



THE ARCHDIOCESE  
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## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**SEVENTEENTH  
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME  
27TH JULY TO  
4TH AUGUST  
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  
2 Kings 4:42-44;  
Ps 144;  
Ephesians 4:1-6;  
John 6:1-15  
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**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Feeding the five thousand is the only miracle recorded in all four gospels. Jesus asked Philip to feed the crowd. Philip was in an incredibly difficult situation, and it was right where Jesus wanted him. He looked at the situation and looked at the resources he had, and he said, no. Jesus wanted him to feel the powerlessness. This was a test. He is asking, will you factor me into your life? Will you think of what I can do in you and through you by faith in me? It's the same for each of us. Will we factor Jesus into our life or not? The young boy had enough food only for himself. He gave a small gift to Jesus, but in the hands of Jesus, it was more than enough. We never know where our efforts to love, to help, to support others may bear fruit. We often feel that we have little to offer in the service of Jesus. His work now depends on our co-operation with him. What is offered can have large effects.

We have two options. We can be like Philip and Andrew, who looked at the situation before them and doubted anything could be done, or we can be like that little boy who handed Jesus his little lunch and watch Jesus feed a city. We can factor Jesus into our lives, or we can forget about him. We can starve a city, or we can feed one. When we start factoring Jesus into our lives, impossibilities become opportunities. The Christian life is not about coming to Jesus to let him give us some new tools to live better. Christianity is not about God sprinkling his wisdom on our little brains to help us through our days. Christianity is about reality with Jesus. It's about factoring Jesus into every situation of our life.

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**Safeguarding  
Officers**

Mr. Thomas and

Mrs. Usha Braich

**PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS**

Annette Keates, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Brendan Grogan, Bernie Mortlock, Catherine Freeman, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Enid King, Joyce Finch, June Pountney, Henry Miller, Maureen Hurley, 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 all those who have died recently. We also remember Hugh McCann, Kevin Sexton, Bill O'Brien, Margaret Gertrude Heare, James Byrne, Michael Foley, Jessie O'Reilly, Collette Frazer, Patrick Leneman, Elizabeth Grealish, Bernard Donaghey, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**OSCOTT COLLEGE TOURS RETURN**

St Mary's College, Oscott is happy to announce the return of its popular College Tours. Take a walk through the public halls of the college, visit the chapel, library and newly renovated museum and finish with homemade cake and a cup of tea. Tickets are £15 per person.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

There is currently availability for Mass Intentions. If you would like to book please call at the Parish Office as normal to make your request. Thank you.

**S.V.P**

If you are lonely or isolated or know someone in that situation, the SVP group would like to help and support those who are in need. Please contact the Parish Office with the details. If you are phoning on someone else's behalf, please check with the person before phoning the Parish Office. An SVP member will then get in touch.

| <p><b>This Week</b><br/> <b>Saturday 27th July –</b><br/> <b>Sunday 4th August</b><br/> <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b></p>              | <p><b>Holy Mass Intentions</b></p>  | <p><b>Devotions &amp; Other Events</b></p>  |
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| <p><b>Saturday 27th July</b><br/> Feria in Ordinary Time</p>   | <p><b>12:30pm</b> Ints of Margaret and Patsy Murphy<br/> Mary O’Sullivan RIP</p>                          | <p><b>12:00pm Confession</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Sunday 28th July</b><br/> <b>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br/> <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b></p>               | <p><b>8:30am</b> Ints for Payal, Kamal, Simi and Tiya Gordhan<br/> <b>10:30am</b> Mrs Mary George RIP</p> | <p><b>Coffee &amp; Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Helena, Marie and Friends</b></p> |
| <p><b>Monday 29th July</b><br/> <b>Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus</b></p>   | <p><b>11:30am</b> Int Bridie Devannny</p>   | <p><b>11:00am Divine Mercy</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Tuesday 30th July</b><br/> Feria in Ordinary Time</p>  | <p><b>9:15am</b> RIP Alfons Obremski</p>  |   |
| <p><b>Wednesday 31st July</b><br/> <b>Memorial of St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</b></p>   | <p><b>11:30am</b> For the Parish</p>  | <p><b>11:00am Rosary</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Thursday 1st August</b><br/> Feria in Ordinary Time</p>  | <p><b>9:15am</b> Ints Sr. Helen</p>   |   |
| <p><b>Friday 2nd August</b><br/> Feria in Ordinary Time</p>  | <p><b>11:30am</b> Ints Bernadette Woodfield</p>   | <p><b>11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Saturday 3rd August</b><br/> Feria in Ordinary Time</p>  | <p><b>12:30pm</b> Kathleen McDermott</p>  | <p><b>12:00pm Confession</b></p>  |
| <p><b>Sunday 4th August</b><br/> <b>EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b><br/> <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND</b></p> | <p><b>8:30am</b> RIP John King<br/> <b>10:30am</b> Ints Bridget Green</p>                                 | <p><b>Coffee &amp; Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Holy Name Choir</b></p>           |

**Last Week's  
Offertory  
Collection:  
£411.36**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£168.16**

**Apostleship of the  
Sea:  
£264.67**

**Standing Order for  
the month of  
June:£1,585.00**

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 257**

**Thank you for  
supporting our  
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:**

**Exodus 16:2-4,  
12-15; Ps 77;  
Ephesians 4:17,  
20-24;  
John 6:24-35  
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## **ADOREMUS IN MY PARISH**

The Catholic Church in England and Wales - bishops, priests and people from all dioceses - will gather at St Mary's College, Oscott, on Saturday 14 September for a day to renew and deepen our devotion to the Eucharist. Young people (aged 16-30) who are discerning their vocation are invited to [Invocation@Adoremus](mailto:Invocation@Adoremus) at St Mary's College, Oscott on Sunday 15 September, as part of the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress.

## **HARVINGTON PILGRIMAGE 2024**

The annual Pilgrimage to Harvington Hall, Shrine of the English Martyrs, will take place on Sunday 1 September. This year the principal celebrant will be The Right Reverend Paul Gunter OSB, Abbot of Douai Abbey. Mass is at 3pm with Confessions from 1.45pm – 2.30pm. Free timed tours of Harvington Hall are available to pilgrims on the day.

## **PREPARING FOR THE SEASON OF CREATION**

We wish to encourage all our Catholic family - parishes, schools, communities and individuals to join in prayer to mark the Season of Creation from **1 September to 4 October**.

The Season of Creation is the annual Christian celebration to pray and respond together to the cry of Creation: the ecumenical family around the world unites to listen and care for our common home. The "Celebration" begins 1 September, the Feast of Creation, and ends 4 October, the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi.

## **SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

We have a Coffee Morning in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass every Sunday. It is an opportunity for our parishioners to come together for a chat and a warm cuppa. If you would like to help please contact the Parish Office.