

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 9TH MARCH TO 17TH MARCH 2024

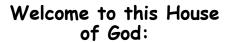
HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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Talk to God before Mass Listen to God during Mass Talk to others after Mass



Today's Mass Readings 2 Chronicle 36:14-16,19-23; Ps 136; Ephesians 2:4-10; John 3:14-21 Page 83

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ

In the Old Testament we read that the Israelites sinned by grumbling against God for bringing them out of Egypt into the wilderness. God punished them with a plague of fiery serpents, killing many Israelites. The Israelites confessed their sin and begged for mercy, so God told Moses to make a bronze serpent and hold it aloft on a pole. Whoever looked up at the bronze serpent was saved from the fiery. Looking at the "lifted up" bronze snake gave the Israelites extended physical life. Looking upon the "lifted up" Jesus gives us eternal life. Both the "lifted up" serpent and the "lifted up" Jesus confer new life on those who look upon or believe in them. Jesus will be lifted up on the cross, the great Paschal sacrifice; he will be raised up on the third day, conquering death.

The purpose of God's having sent the Son was to save the world, just as the purpose of commanding Moses to erect a serpent on a pole was to save the people from death. God's motive is love and God's objective is salvation. God loves us by lifting up his Son so we can believe in him. God loves us by sending his only Son to give us eternal life. God loves us by saving us from our sin. God loves us by shining the light of Christ into the dark places in our lives. God loves us by drawing us into the light. God doesn't love us because of our worthiness. God loves us because God is love. That's the primary identity out of which God operates. Love is who God is. God keeps loving us, giving us his own self, even when we don't deserve it, can't grasp it, and don't love him back.

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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 Karen Devereaux, John Patrick Boyle, Adam Ostrowski and all those who have died recently. We also remember Robert Ahern, Audrey Edwards, Millicent Coppock, Jestina Alston, George Brudzunski, Margaret Slattery, Patrick McGrath, Alice Dunne, Marcus Munn, George Farrall, William Pike, Maragret Abbott, Bernard Finlay, Bridget Donaghey, Michale O'Connor, Janes Welford, John McGovern, Gertrude Lord, Mary Wheeler, Tony Murray, Bridget Neal, Francis Murphy, Gwen Collins, Joaquin Centurion, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Requiem Mass for Adam Ostrowski is on Tuesday 19th March 2024 here in Holy Name Church at 11:30am followed by Burial at Heath Lane Cemetery at 1:00pm.

Reception into Church at 4:30pm on 18th March here in Church.

The Requiem Mass for John Patrick Boyle, is on Friday 5th April 2024 here in Holy Name Church at 11:00am followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 12:30pm.

The Requiem Mass for Karen Devereaux is on Friday 22nd March 2024 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Ilfracombe Devon. at 10:00am.

MEMORIAL MASS FOR KAREN DEVEREAUX

There will be Memorial Mass for Karen Devereaux here in Holy Name Church on Sunday 14 April 2024 at 10:30am.

This Week Saturday 9th March Sunday 17th March (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 9th March Lent Feria	12:30pm Elizabeth Grilish RIP Mary Teresa Radford RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 10th March FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30am Joy Hitchens RIP 10:30am Geraldine Browne RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Holy Name Choir 2:30pm Stations of the Cross Led by Jonathan and Steve Dudley
Monday 11th March Lent Feria	11:30am Colum Conway RIP Alison Holman RIP	11:00am Divine Mercy 7:00pm Holy Hour
Tuesday 12th March Lent Feria	9:15am Josephine Killarney RIP Brenda Kenny	
Wednesday 13th March Lent Feria	9:15am Holy Name School Mass in School Ints of Alice O'Toole 11:30am Ints of Maudie Byrne	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 14th March Lent Feria	9:00am Mass at St. Mark's School Ints for St. Mark's School Children 9:15am Mass in Church Brendan and Thomas Weir RIP	4:30pm Parish Finance Meeting
Friday 15th March Lent Feria	11:30am Dan McDonnell and Frank Jordon RIP 7:15pm Holy Mass Ints of Mary Blair	11:00am Stations of The Cross By Holy Name School Children 7:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer
Saturday 16th March Lent Feria	12:30pm Bridie Madden RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 17th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR EASTER FLOWERS	8:30am David Quigley RIP 10:30am St Mark's Family Mass with Children Liturgy Raymond Pearson RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass By S.V.P 2:30pm Stations of the Cross Led by Office

Last Week's Offertory Collection: £528.09

Gift Aid Envelopes: £165.50

Cathedral Maintenance: £165.66

Standing Order for the month of January:1,847.50

Mass Attendance Last Sunday: 285

Thank you for supporting your Parish.



Next Sunday's Mass Readings:

Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ps 50; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33

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PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall is open after Mass at the weekend. Only Mass cards will now be available from the office. All other cards, that is sympathy, birthday, get well etc, will be displayed in the Piety Stall.

MARIST WAY MEETING

The Marist Way group will meet on Tuesday 12th March at 2:00pm in the Convent. All are welcome.

FOUNDATION GOVERNORS NEEDED FOR HOLY NAME CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Holy Name we are seeking foundation governors to help our wonderful parish school to continue to thrive! We currently have a small, but very welcoming governing body. To be a foundation governor you must be over 18 and attend mass regularly. As a governor of Holy Name you will be invited to attend two meetings per term / a total of six per academic year. Our meetings usually last between one and two hours and are held in our school building. You do not need to be an expert in any particular area of school life! Please phone (0121 357 3216) or email our school office if you would like to visit school to find out more: headteacher@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk. We look forward to meeting you!

HOLY HOUR MONDAYS 7PM

St Mother Teresa invited her sisters "to do something beautiful for God". This Lent we have the chance to watch and pray with Jesus for an hour on Mondays. We have looked at how we are using this time before the Blessed Sacrament and so we will reflect and pray using the Liturgy of Sunday to help us. We will also pray for our own intentions, for example for the sick or for peace. If you can, please join us, because "when 2 or 3 are gathered in Jesus' name, He is in their midst".

