



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
25TH JANUARY 2025 TO
2ND FEBRUARY 2025**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**Today's
Mass Readings**

Nehemiah

8:2-6, 8-10;

Ps 18;

1 Corinthians

12: 12-30;

Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

**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. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Today's Gospel, Jesus also proclaims God's word to those gathered in the Synagogue of his hometown of Nazareth. The passage he reads is taken from the Isaiah, one of the great prophets of Israel: 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring good news to the afflicted. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim a year of favour from the Lord (Lk 4:18-19). Jesus then sits down, and, in words that launch his great mission of liberation, he says: 'This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen' (Lk 4:21). The words of Isaiah serve as Jesus' manifesto. He has come to replace the old Jewish love of law with a new law of love and inaugurate the greatest revolution in human history. Jesus sought to bring God's kingly rule to bear on every aspect of human life. In the 'Our Father' he taught his disciples to pray: 'Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven' (Mt 6:10). The Kingdom proclaimed and enacted by Jesus was not merely the personal reign of God's spirit in the souls of individuals. Jesus was launching a spiritual and social revolution that would turn Israel and the world up-side-down. He wanted to establish God's reign of justice, peace, truth and love in Israel and (through Israel) among all peoples. Jesus lived, died and rose again in order to establish God's loving rule on earth, and the task of his disciples is to continue that work. In the words of Pope Francis, the mission of the Church is 'to proclaim and establish among all peoples the kingdom of Christ and of God'. This mission entails the integral transformation of the world in which we live.

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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, especially **Sister Hanora, Catherine Brennan, Anthony John Woodhouse**. We also remember William McGrath, Wilfred Revill, Bridget Bourke, Nora Boyle, Bill Harborne, Sr Margaret, Alfreda Davis, Andrew Steward, Harry Stanley, Robert Reid, Elsie Wheatley, Wilma Lloyd, Michael Leahy, Mary Emery, Patrick Reilly, Bernadette Sampays, Victor Wadley, Edward Donohoe, Robert Hourihane, Hannah Leahy and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Funeral service for Sister Hanora (Marist Sister) is on Tuesday 4th February 2025 in Kent. She was here in Marist Convent, Great Barr many years ago. She died on January 16th 2025.

Requiem Mass for Catherine Brennan is on Tuesday 4th February 2025 at Holy Name of Jesus Church at 9:30 am followed by burial at Rectory Road Cemetery at 11:30 am.

Funeral service for Anthony John (Tony) Woodhouse is on Friday 7th February 2025 at Holy Name of Jesus Church at 2:30 pm followed by Cremation at Streetly Crematorium. Reception into the Church is at 12:30 pm.

PIETY STALL

Confirmation date for Holy Name School is on Wednesday 5th February 2025. Cards and gifts are available from the Piety Stall.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - SATURDAY 24 - FRIDAY 30 MAY

Booking is now OPEN for the Annual Pilgrimage to Lourdes with the Archdiocese of Birmingham. More details are available in the Diocesan website.

To find out more about how your parish, family or school can celebrate the Jubilee Year in our Archdiocese, and how you can participate in events nationally and internationally, visit our Diocesan website:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year (<http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year>)



JUBILEE YEAR 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope"



To find out more, visit: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year or scan:

This Week Saturday 25th January – Sunday 2nd February (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 25th January Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle	12:30pm Ints Gusia & Joe McNally	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 26th January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30am RIP Andrew Steward 10:30am RIP Fr Brian Boyle	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Helena, Marie and Friends 12.00pm Baptism
Monday 27th January Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30pm Ints Jim & Fiona Kinney	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 28th January Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church	No Mass	Diocesan Safeguarding Training for Priests
Wednesday 29th January Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Ints Leo & Lila Hughes and Family	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 30th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am Mass in St Mark School Sr Marie Ingles 9:15am Ints Joyce Finch	
Friday 31st January Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest	9:30am RIP John Blair	St John Bosco Feast Mass lead by St Mark School
Saturday 1st February Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Ints Susan Grantham & Keates Family	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 2nd February FEAST OF THE PRESENTA- TION OF THE LORD RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	8:30am RIP Mary Spratt 10:30am RIP Arabella Vallance	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Holy Name Choir 12.00pm Baptism

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£405.11**

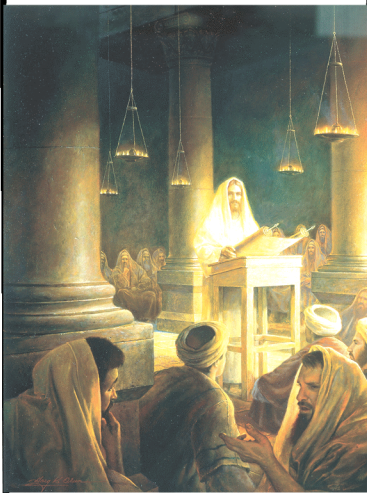
**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£122.00**

**Parish
Maintenance:
£178.82**

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

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 238**

**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Malachi 3:1-4;
Ps 23;
Hebrews 2:14-18;
Luke 2:22-40**

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Those who like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation with St Mark's School children on Thursday 22nd May 2025, at 7.00 pm in our Church, please contact our parish office before 31st January 2025. There will be preparation course for the candidates.

YOUTH GROUP VOLUNTEERS MEETING

Next meeting for the Youth Group Volunteers is scheduled on Sunday 2nd February 2025 after the 10:30 am Mass (11:30 am) in the Parish Office. If anyone likes to join the Youth Group Volunteers Team, please do not hesitate to come for the meeting.

ST JOHN BOSCO FEAST

Feast of St John Bosco is celebrated in Holy Name of Jesus Parish on 31st January 2025 at 9:30 am by the schools under St John Bosco Multi Academy Company. Students and staff from eight schools in St John Bosco Multi Academy Company will participate in the Mass. St Mark's school hosts this Feast Day Celebrations.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Our parish pastoral council meeting was conducted on 23rd January 2025 at 6.00pm in our Parish Office. Jubilee Year Plan and Annual plan for our Parish are decided in the meeting.

Jubilee Year plan for the parish

- a. Parish Pilgrimage
- b. May Procession
- c. Parish Mission by Fr Royston (4th-10th October)

Yearly Plan - Diary dates 2025

- a. Confirmation (Holy Name school 5th Feb; St Marks 22nd May.)
- b. First Communion (Holy Name School 17th May; St Marks 22nd June.)
- c. Multi-Cultural evening: Saturday 7th June 2025
- d. Multi-Cultural Mass: Sunday 8th June 2025
- e. Birmingham Male Voice Choir Concert: Saturday 21st June
- f. Summer Fayre: Saturday 12th July 2025
- g. Christmas Fayre: Saturday 15th November 2025
- h. Senior Citizens Party: Saturday 6th December 2025
- i. Parish Feast Day: Sunday 4th January 2026

SINGING THE PSALMS

The Psalms are meant to be sung. If you would like to sing the Psalm for the Sunday Holy Mass especially 10:30am Mass, please let Fr. Jibu know. The resources are available.