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HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
5TH TO 13TH
APRIL 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
Isaiah 43:16-21;
Ps 125;
Philippians
3:8-14;
John 8:1-11
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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative's Appointment is pending. Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We know from the Passion narratives that Jesus often went to the Mount of Olives to pray to his Father. The encounter with the sinful woman essentially begins by noting that Jesus spent the prior evening in prayer. Quiet prayer in the still of the night can sometimes feel particularly powerful. We should be deeply rooted in prayer so that we are strong enough to accomplish our work and so that our work is truly his work. Only the woman was accused of adultery, although there was a partner in crime. Every sin has a ripple of cause and effect, even those committed alone. We are made for communion, and our evil and good actions affect others. Lord, may we, like you, seek to build up ourselves and our community by living virtuous lives, trusting that our good actions affect many more souls than those we know and love. Jesus was extraordinarily kind to this woman. He was gentle, protective, and forgiving. But because his love for her was so deep, he wanted the highest good for her and therefore challenged her to "go and sin no more." Some seem to forget this final line which is a mark of true respect for her. Jesus did not come to affirm us in our sins. He came to redeem us and teach us how to live lives of true goodness and love. There is some discussion as to whether this woman was Mary Magdalene. If true, then this woman later stood at the foot of the Cross. She saw with her eyes the price paid for her forgiveness in this encounter with Jesus. Spend time reading your favourite Passion narrative, and imagine yourself, your sins, and your story entering into the moments that unfold, and see the price paid for your sins very tangibly and very personally.

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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 **Fr Dominic Innamorati SCJ**. We also remember Tom Breen, Gillian Kenny, Mavis Bolton, Mary Dunne, Mary Lynch, Norman Evetts, Vincent Waldron, Frank Mullen, Hugh Creegan, May Brookely, Baby Matthew Lee, Michael Clarke, Josephine Savings, John McMulkin, Frank Gibbons, Teague Roaty and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

FUNERAL DETAILS**Fr Dominic Innamorati SCJ**

Reception Sunday 6th April - 4.00 pm at St John and St Martin, 31 George Street, Balsall Heath, Birmingham B12 9RG

Funeral Monday 7th April - 11.00 am at The Friary, St Bernard's Road, Olton, Solihull. B92 7BL followed by Buffet

Burial Monday 7th April - 4.00 pm at Sacred Heart and St Catherine Alexandria, 208 Worcester Road, Droitwich Spa. WR9 8AZ

MARIST WAY MEETING

The Marist Way group meeting will be Tuesday March 8th 2025 at 2:00 pm in the Convent. All are welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS PRACTICE

There will be Altar Servers Practice for Easter on April 19th 2025 at 11:00 am in our Church. All the altar servers are expected to attend this practice.

CAFOD MYANMAR EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Following the devastating earthquake in Myanmar, CAFOD is responding through the Catholic Church there to support families affected by the disaster. Your donations will provide essentials like water, food, solar lights, and mosquito nets. Please give to CAFOD's Myanmar Earthquake Appeal in church or you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/myanmar or by calling 0303 303 3030. You can also text EARTHQUAKE to 70450 to donate £10.

This Week Saturday 29th March – Sunday 6th April (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 5th April Lent Feria	12:30pm RIP Mary Lynch	12:00pm Confession 1:30pm Senior Altar Servers Meeting
Sunday 6th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30am RIP Noreen Kenny 10:30am RIP Kitty Freeman	Coffee & Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Hele- na, Marie and Friends 2:00pm Stations of the Cross
Monday 7th April Lent Feria	11:30am RIP Tommy Flannery	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 8th April Lent Feria	9:15am Ints Fr Gerry Kelly	7:00pm Holy Hour and Rosary
Wednesday 9th April Lent Feria	9:15am Holy Name School Ints Andy 11:30am Ints Sandra Pearson	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 10th April Lent Feria	9:00am St Mark's School RIP Kitty Freeman 9:15am RIP Mary O'Conner	7:00pm Lent Penitential Service
Friday 11th April Lent Feria	11:30pm Ints Ken Holmes	11:00am Stations of the Cross
Saturday 12th April Lent Feria	12:30pm Ints Bridie Farren	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 13th April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE	8:30am RIP Brewdan & Thomas Weir 10:30am RIP John Joe Dowd	No Coffee Morning 2:00pm Stations of the Cross

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£438.30**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£107.00**

**Building Fund:
£826.47**

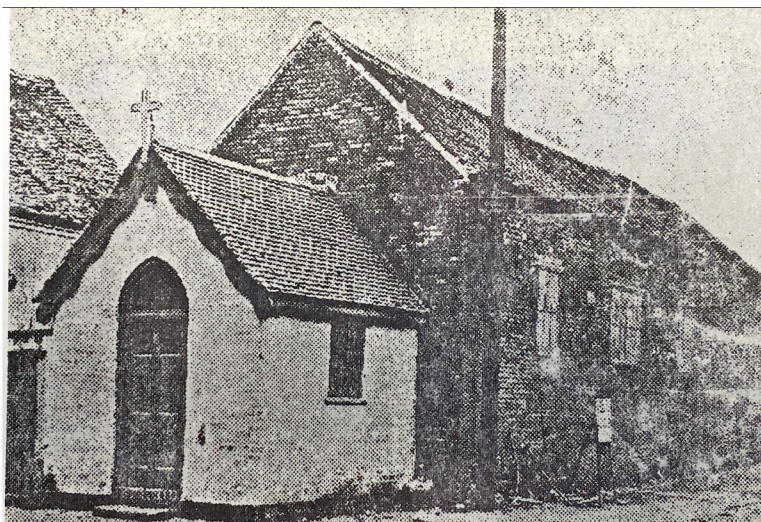
**Standing Order for
the month of
November:
£1,625.00**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 247**

**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**

CENTENARY OF FIRST MASS SAID IN SCOTT ARMS

**14th
April
1925**



The First Church, 1925 — originally the club room of the "Scott Arms."

**14th
April
2025**

Bishop Glancey was concerned that some were unable to get to Mass at all from Great Barr area. The task of establishing a mission in the locality was taken up by Father, later Monsignor, Henry Thomas and he secured the use of a large barn attached to the Scoot Arms, which was made available by M&B Mitchells and Butlers at a nominal rent of a shilling a year. The First Mass took place on Easter Tuesday 14th April, 1925, when Father Henry Thomas officiated at High Mass at 10:30 am. The large congregation included many from Walsall. The mission was dedicated to The Holy Name of Jesus, to which Father Henry Thomas had a particular devotion.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

Please take a card with details of all the Services for Holy Week and Easter.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We need Readers, Ministers and Church Wardens for the Services. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church if you can help. Thank you.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES FOR THIS YEAR

Our Parish is grateful to all who do Gift Aid their Offertory Donations. It is a great financial support to our parish. We encourage parishioners who pay tax to Gift Aid your offertory donations. We also encourage people to set up a standing order as this is easier for everyone. To set up a Standing Order and to Gift Aid please collect an application form from the Parish Office. Those parishioners who Gift Aid via the envelop boxes can now collect them from the Church Porch. Many thanks for your support to our parish.

**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Isaiah 50:4-7;
Ps 21;
Philippians
2:6-11;
Luke 22:14-23:56
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