

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 8<sup>TH</sup> TO 16<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025

# 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
Isaiah 6:1-8;
Ps 137;
1 Corinthians
15:1-11;
Luke 5:1-11

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### My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today's Gospel passage is not primary about catching fish. In fact, it is more about the transformation that comes in the surrendering. What Jesus wished to emphasize to Peter and his companions, is that they will be "fishers of men," which is symbolized by the enormous number of fish they catch under Jesus' command. The important miracle that takes place in the story of the abundant catch of fish, is the change that takes place in Peter through his obedience to Jesus, who is Lord of all and Head of the Church. An important message of Jesus to Peter is "do not be afraid." These are the same words Jesus uses after his Resurrection, to assure his followers that he is Savior of all, who promises the consolation of God's Holy Spirit to all who put their trust in God. Just as Peter drew fish out of the water, so everyone who is baptized into Christ is brought out from the water to new life, on solid ground, namely as members of the Body of Christ, the Church. Belonging to Christ means for each of us peace, security, rest, fulfilment, in a life that is under God's watchful care and that extends even to life beyond our present existence, pass from time to eternity. The first followers of Jesus, as well as Peter and the other apostles are to be models for us. Their eagerness to hear and embrace the Word of God changed their lives forever and made them pillars of the Church. We are called to do likewise. We are all called to be saints and to do our part to make our world a better place, as we try with all our might to be worthy witnesses of the Gospel in the world during our lifetime.

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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 John King Henry McCraken, Michael Finn, Mary Harbutt, John Boyle, Lilian Dair, Raymond Harbutt, Peter Murphy, Millicent Finn, Patrick Finlicane Jnr, Fr Patrick Hegarty, Nora Johnson, Winifred Reeves, Dorothy Ursell, Elizabeth Clarke, Betty Palnese 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.

#### MARIST WAY MEETING

The Marist Way group will meet on Tuesday 11th February at 2:00pm in the Convent. All are welcome.

#### 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 parish office to inform your intrest. Many thanks for your continuous support.

#### 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)



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This Week Saturday 8th February – Sunday 16th February (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 8th February Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>12:30pm</b> RIP Joe McNamara	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 9th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE	8:30am Tom and Pat Brennan 10:30am Kathleen McDermott	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by SVP 12.00pm Baptism
Monday 10th February Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin	11:30pm Margaret Bnttan	11:00am Divine Mercy 6:30pm SVP Meeting
Tuesday 11th February Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>9:30am</b> Ints Rhonda Avery and Family	
Wednesday 12th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Mass in Holy Name School 11:30pm Ints Jonathan, Stephan and Kate	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 13th February Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am Mass in St Mark School 9:15am Ints Bridget and Brain Green	
Friday 14th February Feast of St Cyril, Monk, and St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe	11:30am Alan Vurlan	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 15th February Feria in Ordinary Time	<b>12:30pm</b> Ints Margaret & John Beirne RIP Nocholas Kharchoum	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 16th February SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30am Deceased members of Coonagh Family 10:30am Ints Fletcher Family	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Helena, Marie and Friends

Last Week's Offertory Collection: £563.25

Gift Aid Envelopes: £168.50

Building Fund: £346.79

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

Mass Attendance Last Sunday: 224

Thank you for supporting our Parish.



Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Jeremiah 17:5-8;
Ps 1;
1 Corinthians

15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26

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# **Holy Name Youth Group**

We start our Parish Youth group 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 expected.

#### **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.

## THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE - REGISTER NOW

The annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate love and commitment. Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2025? Are you engaged to be married this year? Or would you simply like to give thanks to God for your marriage, and ask for His ongoing blessings? If so, you are invited to attend this year's Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage to be held on **Saturday 3 May**, 12noon, at St Chad's Cathedral celebrated by Bishop Richard Walker. Registration for this event is now open. **The deadline for booking is Sunday 13 April**.

# SUPPORT CATHOLIC CHAPLAINCY IN PRISONS

This Jubilee Year, as you journey as a Pilgrim of Hope, please consider an involvement in prison chaplaincy. Deacon Peter Tibke, the Archbishop's Advisor on Prison Chaplaincy, is inviting people to support this area of work in the Archdiocese - which has 13 prisons across the patch. The Chaplaincy is open to both clergy and lay people. If you might be interested, please email Deacon Peter Tibke on <a href="mailto:dcn.peter.tibke@rcaob.org.uk">dcn.peter.tibke@rcaob.org.uk</a>.