



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
6TH TO 14TH
SEPTEMBER
2025**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**Today's
Mass Readings
Wisdom 9:13-18;
Ps 89;
Philemon
9-10, 12-17;
Luke 14:25-33
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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**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Deborah Ferris. She can be contacted at sg.holyname.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This Sunday's Gospel offers us two powerful images of discipleship. First, Jesus compares it to building a tower. Imagine an architect spreading out the blueprint, pencil in hand, carefully counting the cost—are there enough bricks, enough workers, enough energy to finish? Nobody wants to begin only to stop halfway through. Then, Jesus compares discipleship to a king preparing for battle. The king considers his soldiers, weighs the risks, and even negotiates peace if necessary. Both examples remind us that following Christ requires reflection, courage, and readiness.

Discipleship is not accidental or casual. It is a lifelong adventure with unexpected turns, moments of joy, and times of challenge. Some days feel like climbing a mountain barefoot, while others are smooth and easy. Yet every step, every moment of perseverance, brings us closer to the Kingdom. To follow Christ means staying flexible, resilient, and trusting that the One who guides us will see us through.

Our first reading, from the Book of Wisdom, is a humbling and uplifting reminder of our place before God. We struggle even to understand the realities of this world—how a bird takes flight, how a seed becomes a flower—let alone the mysteries of heaven. Yet creation itself is filled with little “windows” into God's wisdom, creativity, and love. Each sunrise, each living creature, each detail of life reflects His care. And in the middle of this vast and intricate creation, the Psalmist's question comes alive: *“What is man that you care for him?”* Yet God does care, deeply and personally. God's wisdom far surpasses ours; trusting Him brings peace even in uncertainty. Our knowledge is small and fragile, yet His insight is like the sun—limitless and steady. To see His greatness is also to see our dignity: small, fragile, yet infinitely loved.

Fr. Jibu Mathew



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, Lynne Allan.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently, especially Frank Atkinson, Gerald Humphries, Betty Centurion, Mabel Lynch, Ken Lawrence, Joanne Clement, Noreen Blake, Aleksander Piorowski, Emily Carr, Patrick Waldron, Ann O'Malloran, Michael Purcell, Bridget Cahill, Douglas Meghan, Margaret Charles, Paul Sumners, Shirley Guerin, Mary Richards, and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We are saddened to inform you of the passing of Margaret Langford. Let us remember her in our prayers and pray for the repose of her soul.

Requiem Mass for Jessie Henderson on Friday 12th September 2025, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish at 11:00 pm followed by Cremation at Perry Barr Crematorium at 12:30 pm.

Requiem Mass for Adela Louisa Nock on Wednesday 24th September 2025, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish at 11:00 pm followed by Committal at Heath Lane Cemetery at 12:30 pm.

PARISH MISSION 2025

Our parish will be holding a special Mission Week on Saturday 4th – Friday 10th October 2025. It is a blessed time of spiritual renewal, reflection, and prayer for our whole community. Fr Royston will help us prepare our hearts and minds for the Mission. Everyone is warmly encouraged to attend.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding a Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support on Friday 26th September, from 12 noon to 2.00 pm, after the 11:30 am Mass in the Parish Centre. Donations of raffle prizes, good quality fancy goods (no jumble, please), and cakes on the day would be very much appreciated. Thank you for your support!

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr. Jibu Mathew

PARISH DEACON

Rev. Terry Charles
(Retired)

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This Week Saturday 6th September– Sunday 14th September (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 6th September Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm Ints John and Margaret Hill	12:00pm Confession 4:00pm Kongani Mass
Sunday 7th September TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	8:30am Ints Mary and Kevin Askew 10:30am RIP Philip Davies	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Holy Name Choir 12:00pm Baptism
Monday 8th September Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	11:30am RIP Pauline Callaghan	11:00am Divine Mercy 6:30pm SVP Meeting
Tuesday 9th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Ints Anna Homenko and Family	
Wednesday 10th September Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am RIP Peggy Rodgers	11:00am Rosary
Thursday 11th September Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am St Mark's School Ints Rosaleen Grogan	4:30pm Finance Council Meeting
Friday 12th September Feria in Ordinary Time	11:00am Requiem Mass for Jessie Henderson	
Saturday 13th September Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	12:30pm Ints Mike and Annette Keates	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 14th September FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30am RIP Pauline Callaghan 10:30am Platts Family	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Helena, Marie and Friends

Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£563.47

Gift Aid Envelopes:
£104.00

Parish
Maintenance:
£ 178.45

Standing Order for
the month of
March: £

Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 245



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Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.

Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Numbers 21:4-9;
Ps 77;
Philippians
2:6-11;
John 3:13-17
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MULTI-CULTURAL EVENING

Saturday, 20th September 2025 • 7:00 PM

You are warmly invited to our **Annual Multi-Cultural Evening** – a joyful celebration of the many cultures that enrich our parish community!

What to Expect:

- Inspiring performances of **song, music, dance, and cultural expressions**
 - Delicious **food from around the world**
 - A chance to celebrate **unity, culture, and community**
- ☐ **Want to Perform?** Register your name and contact details using the form in the **Church Porch**.
- ☐ **Can You Help with Food?** Please sign up on the **Food Contribution Sheet** in the Porch.
- ☐ **Raffle Prizes:** Donations are warmly welcomed!
- ☐ **Important:** Please complete and return the invitation form by **14th September 2025**.

Let's come together for an evening of **friendship, culture, and celebration!**

MARIST WAY MEETING

The Marist Way group will meet on Tuesday 9th September at 2:00 pm in the Convent. All are welcome.

CSSA Thematic Inspection of Survivor Engagement

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) are undertaking a thematic inspection of survivor engagement and support, and the Archdiocese of Birmingham has been chosen as one of the Dioceses to be involved in this project. As such, all Dioceses and Religious Life Groups (RLGs) have been asked by the CSSA to share a public survey inviting survivors to contribute their experiences. The purpose of this public call is to gather information from anyone who has had recent contact with the Archdiocese of Birmingham, or any other Diocese or RLG. This includes experiences that are new or ongoing, as well as those connected to non-recent abuse, both in a faith context and outside of faith. While the primary focus is the period from July 2024 onwards, the CSSA do not wish to limit what survivors choose to share. Information regarding this survey can be found via: www.catholicsafeguarding.org.uk/contact-us-and-other-information/public-calls-for-information/

The direct link to the survey is:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=SSQzRY2fT0OpJmB_Xy63KLBEXoG2tIVAm_9UYqKjMSFUOTc5TzILTEdTWkUySjhaTIU0QURaOU05SC4u If you haven't previously engaged with the Archdiocese of Birmingham Safeguarding team but feel that it would be helpful to do so, please don't hesitate to contact the Safeguarding office on 0121-230-6240, or by emailing safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk. The survey is an important step in ensuring that survivor voices are heard, valued, and used to shape future safeguarding practice. We are committed to supporting survivors with compassion and sensitivity and are grateful to all those who have already shared their experience and work in partnership with us to improve support for survivors"