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**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
9TH TO 17TH 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
Wisdom 18:6-9;
Ps 32;
Hebrews
11:1-2, 8-19;
Luke 12:35-48
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In the Gospel of this week, as with last week's, Jesus gently and firmly urges us to loosen our grip on possessions and trust more deeply in God. He calls us to travel light, to give generously, to store up treasure that won't rot or fade, and to keep our hearts awake, our lamps lit, always ready to welcome Him.

But how do we live this out? The second reading from Hebrews gives us the key through the lives of Abraham and Sarah. Abraham left behind wealth, security, and home simply because God said, "Go." With no map or guarantee, he stepped forward in faith. Sarah, long past childbearing age, dared to believe in a promise that seemed impossible. Their lives became testimonies of courageous love, not blind belief, but trust in the One who sees what we cannot.

Faith is often less about understanding and more about surrender. Abraham's greatest test came when asked to sacrifice Isaac, the child of the promise. And still, he trusted. Why? Because he believed God could bring life even from death.

We, too, are pilgrims. This world is not our final home. We are called to journey, not to settle. Think of refugees forced to leave everything behind, or pilgrims walking the Camino, choosing discomfort in pursuit of something deeper. In both, we see a reflection of our spiritual path: letting go, stepping out, walking toward the unseen.

Faith doesn't promise clarity, but it does promise God's presence. The journey begins not with certainty, but with surrender. So today, let us ask for the courage to let go, to walk in faith, and to trust, not in what we see, but in the One who calls us forward.

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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 Annie Sargeant, Evelyn Atkins, Cyril Bolton, Jean King, James Moore, Douglas Holder, Harry Barnes, George Barker, Eileen Sawyer, Helena Davenport, Philip Ignatius Harkin, Arthur Harding, Jeannie Sturt, Kathleen Wynn, John Peach 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.

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.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

This Week Saturday 9th August – Sunday 17th August (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
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
Monday 11th August Memorial of St Clare, Virgin	11:30am RIP Danny O'Sullivan	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 12th August Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Birth Sheila Lyons	
Wednesday 13th August Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am RIP Paul Florin	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 14th August Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr	10:00am Requiem Mass for Christine Anne Elcocks	
Friday 15th August SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Parish Pilgrimage to Hednesford 7:00pm Holy Mass in Church Ints Dezzy Marco	11:15am Devotion, Rosary 12:00pm Healing Mass 1:00pm Adoration 1:30pm Lunch
Saturday 16th August Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm RIP John Peach	12:00pm Confession 6:00pm Farewell Party
Sunday 17th August TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30am RIP Ann Mulkin 10:30am RIP Bernie James	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Helena, Marie and Friends

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£425.24**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£102.50**

**Parish
Maintenance:
£171.48**

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

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 234**

**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Jeremiah
38:4-6, 8-10;
Ps 39;
Hebrews 12:1-4;
Luke 12:49-53
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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.

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.

LEAVING COLLECTION FOR FR. KURIAKOSE

As Fr. Kuriakose prepares to leave our parish, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude. To show our appreciation and to send him off with our prayers and blessings, a leaving collection will be held after each Mass on Saturday, 23rd and Sunday, 24th August. If you would like to contribute, you can do so during the retiring collection, or you may drop your donation in an envelope at the parish office during the week.

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. We shall be leaving the church at 10:30 am and the cost of the transport will be £ 15 per person. This can be paid before the day to the office or the coach.

☐ **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.