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# HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**8TH TO 16TH**  
**MARCH 2025**

**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**  
**Deuteronomy**  
**26:4-10;**  
**Ps 90;**  
**Romans 10:8-13;**  
**Luke 4:1-13**  
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**My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,**

In today's Gospel Jesus fights with the devil. Three times the devil tempts Jesus to sin, and three times Jesus resists. What is clear from this Gospel is that if even Jesus was tempted, we can expect temptations in our own lives. I am sure that many of us could quickly come up with a list of those temptations that we most frequently face. But the devil is a clever guy. He knows that he will be much more successful if he can deceive us. If he can present temptation to us, not as temptation, but as an opportunity to do something good. The devil knows that if he can lead us to sin by making us believe that we are about to do something that is beneficial or positive, we will never have a chance to resist. The devil is the father of lies. And nothing makes him happier than presenting a sin to us under the appearance of something good. That is why this Lenten season is the perfect time for us to examine our own motivations. Are our motivations pure? Are we acting because we want others to know the truth, come to faith in Jesus, or become self-sufficient? The positive aspect of this Gospel. It tells us that Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit. That means that when Jesus had to face Satan, God's Spirit was with him. The same, of course, is true for us. Therefore, this Gospel of the temptation of Jesus gives us hope in two ways. First, when we have to face evil in our own lives or in our society, neither victory nor defeat can be achieved in one battle. And secondly, when we have to face Satan, this Gospel tells us that we will not stand before him alone. We seek the help of the Holy Spirit.

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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, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Bridget Whitfield, Patricia Lacey and Bob Hennessey.

**RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Please remember all those who have died recently, especially **Catherine Mary Shilston, Theresa Hayward**. We also remember Sinon O'Shaunessy, Jessie O'Neill, Ellen Winston, Patrick Noctor, Joan McGirr, David Mattock, Mamie Connors, David Emery, Robert Ahern, Audrey Edwards, Millicent Coppock, Jestina Alston, George Brudzunski, Margaret Slattery, Patrick McGrath, Alice Dunne, Marcus Munn, George Farrall, William Pike, Margaret Abbott, Bernard Finlay, Bridget Donaghey, Michael O'Connor, James Welford, John McGovern, Gertrude Lord, Mary Wheeler, Tony Murray, Bridget Neal and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**Requiem Mass for Catherine Mary Shilston is on Monday 31st March 2025 at Holy Name of Jesus Church at 9:30 am.**

**NOTICE OF DEATH**

With deep grief and sorrow, we announce the demise of our former Parish Priest Fr. Dominic Innamorati SCJ (93). He served our parish more than five years. The funeral details will follow in due course.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Dominic. May God grant him eternal rest.

**MARIST WAY MEETING**

The Marist Way group meeting will be Tuesday March 11th 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Convent. All are welcome.

**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. A small donation even for one book (**£5**) will also contribute to the whole.

<p><b>This Week</b>  <b>Saturday 8th March –</b>  <b>Sunday 16th March</b>  <b>(Psalter Week 1)</b></p>	<p><b>Holy Mass Intentions</b></p>	<p><b>Devotions &amp;</b>  <b>Other Events</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 8th March</b>            Saturday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p><b>12:30pm</b>            RIP Neil Chapman</p>	<p><b>12:00pm Confession</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 9th March</b>  <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b>  <b>PARISH LEVIES</b></p>	<p><b>8:30am</b> Ints Mary Waldron            &amp; Kathleen Satchwell  <b>10:30am</b> Ints Margaret &amp;            John Beirne</p>	<p><b>Coffee &amp; Tea in the</b>  <b>Parish Centre after</b>  <b>10:30am Mass by Hele-</b>  <b>na, Marie and Friends</b>  <b>2:00pm Stations of the</b>  <b>Cross</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 10th March</b>            Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>11:30am</b>            RIP Sister Berenice Lee</p>	<p><b>11:00am Divine Mercy</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 11th March</b>            Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>9:15am</b>            Deceased members of            Martin Reviles and Family</p>	<p><b>7:00pm Holy Hour and</b>  <b>Rosary</b></p>
<p><b>Wednesday 12th March</b>            Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>9:15am Holy Name School</b>            RIP Felix Dennis  <b>11:30am</b>            RIP Mrs Anne Lloyd</p>	<p><b>11:00am Rosary</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 13th March</b>            Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>9:00am St Mark's School</b>            Ints Margaret &amp; John Beirne  <b>9:15am</b> Ints Mary Waldron</p>	
<p><b>Friday 14th March</b>            Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>11:30am</b>            Michael &amp; Anne Doocey            Ints Desiderius Marco</p>	<p><b>11:00am Stations of</b>  <b>the Cross</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 15h March</b>            Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>12:30pm</b>            RIP Kitty Freeman</p>	<p><b>12:00pm Confession</b></p>
<p><b>Sunday 16th March</b>  <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR</b>  <b>CAFOD LENT FAST DAY</b></p>	<p><b>8:30am</b>            Ints Sandra Pearson  <b>10:30am</b> Ints Mary Waldron</p>	<p><b>Coffee &amp; Tea in the</b>  <b>Parish Centre after</b>  <b>10:30am Mass by Mari-</b>  <b>an, Chris and Friends</b>  <b>2:00pm Stations of the</b>  <b>Cross</b></p>

## LENT 2025

In addition to the normal Masses and devotions, there will be additional prayer opportunities during lent. There will be **Holy Hour and Rosary on Tuesdays evening at 7 pm**. This consists of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with time for personal prayer, Rosary, a short scripture reflection, music and shared prayer. There will be **Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 11:00 am and on Sundays at 2:00 pm** lead by different groups in our Parish.

### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

The next Parish Council meeting is on **Thursday 20th March 2025 at 6.00 pm**. All the members are expected to attend the meeting. If you have any concerns regarding our Parish, please communicate to one of the Parish Council Members so that they can present your concern in the meeting.

### HOLY NAME YOUTH GROUP

Next Youth Group gathering is on **Sunday 16th March 2025 at 12:00 pm** (after 10:30 am Mass) in our Parish Centre. We request parents to encourage your children to participate in the Youth Group.

### CHARITY RACE NIGHT BY SVP

The SVP will be holding a Charity Race night on Friday 21st March at Great Barr Sports and Social Club, 2-4 Queslett Rd, B43 6PL, first race 7.30pm. Free entry, all welcome, raffle prizes appreciated.

### READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

New Rota for Readers and Eucharistic Minister is available. Please collect from the Church Porch as you leave Mass today.

### YOUNG DISCERNERS GROUP EVENT

The Diocesan Vocations Office is hosting an event on **Saturday 5th April** at St Mary's College, Oscott in Birmingham for young men (school years 9 - 13 or ages 13 to 17) who wish to explore a vocation to the Catholic priesthood. Spend time in discussion and prayer with others who are thinking about a vocation to the priesthood.

### CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) is conducting a survey to understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap and the current economic climate on Catholic families in England and Wales. Please share your experience by completing the survey, which can be accessed at [csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey](https://csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey), where you'll also find further information about the survey. The survey will close on 25th March.

Last Week's  
Offertory  
Collection:  
£535.80

Gift Aid Envelopes:  
£119.20

Mass Book  
Donation:  
£605.00

Cathedral  
Maintenance:  
£203.31

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

Mass Attendance  
Last Sunday: 274

Thank you for  
supporting our



Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:

Genesis  
15:5-12, 17-18;  
Ps 26;  
Philippians  
3:17-4:1;  
Luke 9:28-36  
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