



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
23RD TO 31ST AUGUST
2025**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**Today's
Mass Readings**
Isaiah
66:18-21;
Ps 116;
Hebrews
12:5-7, 11-13;
Luke 13:22-30
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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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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Jesus and the Letter to the Hebrews remind us that the path to God is narrow, demanding, and full of lessons. Pursuing it, not all endure—some slip, some grow distracted, others turn back. This is the image Jesus gives when He speaks of the narrow door to salvation. In life, every achievement, whether in sports, business, or the spiritual life, requires effort, sacrifice, and perseverance. Success is never “easy-peasy.” The path is challenging, often discouraging, and yet it forms strength. Salvation is much the same: it is not automatic, inherited, or gained by simply being near the right people. It demands commitment and endurance.

The Letter to the Hebrews teaches: *“The Lord trains those He loves.”* Just as parents guide and correct their children out of love, so God disciplines us. Left unguided, we could wander into ruin. A study once showed that 76% of young offenders had an absent father—an image of what happens when guidance is missing. God does not abandon us; He trains us so that we may bear fruit in peace and goodness. Consider athletes, entrepreneurs, or spiritual leaders. All endured repeated failures, sacrifices, and discipline before reaching their goals. Think of a marathon runner: early mornings, aching muscles, mental strain. Yet each moment of pain builds endurance and resilience. Their triumph comes not because the path was easy, but because it was tested.

Our spiritual life works the same way. God’s discipline strengthens faith, tempers character, and prepares us to pass through the narrow door into eternal life. Growth is gradual: Rome was built brick by brick; we reach milestones one step at a time. So too with God: our journey is built prayer by prayer, act by act, moment by moment. Begin where you are. Capture inspiration when it comes. In these small, faithful steps, we discover that the narrow door leads to the fullness of life with God.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Annette Keates, Arthur Lynch, Anis Kazmie, Brendan Grogan, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Enid King, June Pountney, Henry Miller, Maureen Hurley, Mary Harding, Katie Breen, Teresa Goddard, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Janet Chamberlain, Rudolf and Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Bridget Whitfield, Patricia Lacey, Bob Hennessey, and Doreen Kingscott.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently, especially Patrick Flaherty, Sheila Shearon, Barbara Zyla, Joseph Saunders, Patricia Flanagan, Marie Harris, Joe Harrison, Ken Lawrence, Madge Allen, William Sweeney, Joseph Poyner, Mary Hughes, Matthew Hobson, Frank Laurent, Ian Hunter, Frances Clenton, Mary Glidden, Mark Kingscott and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

CARD PAYMENTS

We are pleased to announce that like many other Churches in the Diocese, we are now able to take offerings and second collection donations by card payment.

We have installed a 'Dona' card reader machine, which can be found at the back of the Church, it's very straightforward to use, you just need to follow the on-screen instructions.

If you wish to Gift Aid your donations, the first time you use the card reader, you will be asked for your full name, email address and postcode. The reader is linked to software that retains your Gift Aid information, so you will only need to enter this information the first time you use your payment card.

The card reader is fully secure and none of your personal details are held on the reader itself. It works just like using your card in a shop.

As normal we will also continue to collect offerings by Cash collection and Standing Order. We hope that the introduction of the card reader will provide an alternative method of donating for those who prefer to use it.

MANY THANKS

A very special thanks to all the volunteers, especially our dedicated cleaning ladies, for making all the arrangements for the Farewell Party on Saturday, August 16th. Your hard work and support made the event truly memorable.

This Week Saturday 23rd August – Sunday 31st August (Psalter Week 1)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 23rd August Feast of St John Wall, Priest, Martyr	12:30pm RIP Bernadette James RIP Antonio Jose Rebello	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 24th August TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR FR KURIAKOSE	8:30am Ints Phillys Thompson 10:30am RIP Don Heath	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Marian, Chris and Friends
Monday 25th August Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am RIP Barry Baker	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 26th August Feast of Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God, Priest, Religious	9:15am RIP Tommie Monaghan	
Wednesday 27th August Memorial of St Monica	11:30am RIP Sybel Elizabeth Gorham	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 28th August Memorial of St Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9:15am RIP Michael Reveilles and Family	
Friday 29th August Memorial of the Passion of Saint John the Baptist, Martyr	11:30pm Ints Manuelina Vaz	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 30th August Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm RIP Colum Conway	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 31st August TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE	8:30am RIP Michael and Catherine Freeman 10:30am Ints Catherine Campbell	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by SVP 12:00pm Baptism

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£482.95**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£153.30**

**Parish Levies:
£175.13**

**Standing Order for
the month of
March: £**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 231**



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**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Ecclesiasticus
3:17-20, 28-29;
Ps 67;
Hebrews
12:18-19, 22-24;
Luke 14:1, 7-14
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FAREWELL AND BEST WISHES TO DR. KURIAKOSE THADATHIL

After his dedicated service to our parish, Dr. Kuriakose Thadathil will be moving on from Holy Name of Jesus Parish. He has been appointed by Archbishop Bernard Longley as the new Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Assumption Church, Tile Hill, Coventry. We are deeply grateful for his time, leadership, and spiritual care during his ministry with us. He leaves with our heartfelt thanks and warmest wishes as he begins this next chapter of service.

PARISH MISSION PREPARATION

Fr Royston will preach in our parish on Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st August as part of our preparation for the upcoming Parish Mission. All parishioners are encouraged to attend and take part in this time of spiritual renewal and community prayer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

20th September, 2025 - Multicultural Evening
4th-10th October, 2025- Parish Mission
15th November, 2025 - Christmas Fayre
6th December, 2025 - Senior Citizen Party
4th January, 2026 - Parish Feast Day

MULTI-CULTURAL EVENING

Saturday, 20th September 2025 • 7:00 PM

Join us for our annual Multi-Cultural Evening, a joyful celebration of the many cultures that enrich our parish community. Share your talents through song, music, dance, or other cultural expressions. To participate, please register your name and contact details using the form in the Church Porch. If you can assist with food, kindly sign up on the sheet in the Porch. Donations of raffle prizes are warmly welcomed. Please complete the invitation form and return it **by 14th September 2025**. Let's come together for an evening of unity, culture, and celebration!

HOLY NAME YOUTH GROUP RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

The Holy Name Youth Group will resume activities this September. Gatherings will be held on the **First and Third Sundays of every month at 12:00 Noon**. All youth are invited to join us for faith sharing, fellowship, games, and activities that foster both spiritual and social growth. This is a wonderful opportunity to build friendships, deepen faith, and participate in the life of our parish community. **All are welcome.**