



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

SIXTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
15TH TO 23RD
FEBRUARY 2025

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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Today's
Mass Readings
Jeremiah 17:5-8;
Ps 1;
1 Corinthians
15:12, 16-20;
Luke 6:17, 20-26
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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

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My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Gospel reading of this week gives us one of the most profound and radical teachings of Jesus. The content of this is not just comforting words but they are divine promises. They reveal God's deep concern for those who suffer, who feel forgotten, who struggle. God sees our struggles, and he promises that his kingdom belongs to those who rely completely on him. Jesus begins with a declaration that the poor are blessed. Not because poverty is good in itself, but because those who are poor often have a clearer sense of their dependence on God. The Beatitudes are counter-cultural when they challenge us to rethink our priorities and values. In a world that exalts power, wealth, and pleasure, Jesus exalts humility, mercy, and love. He calls us to live not for ourselves but for God and for others. He invites us to find joy not in what we have, but in who we are as beloved children of God. In a world that often avoids suffering, Jesus invites us to embrace our vulnerability, knowing that God is close to the broken hearted. Jesus does not promise an easy path for his followers. Instead, he warns that faithfulness to him may lead to rejection and persecution. For to suffer for Christ is to share in his cross, and to share in his cross is to share in his glory. The Beatitudes challenge us to be peacemakers, to hunger for righteousness, to show mercy, and to stand with the poor and marginalized. They call us to live as citizens of the Kingdom of God, bringing his light and love to a world in need. Let us strive to live as Jesus taught. And let us trust in his promise that those who live this way, though they may seem foolish in the eyes of the world, are truly blessed, for theirs is the Kingdom of God.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Annette Keates, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Brendan Grogan, 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 **Catherine Freeman**. We also remember Lily McManos, Pasqualina Ruggiero, Vivian Weston, Christine Carroll, Elizabeth Kiernan, Sarah Johnson, Christine Baynes, Helen Lewis, Lindsay Bullock, Jim Quinn, Lindsay Marie Bullock, Mary Chamberlain, Kenneth Leven, Anne Johnson, Mary Macklin, Albert Gilbert, Peter Hourihane, Albert Fryer, Monica Percival, Sarah Johnson, John Graham, Kathleen Hennessey and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Requiem Mass for Catherine Freeman is on Friday 7th March 2025 at Holy Name of Jesus Church at 11:30 am followed by burial at Oscott Cemetery.

PARISH MASS BOOK

Parish Mass Book Year C - Volume 1 for Sundays and Feast days readings is now available in our Church. One set of six books for the liturgical circle of three years cost **£30.00**. We buy 125 sets of Parish Mass Books for our Parish that cost **£3750.00**. Your donation to defray the cost of these books is much appreciated.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS DURING LENTEN SEASON

During the Lenten Season, there will be the Way of the Cross on Fridays at 11:00 am before 11:30 am Holy Mass in the Church and on Sundays at 2:00 pm. Please register your interest in the form placed in our Church porch, if you would like to lead the way of the Cross as a team.

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:

<p>This Week Saturday 8th February – Sunday 16th February (Psalter Week 2)</p>	<p>Holy Mass Intentions</p>	<p>Devotions & Other Events</p>
<p>Saturday 15th February Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>12:30pm Ints Margaret & John Beirne RIP Nocholas Kharchoum</p>	<p>12:00pm Confession</p>
<p>Sunday 16th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES</p>	<p>8:30am Deceased mem- bers of Coonagh Family 10:30am Ints Fletcher Family</p>	<p>Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Helena, Marie and Friends</p>
<p>Monday 17th February Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:30pm RIP Christine Carroll</p>	<p>11:00am Divine Mercy</p>
<p>Tuesday 18th February Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>9:15am Deceased members of Sam Family</p>	
<p>Wednesday 19th February Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:30pm Ints Margaret & John Beirne</p>	<p>11:00am Rosary</p>
<p>Thursday 20th February Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>9:15am Deceased mem- bers of Chellan Family</p>	
<p>Friday 21st February Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11:30am Healing Mass RIP Mary O’Connell</p>	<p>11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</p>
<p>Saturday 22nd February Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle</p>	<p>12:30pm RIP Jackie Conway</p>	<p>12:00pm Confession</p>
<p>Sunday 23rd February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CATHEDRAL MAINTENANCE</p>	<p>8:30am Ints Helen & Billy Martin 10:30am Ints Morgan Family</p>	<p>Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Holy Name Choir 12:00pm Baptism</p>

Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£614.89

Gift Aid Envelopes:
£158.00

Parish
Maintenance:
£189.21

Confirmation Day
Collection:
£208.23

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

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 284

Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.



Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,
12-13, 22-23;
Ps 102;
1 Corinthians
15:45-49;
Luke 6:27-38
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**HOLY NAME
YOUTH
GROUP**

12PM

Y4 - Y8

SUNDAY 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

COME ALONG TO OUR FIRST
MEETING AND HAVE YOUR SAY IN
WHAT YOU WANT FROM YOUR
YOUTH GROUP

JOIN US IN THE PARISH CENTRE
REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED!

HOLY NAME YOUTH GROUP

We start our Parish Youth group on 23rd February 2025 after 10:30am Mass in Parish Centre. Our Youth Group Volunteers are delighted to welcome our children. We request parents to encourage your children to participate in the Youth Group. Now we start with Year 4 to Year 8 students. Later, we will also include senior students. Parents can also join the Coffee Morning. Refreshment will be also provided for the children. Your valuable suggestions are expected.

LENTEN JOURNEY

The "Walk with Me" booklets and "Jubilee Calendar for Lent 2025" for the Lenten Season are available in the Church porch. This booklet is to help focus on our relationship with God and to meditate on Jesus' Suffering, Death and Resurrection during this Lenten season as the pilgrims of hope. Please consider taking a copy home. A small donation is appreciated to defray the cost.

SINCERE THANKS

We would like to thank for the Flowers donated this weekend for the 60th Wedding Anniversary of Margaret and John Berine.

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.

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.

JOB RECRUITMENT

The Archdiocese is recruiting for the following four positions: Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer. Full details and closing dates can be found at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs. If you think you have the skills, please do apply.