



THE ARCHDIOCESE  
of BIRMINGHAM

**SECOND SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT  
7TH DECEMBER TO  
15TH DECEMBER 2024**

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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

**Welcome to this House  
of God:  
Talk to God before Mass  
Listen to God during Mass  
Talk to others after Mass**

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](mailto:fr.jibu.mathew@rcaob.org.uk). Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

Today is the second Sunday of Advent. Advent is a hopeful season. Hope is an important virtue, deeper than simple optimism. We can feel optimistic about all kinds of things, but strictly speaking, the true object of hope is union with God. We are hopeful God can bring life out of death, light out of darkness. During Advent we are meant, like the Baptist, to prepare the way for Jesus as our Saviour. We need to see what in our lives needs straightening out. Filling valleys, levelling mountains, straightening the crooked road, preparing a pathway for the Lord. All this is our preparation for Christmas. Of course, it involves decisions, and these decisions from the realities of my life. God is always calling for a response. Responding to Him is to become responsible. When he finishes his preaching, what John will tell us, which is true, that if you prepare your hearts, you straighten the pathways and make it an easy road and ride for God Himself to embrace your heart, then you will have found the Messiah.

The other thing that this preparation for Christmas calls upon us to do is to remember that Christmas is a gift that is primarily the gift of God. For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (Jn 3:16) It is the gift of God of His Only Begotten Son, a gift given to us and, in our turn, we are to give this gift, the gift that God has given us, to each other and to all the people in our area of peace, hope and love. This is why Christmas is a time for gift giving and we imitate God Himself.

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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 May Kinsella, William Morrison, Francis Roberts, James Farren, Mary Smith, James Jennings, William Revell, John Leahy, Margaret Flaherty, Teresa Sanders, Ernest Cole, Anne Simkiss, Grenville Elmore, Susanna Sullivan, Helena Campion, Alexander Butler, Marie Finn, Margaret Morrison, Irene Chapman, Margaret Bates, Dr. Greaves, Anthony Leighton, Ernest Phillips, Mary Shiels, Paul Lemont, Umberto Infanti 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

**REMINDER FROM FOOD BANK**

Thank you for your continued support of our Food Bank and wishing you all a Peaceful Christmas. Just a reminder the food bank does not have fridge or freezer facilities and<sup>2</sup>therefore cannot accept items that need to be kept in either.

<p align="center"><b>This Week</b>  <b>Saturday 7th December –</b>  <b>Sunday 15th December</b>  <b>(Psalter Week 2)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Holy Mass Intentions</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Devotions &amp;</b>  <b>Other Events</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 7th December</b>            Memorial of St. Ambrose, Bishop,            Doctor of the Church</p>	<p><b>12:30pm</b>            RIP Theresa Vurlan  <b>4:00pm</b> Konkani Mass</p>	<p><b>12:00pm Confession</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 8th December</b>  <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b>  <b>PARISH MAINTENANCE</b></p>	<p><b>8:30am</b> RIP Ernest Cole   <b>10:30am</b>            RIP Denise Watson</p>	<p><b>Coffee &amp; Tea in the</b>  <b>Parish Centre after</b>  <b>10:30am Mass by</b>  <b>Helena, Marie and</b>  <b>Friends</b>  <b>12:00pm Baptism</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 9th December</b>  <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACU-</b>  <b>LATE CONCEPTION OF THE</b>  <b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b></p>	<p><b>11:30pm</b>            Ints John Beirne</p>	<p><b>11:00am Divine Mercy</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 10th December</b>            Advent Feria</p>	<p><b>9:15am</b> RIP Mary Holder</p>	
<p><b>Wednesday 11th December</b>            Advent Feria</p>	<p><b>11:30am</b>            RIP Dennis Byrne</p>	<p><b>11:00am Rosary</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 12th December</b>            Advent Feria</p>	<p><b>9:00am Mass at St. Mark's</b>  <b>School</b> Ints Payal Gordhan  <b>9:15am</b> RIP Norah Petch</p>	
<p><b>Friday 13th December</b>            Memorial St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr</p>	<p><b>11:30am</b>            RIP Paul Lermont</p>	<p><b>11:00am Exposition of</b>  <b>the Blessed Sacrament</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 14th December</b>            Memorial of St John of the Cross,            Priest, Doctor of the Church</p>	<p><b>12:30pm</b> Ints Leo Hughes</p>	<p><b>12:00pm Confession</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 15th December</b>  <b>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b>  <b>CHRISTMAS FLOWERS</b></p>	<p><b>8:30am</b> RIP Ralph Lloyd   <b>10:30am</b>            Ints Deacon Terry</p>	<p><b>Coffee &amp; Tea in the</b>  <b>Parish Centre after</b>  <b>10:30am Mass by</b>  <b>S.V.P</b>  <b>12:00pm Baptism</b></p>

**Last Week's  
Offertory  
Collection:  
£617.96**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£204.20**

**Poor Parishes:  
£207.69**

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

**Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 255**

**Thank you for  
supporting our  
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:**

**Zephaniah**

**3:14-18;**

**Is 12;**

**Philippians**

**4:4-7;**

**Luke**

**3:10-18**

## **Parish Pastoral Council**

### **Ex-Officio Members**

Parish Priest	- Dr. Kuriakose Thadathil
Chairperson	- Steve Watson
Assistant Priest	- Fr. Jibu Mathew
Religious	- Sr. Bridget Brady
Representatives from School	- Daniel Linley (St. Mark's) Andrew Neenan (Holy Name)
Finance Chairperson	- Bernadette Kennedy

### **Representative Members**

Parish Staff Representative	- Payal Gordhan
Altar Servers	- Bernadette Cook
Master of Ceremonies	- Jonathan
Choir	- Alastair Campbell
Cleaning Ladies	- Jean Murphy
Church Wardens	- Kenneth Holmes
Office Volunteers	- Denise Santy
SVP	- Steve Watson
African Community	- Francis
Syro-Malankara	- Jessy

### **Nominated Members**

- Bernadette O'Sullivan
- Stephan O'Gorman
- Sean Rodrigues

### **MARIST WAY MEETING**

The Marist Way group will meet on Tuesday 10th December at 2:00pm in the Convent. All are welcome.

### **ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE**

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is arranged for the preparation of Christmas in our Parish on Tuesday 17th December 2024 at 7.00pm. Please make use of this opportunity to prepare spiritually to celebrate the birth of our Lord.

### **DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

Your donations are welcomed for flowers to decorate Altar on the day of Christmas. Please confirm your donation ASAP.