



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**TWENTY - SECOND
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
1ST SEPTEMBER TO
8TH SEPTEMBER
2024**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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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**

**Today's
Mass Readings
Deuteronomy
4:1-2, 6-8;
Ps 14;
James 1:17-18,
21-22, 27;
Mark 7:1-8,14-15,
21-23
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In this Sunday's Gospel passage, the Pharisees approach Jesus because his disciples are breaking one of their traditions about washing their hands before eating. When we wash our hands, we do it for sanitary reasons. The ritual purifications of the law were only ever meant to be symbolic. They were an outward sign of the human need to be clean before God, to be reconciled with him, to be in communion with him. The Old Testament is perfectly clear that what matters is not the external rituals, but the heart. If our heart is far from God, then our outward religious observances are worthless. All the Scribes and Pharisees were concerned with external rituals, which could not effect the purity they symbolised. Jesus says that it is not the food that we eat that makes us unclean, but the thoughts and feelings of our hearts. The things that proceed out of the man and defile him are the products of an evil heart. Another word for purity of heart suggested by Cassian is love: love of God and love of neighbour. Moral uprightness of itself is good and necessary, but it's not enough. It can easily induce a sense of superiority, and hardness or coldness of heart, and a censorious attitude, and pride. The Saints loved, but they were not proud, nor did they ever consider themselves superior to anyone else at all.

St. Antony the first monk went into the desert in order to be with God, to pray, to purify his heart. But for years he was violently assaulted by every form of horrible imagining, hideous blasphemy, vile suggestions from the devil. Antony endured that, but gave the consent of his will to none of it. By the grace of the Holy Spirit he won the victory, and emerged from the combat a Saint, a model Christian, and a model monk for all future ages.

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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, Ralph Lloyd, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Bridget Whitfield and Patricia Lacey.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Marie Harris, Rita Margaret Hall, Bernadette Mortlock**, all those who have died recently. We also remember Mary Davis, Bernard Cheek, Joshua Spellacy, Angela McHugh, John Donaghey, Michael Spellman, Mary Dingley, John Robinson, Kevin Chilton, John Coffey, Frank Atkinson, Gerald Humphries, Betty Centurion, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Funeral Service for Rita Margaret Hall is on Wednesday 4th September 2024, at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 1:00pm followed by Cremation.

Requiem Mass for Bernadette Mortlock is on Monday 9th September 2024, here at Holy Name Church at 10:15am followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 11:30am.

SINCERE THANKS

We would like to thank Helen and Ralph Lloyd for the Flowers donated this weekend in memory of her parents Margaret and Richard Stack.



READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

There are new Rotas available for Readers and Ministers from the Church Porch as you leave Mass today. Thank you.

S.V.P

The SVP would like to remind parishioners that they are able to help with the purchase of the school uniform items such as shirts, trousers and shoes. We are already providing these to families in advance of the new school year. If you need confidential help in purchasing these items please contact the parish office or any member of the SVP.

This Week Saturday 31st August – Sunday 8th September (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 31st August Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Colum Conway RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 1st September TWENTY—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE	8:30am John Godwin RIP 10:30am Cyril Lysaght RIP 12:00pm Baptism	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Holy Name Choir
Monday 2nd September Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Annie Creegan RIP	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 3rd September Feast of St Gregory the great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	9:15am Eugene Brehony RIP	
Wednesday 4th September Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Rita Margaret Hall RIP	11:00am Rosary 1:00pm Funeral Service for Rita Maragret Hall at Sandwell Valley Crem
Thursday 5th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Ints Sr. Marina Brady	
Friday 6th September Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Ints of Joe and Marie Larney	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 7th September Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Kathleen McDermott RIP	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 8th September TWENTY—THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	8:30am Philips Davis RIP 10:30am Christine and Michael Foley RIP	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by S.V.P

Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£486.82

Gift Aid Envelopes:
£148.77

Parish Levies:
£180.66

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

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday:248

Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.



Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:

Isaiah 35:4-7;

Ps 145;

James 2:1-5;

Mark 7:31-37

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CELEBRATING EDUCATION SUNDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

Education Sunday falls on 8th September 2024. As the new academic year starts, it is an opportunity to celebrate and give thanks to all involved schools and universities places of enlightenment. Our parish invites all the students, teachers, staff and governors from our parish to join the special Holy Mass for Education Sunday on 8th September, 2024 at 10:30am Holy Mass. They can also do the liturgy and make it prayerful.

SOCIAL EVENING

Due to inconvenience we postponed the International Evening. We are planning to host Multi Cultural social evening on Saturday 19th October 2024 at 7:00pm. We Apologise for any inconvenience.

Our Parish welcomes people from different countries and cultures and we would like to get to know each other better. We as the whole community can come together and celebrate our Parish. Please mark this date in your diary in advance.

We will have a planning meeting soon in the Parish Office. Looking forward to welcoming you all

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. Anyone from our parish can form a team of volunteers with 2 or 3 people for the Rota. Please contact Payal, if you can help our parish in this regard. Many thanks for your continuous support.