



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**TWENTIETH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
17TH AUGUST TO
25TH AUGUST
2024**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**Today's
Mass Readings
Proverbs 9:1-6;
Ps 33;
Ephesians
5:15-20;
John 6:51-58
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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,

On this Sunday, we continue to read from the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. In this Gospel, some have difficulty with Jesus' teaching that he is the living bread sent from God. Recall that Jesus had told them that just as God gave the Israelites manna to sustain them in the desert, so now God has send new manna that will give eternal life. We hear the concluding verse of last week's Gospel repeated in today's reading: Jesus himself is the bread send by God; Jesus' flesh is the bread that is given for the life of the world. Among the stumbling blocks for those who heard but did not understand Jesus is the teaching that the bread that Jesus will give is his own flesh. In response to the people who quarreled over his words, Jesus teaches with even greater emphasis that salvation comes to those who eat his Body and Blood. Jesus doesn't seem to answer the question posed about how salvation will come about, perhaps because this reality can only be understood after his death and Resurrection. Instead, Jesus teaches about the life that he will give to the world. To many ears, Jesus' words are jarring and difficult to hear. Many who heard Jesus could not accept these words. Many today continue to struggle to accept these words. But they are important words because they reveal our intimate connection with Jesus. This is the mystery that is at the heart of our Eucharistic theology. In the elements of bread and wine, Jesus' Body and Blood are made truly present. When we share in the Body and Blood of Christ, Jesus himself comes to dwell within us. This communion with the Lord makes us one body, brings us eternal life, and sends us forth to be Christ's body for the life of the world.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Annette Keates, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Brendan Grogan, 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 **Rita Margaret Hall, Bernadette Mortlock**, all those who have died recently. We also remember Tom Walker, Mary Walker, John Willis, Aidan McMulkin, John McCarthy, Terry McGovern, Joy Chatterton, Patrick Vallely, Alice Goddard, Rita Craney, Richard Egan, Eileen Mooney, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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.

SINCERE THANKS

We would like to thank Mary Harding and family for the Flowers donated this weekend in memory of Arthur Harding.



INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Following the very successful evening last year, we are planning another event for Friday 20th September 2024. Please make a note in your diary. There will be more details to follow.

This Week Saturday 17th August – Sunday 25th August (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 17th August Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm John Peach RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 18th August TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	8:30am Arthur Harding RIP 10:30am Kathleen McDermott RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by S.V.P
Monday 19th August Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Ints of Rhonda Avery	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 20th August Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church	9:15am Ints of Sr. Anne Ord	
Wednesday 21st August Memorial of St Pius X, Pope	11:30am John King RIP	11:00am Rosary 7:30pm Baptism Talk
Thursday 22nd August Memorial of the Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9:15am Ints of Joe McNally	
Friday 23rd August Feast of St John Wall, Priest, Martyr	11:30am Stephen Moore RIP	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 24th August Feast of St Bartholomew, Apostle	12:30pm Patricia Flana- gan RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 25th August TWENTY—FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30am Ints of Brian Walsh 10:30am Bridie Madden RIP 12:00pm Baptism	NO COFFEE MORNING

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£510.49**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£136.50**

**Building Fund:
£400.06**

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

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 252**

**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

**Joshua 24:1-2,
15-18; Ps 33;
Ephesians
5:21-32;
John 6:60-69**

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BUILDING FUND

There are envelopes available in the Church Porch for members of the Gift Aid scheme to use for this collection. Please only use them if you are already a member of the scheme.

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.

BAPTISM TALK

This takes place on Wednesday 21st August 2024 at 7:30pm in the Parish Office for parents of children's being Baptised in September.

S.V.P ANNUAL FESTIVAL MASS AND GATHERING AT ST. CHADS CATHEDRAL

The SVP Birmingham Central Council is inviting supporters and friends of the SVP to attend the Annual Festival Mass and Gathering at St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham, on **Saturday 21 September at 12:00pm** . For more details please contact the Parish Office.

ORGANS RECITALS AT ST CHAD'S CATHEDRAL

There is 40 - minute Organ Recital every Thursday from 1st August to 5th September at 1:15pm. All are welcome.

