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HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
2ND TO 10TH AUGUST
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
Ecclesiastes
1:2, 2:21-23;
Ps 89 or 94;
Colossians
3:1-5, 9-11;
Luke 12:13-21
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In Luke 12:13–21, Jesus tells the parable of the Rich Fool, a man who believed his wealth could guarantee security, comfort, and joy. Blessed with a plentiful harvest, he resolved to tear down his barns and build bigger ones to store all his grain. His plan? To retire early and “eat, drink, and be merry.” But God called him a fool. Why? Because that very night, his life was demanded of him. All his careful plans, all his wealth - none of it could follow him into eternity. The man was rich in possessions, but **poor toward God**.

Jesus used this parable to warn us about the danger of avarice, the greedy desire for more. He reminds us: **“Life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”** We are not defined by what we own, but by who we are before God. To be **rich toward God** means investing in eternal things: generosity, compassion, humility, and faith. It means trusting not in our bank accounts but in God’s grace. It means seeking His kingdom first, knowing that everything else will be added in His time.

This parable is not about a man long ago. It’s about us today. We are all storing up treasures somewhere. The question is: Are we storing up treasures in heaven? Let us examine our hearts. Do we cling to things, or to Christ? Will we be ready when our time comes? Jesus gave up the riches of heaven to make us spiritually rich through His poverty on the cross. Choose Him, and you gain everything. **“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”** (Matthew 6:21)

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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 Bernard Donaghey, Bill Watton, John Ward, Paul Burns, Stephen Garrett, Bridie Kennedy, Helen Murray, Wilf Hayes, Norah Hughes, Thomas Round, Bernadette Mortlock, Kate Coleman, James Casey, Dawn Rutherford, Lesley Rice and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Requiem Mass for Christine Anne Elcocks is on Thursday 14th August 2025 at Holy Name of Jesus Parish at 10:00 am followed by burial at Heath Lane at 11:30 am.

We are saddened to inform you of the passing of our former parishioner, Mr Conal Gildea, who departed this life on 31st July 2025. His funeral service will take place on Saturday, 2nd August at 10:00 am in Ireland. Let us remember him in our prayers and pray for the repose of his soul.

OUR PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HEDNESFORD**Friday, 15th August 2025**

We warmly invite all parishioners to join our pilgrimage to Hednesford on the Feast of the Assumption. To help us arrange transport, please sign your name on the list in the church porch if you plan to attend.

Pilgrimage Schedule

10:30 am – Departure

11:15 am – Devotions & Rosary in the Grotto

12:00 pm – Mass with Anointing in the Church

1:00 pm – Adoration

1:30 pm – Lunch in the Hall

□ **Please bring your own lunch.**

Let's come together for a day of prayer, reflection, and community. We hope you will join us for this special spiritual journey.

This Week Saturday 2nd August – Sunday 10th August (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 2nd August Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Ints Jade Keates and James Duckett	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 3rd August EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR CHURCH MAINTENANCE	8:30am RIP Leslie Williams 10:30am Ints Fr Christopher Yule	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by SVP 12:00pm Baptism
Monday 4th August Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest	11:30am RIP Segely and Eveline Connor	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 5th August Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Birth Rowena Bissell	
Wednesday 6th August Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord	11:30am RIP Elizabeth Faughnan	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 7th August Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Ints Rev David J Barry	
Friday 8th August Memorial of St Dominic, Priest	11:30pm RIP Conal Gildea	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 9th August Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr, Patron of Europe	12:30pm RIP Michael McInerney RIP Patricia Flanagan	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 10th August NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	8:30am RIP Mary Ann Puffer 10:30am Ints Trevor Tubb	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Holy Name Choir 12:00pm Baptism

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£448.48**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£131.60**

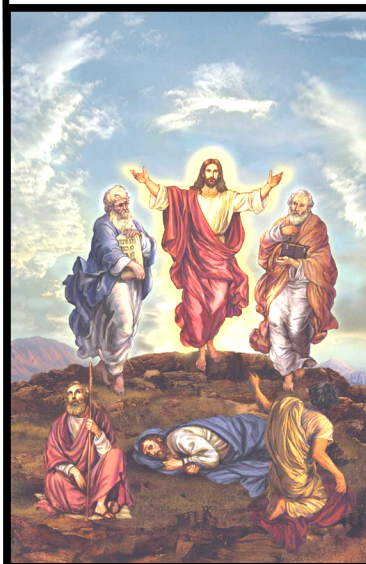
**Parish Levies:
£87.94**

**Building Fund:
£307.51**

**Standing Order for
the month of
March:
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**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday:213**

**Thank you for
supporting our**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Wisdom 18:6-9;
Ps 32;
Hebrews
11:1-2, 8-19;
Luke 12:35-48
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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**. Dr. Thadathil will officially take charge of his new parish on **September 1st**. 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.

YOU'RE INVITED!

FAREWELL CELEBRATION FOR FATHER KURIAKOSE ON SATURDAY 16TH AUGUST AT 6.00 PM IN THE CENTRE

With grateful hearts and joyful spirits, we invite you to join us as we celebrate the dedicated service and faithful ministry of Father Kuriakose. Let us come together as a parish community to thank father Kuriakose for his service at our church.

A hot buffet meal and refreshments will be served. For catering purposes, please sign the sheet in the porch. We look forward to celebrating with you.

ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN TO BE A DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

The Archdiocese is rejoicing following the news St John Henry Newman will be declared a Doctor of the Church. Pope Leo made the official announcement – Conferral of the Title of Doctor of the Church on **Thursday 31 July**, during an audience with His Most Reverend Eminence Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints. The title of Doctor of the Church is given to Saints who have made a significant contribution to theology or doctrine through their research, study or writing.

YOUTH GROUP - SIGN UP FOR ADORARE

A night of Encounter, Praise and Worship for Young Adults on Friday 29 August, 6 pm to 9 pm at The Friary, St Bernards Road, Solihull, B92 7BL. The Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT) invites young adults 18+ across the Archdiocese to join Adorare. An opportunity to hear testimonies from young adults, moments for prayer, time for reflection and a shared meal. Please contact our Parish Youth Volunteers for registration.