p>	<p><b>11:00am Stations of the</b>  <b>Cross Led by Holy Name</b>  <b>School Children</b>    <b>7:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 24th February</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>12:30pm</b> Ints of Marist  Sisters  Jackie Conway RIP</p>	<p><b>12:00pm Confession</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 25th February</b>  <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b>  <b>CAFOD</b></p>	<p><b>8:30am</b> Brendan  McEnerney  <b>10:30am</b> Ints of Bob  Fleming</p>	<p>Coffee &amp; Tea in the  Parish Centre after 10:30am  <b>Mass By S.V.P</b>    <b>2:30pm Stations of the</b>  <b>Cross Led by Choir</b></p>

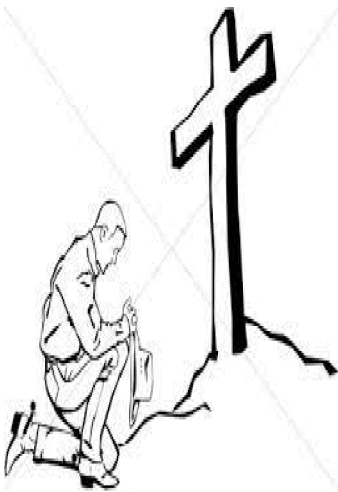
**Last Week's  
Offertory  
Collection:  
£375.93**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£150.70**

**FOR THE PARISH:  
£175.72**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 238**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:**

**Genesis 22:1-2,  
9 –13, 15-18**

**Psalms 115**

**Romans 8:31-34,**

**Mark 9:2-10**

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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.

## **CAFOD LENT FAST DAY**

This year it will be on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February with the Collection that weekend. This Lent, your donations will help hardworking fishermen like James in Liberia with resources, tools and training to work safely and more efficiently, so that they can feed their families. For more information about the work of CAFOD visit their website [cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk). Thank you for your support.

## **HELP NEEDED**

We are shortly due to refurbish the Parish Office. If you have any unwanted packing boxes, we would be grateful if you could pass them on to help us moving the Office contents while the work is carried out. Thank you.

## **ANNUAL WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

This Ecumenical service will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 1pm at the Methodist Church, Sundial Lane. All are welcome.

## **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.