



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
30TH NOVEMBER TO
8TH DECEMBER 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
Jeremiah 33:14-16;
Ps 24;
1 Thessalonians
3:12-4:2

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Contact is Fr. Jibu Mathew. He can be contacted at fr.jibu.mathew@rcaob.org.uk. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

What keeps us interested in this Sunday's Gospel is that there is a sense of expectation. Advent is a season of expectation. It is the beginning of the church year and the name Advent means "Coming". It is the four-week period right before Christmas in which we prepare to celebrate the coming of Jesus Christ into the world. As we look forward to celebrating His birth, there is much joy and gladness in our hearts. But there is also regret and shame. If it were not for our sin, the Son of God would not have had to humble Himself and bear our shame. During these weeks of waiting to celebrate Christ's birth, we are like the Old Testament people who long anticipated the Saviour's birth. We live in a world that is full of selfishness which leads to conflicts and wars, hatred and fights, greed and exploitation of the weak. We live in a world where a large majority of people are not allowed to live in human dignity. We live in a world where truth and justice have very little relevance. We live in a world of globalization where monetary profit is the only value and where human lives seem to be worthless. We live in a world that is very well programmed for self-destruction with thousands of nuclear bombs ticking away. As the world grows, it alienates itself from God, the creator and redeemer. Today world needs Christ more than ever before. Despite of all these, we know that Christ is still at work in the world through the church and through the people who make peace in the world. As we have been made responsible for God's world to heal the harm of sin and evil, let us stay awake working with love and prepare for Christ's second coming.

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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 Harding, Katie Breen, Teresa Goddard, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Jackie Tammam, Janet Chamberlain, Theresa Hayward, 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 Winnie Owen, Wilfred Veevers, Fr. Colin Fortune, Garry Biddle, James Watson, Peter Murphy, John Kennedy, Brendan Weir, Henry Irvine, Garrett Hayes, Michael Byrne, Denise Watson, William Huzarsky, Daniel Meehan, Bridget Howells, Aidan Hornett, Michael Mitchell, Kathleen Richards, James Farren and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

LEAVING A LEGACY FOR YOUR PARISH

Leaving a gift in our will is the culmination of a life-time of faith, a sign of gratitude for all we have enjoyed. Once we have provided for the needs of our family, this is a simple step we can all take. By remembering our Church in our will, we can support the vital work of priests and people in the building up of God's Church, in looking after our churches and in reaching out to those in need in our local communities. All this is made possible as we give back to God in response to his care of us.

HELP NEEDED FOR THE SENIOR CITIZEN PARTY

We need Volunteers on the Saturday Morning 21st December at 9.30 am to set up in the Centre, then "waiters and waitresses" and finally to clear up after the event. Please contact our Parish Office, if you would like to volunteer. Thank you for your support as always.

THANKS

Mr John Beirne likes to thank everyone in our Parish for the prayers and wishes as he celebrated his 90th Birthday last Sunday in our Church.

NEW LECTIONARY

We start to use the New Lectionary from the first Sunday of Advent this year. Thanks for the Sponsors who donated the cost of the New Lectionary for our Parish.

<p align="center">This Week Saturday 30th November – Sunday 8th December (Psalter Week 1)</p>	<p align="center">Holy Mass Intentions</p>	<p align="center">Devotions & Other Events</p>
<p>Saturday 30th November Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle</p>	<p>12:30pm Ints of Fr. Stervin</p>	<p>12:00pm Confession</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 1st December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR POOR PARISHES</p>	<p>8:30am Ints of Brian Green 10:30am Mary Holder RIP</p>	<p>NO COFFEE MORNING</p>
<p>Monday 2nd December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:30pm RIP Vera Cantwell</p>	<p>11:00am Divine Mercy</p>
<p>Tuesday 3rd December Memorial of St. Francis Xavier, Priest</p>	<p>9:15am RIP Mary Holder</p>	
<p>Wednesday 4th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:30am RIP Denise Watson</p>	<p>11:00am Rosary</p>
<p>Thursday 5th December Feast of St Birinus, Bishop</p>	<p>9:00am Mass at St. Mark's School Ints John Beirne 9:15am RIP Cath Donavon</p>	
<p>Friday 6th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>11:30am RIP Patty Grennan</p>	<p>11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>
<p>Saturday 7th December Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>12:30pm RIP Theresa Vurlan 4:00pm Konkani Mass</p>	<p>12:00pm Confession</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 8th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH MAINTENANCE</p>	<p>8:30am RIP Ernest Cole 10:30am RIP Denise Watson</p>	<p>Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Helena, Marie and Friends 12:00pm Baptism</p>

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£255.22**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£128.00**

**Catholic Youth
Service:
£281.54**

**Standing Order for
the month of
August: £1,680.00**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 239**

**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Baruch 5:1-9;
Ps 125;
Philippians
1:3-6, 8-11;
Luke
3:1-6**

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

We are looking for volunteers for taking the role of Parish Safeguarding Representative (PSR). If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact our Parish Office. Thank you.

THANK YOU FOR THE GIVING TREE

Thank you for your extremely generous response to this year's Appeal. St. Chad's Sanctuary were overwhelmed by your generosity which will allow them to give a Christmas Present to all their people. Thank you so much for bringing Joy this Christmas to some of those most in need.

If you would still like to donate and haven't had the chance yet, a new set of tags are now available from the SVP.

These gifts are for under privileged children and their parents in our local schools, each tag is coded and will be given directly to a child in need through the schools. These gifts need to be returned by 10:30 mass on Sunday **15th December**. Thank you as always for your generosity

ADVENT JOURNEY

The "**Walk with Me**" booklets for the Advent Journey are available in the Church Porch. This booklet is to help focus on our relationship with God and to prepare ourselves to welcome Jesus Christ during this Advent Season. Please consider taking a copy home to help with preparation for Christmas. A donation is appreciated to defray the cost. Many thanks.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (SVP)

The St. Vincent de Paul Society is an international Christian voluntary organization dedicated to tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical assistance to people in need irrespective of ideology, faith, ethnicity, age or gender.

The Society is a lay organization initially formed in Paris in 1833 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam and his companions, and active in England and Wales since 1844. Placed under the Patronage of St. Vincent de Paul, it is inspired by his thinking and works. It seeks, in the spirit of justice and charity, to help those who are suffering the effects of poverty in whatever form. Works include visiting the lonely, soup runs, foodbanks, furniture shops and charity shops in areas of deprivation, visiting the sick, giving grants to those in need, debt counselling, and assisting refugees and asylum seekers.

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Holy Name of Jesus Conference