



THE ARCHDIOCESE  
of BIRMINGHAM

SECOND SUNDAY OF  
EASTER  
6TH APRIL TO 14TH  
APRIL 2024

# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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## Today's Mass Readings

Acts 4:32-35;  
Ps 117;  
1 John 5:1-6;  
John 20:19-31  
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Welcome to this House  
of God:  
Talk to God before Mass  
Listen to God during Mass  
Talk to others after Mass

## Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ

The disciples in our Gospel reading are hiding from fear of the Jews. They fled and denied knowing Christ, even though each of them had said they would be willing to die for Jesus. They know Jesus is dead. This is a group of frightened men hiding in a locked room who don't even understand what has happened to Jesus. In that state, Jesus says to them 'peace be with you' and 'I send you'. In a sense, the disciples in that locked room are dead and lifeless, they are dead in their denial of Jesus, their sins, in the way they have let God down. Jesus breathes on them and says 'receive the Holy Spirit'. Jesus breathes life, the Holy Spirit back into the weak disciples. In receiving this forgiving power of the Holy Spirit, the disciples are then to do the same, to forgive others in that power.

Jesus knows what the disciples needed to hear and see and touch. In this first appearance in the upper room, He shows the disciples his hands and his side, to show them he is not a ghost but real and can be touched. Thomas was not there that time but when Jesus comes again he is happy to show him how real he is. This is enough for Thomas. He makes the first full profession of faith in the divinity of Christ in the Gospel and says 'my Lord and my God'. Jesus knows that we need something tangible to let us know that God is real. Something we can touch. So, he gave us Holy Communion. A reminder each week that Jesus is real. We can touch and taste and receive him in the bread and the wine. Just when we are worried that God feels like an imaginary friend, we are reminded, week by week that he is real.

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Officers**

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Mrs. Usha 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, 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 **Paddy Finch, Christine McGivern** and all those who have died recently. We also remember Norman Evetts, Vincent Waldron, Frank Mullen, Hugh Creegan, May Brookely, Mathew Lee, Michael Clarke, Josephine Savings, John McMulkin, Frank Gibbons, Teague Roarty, Edith Hill, Ronald Coles and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**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.

**PREPARATION FOR THE  
SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY  
COMMUNION**

If your child does not attend a Catholic Primary School and you would like them to receive their First Holy Communion this year, please inform the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**PIETY STALL**

First Holy Communion cards and Gifts are now available from the Piety Stall after Mass at the weekend.

**SINCERE THANKS**

I would like to thank you all for your generous Easter offering for me and Fr.Jibu. It is a kind gesture of love and concern for the Parish Priest. Thank you so much.

<b>This Week Saturday 6th April – Sunday 14th April (Psalter Week 2)</b>	<b>Holy Mass Intentions</b>	<b>Devotions &amp; Other Events</b>
<b>Saturday 6th April EASTER SATURDAY SOLEMNITY</b>	<b>12:30pm</b> Mary Lynch RIP	<b>12:00pm Confession</b>
<b>Sunday 7th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND</b>	<b>8:30am Holy Mass</b> John O’Sullivan <b>10:30am Holy Mass</b> Michael and Anne Doocey RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass <b>By Martin George, Sajan Thomas and Friends</b>
<b>Monday 8th April SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b>	<b>11:30am</b> Ints of Kathleen Doocey	<b>11:00am Divine Mercy</b>
<b>Tuesday 9th April Easter Feria</b>	<b>9:15am</b> Joe McNamara RIP and Sonnie Dowd RIP	
<b>Wednesday 10th April Easter Feria</b>	<b>11:30am</b> Noreen McCarthy RIP Sr. Berenice Lee RIP	<b>11:00am Rosary</b>
<b>Thursday 11th April Memorial of Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr</b>	<b>9:00am Mass at St. Mark’s School</b> George Hampson RIP <b>9:15am Mass in Church</b> Tom Doocey RIP	
<b>Friday 12th April Easter Feria</b>	<b>11:30am</b> Margaret Gaughan RIP Ints of Margaret Byrne	<b>11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b>
<b>Saturday 13th April Easter Feria</b>	<b>12:30pm</b> Mrs Pam Garewell RIP	<b>12:00pm Confession</b>
<b>Sunday 14th April THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES</b>	<b>8:30am Holy Mass</b> Ints of Delia McMulkin <b>10:30am Holy Mass</b> Karen Devereaux RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass <b>By Holy Name Choir</b>

**Last Week's  
Offertory  
Collection:  
£593.01**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£219.00**

**For the Parish:  
£151.70**

**Standing Order for  
the month of  
February: 1,665.00**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 301**

**Thank you for  
supporting your  
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:**

**Acts 3:13-15,  
17-19; Ps 4; 1  
John 2:1-5;**

**Luke 24:35-48**

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## **THANK YOU**

Sincere thanks to all the volunteers who have contributed in any way to the preparation of Holy Week and Easter this year. Many hours of hard work have gone into these services to allow us the once again celebrate the Lord's Resurrection with joy. A Special thank you to all the Altar Servers for serving all the Masses this Easter.

May the Lord bless you and your families with his abiding love.

## **POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR APRIL**

### **For the role of Women**

We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

## **THE DIVINE MERCY**

This Sunday is the Feast of Divine Mercy. We have received divine Mercy Chaplet Prayer Cards. Please help yourself as you leave the Church.



## **MARIST WAY MEETING**

The Marist Way group will meet on Tuesday 9th April at 2:00pm<sub>4</sub> in the Convent. All are welcome.