



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**TWENTY-EIGHTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
11TH TO 19TH
OCTOBER
2025**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**Today's
Mass Readings
2 Kings 5:14-17;
Ps 97;
2 Timothy
2:8-13;
Luke 17:11-19
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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,

This Sunday's readings invite us to reflect on healing, gratitude, and faithfulness.

In 2 Kings 5:14-17, we hear the story of Naaman, the Syrian commander, who is cured of leprosy by following the prophet Elisha's simple instructions. Naaman's healing comes not through his own power, but through obedience and trust in God's guidance. In his joy and gratitude, he acknowledges that there is no God but the God of Israel, showing that true healing transforms not only the body but the heart.

In 2 Timothy 2:8-13, St. Paul reminds us of the centrality of Christ's resurrection. Paul encourages perseverance, even in the face of trials, because "if we are faithful, we will reign with him". Faithfulness in small and large ways, even when unnoticed, is a seed that bears eternal fruit. Paul's words remind us that our commitment to Christ is both a personal journey and a shared witness, calling us to trust God's promises even when life is challenging.

In Luke 17:11-19, Jesus heals ten lepers, yet only one returns to give thanks. This story reminds us that gratitude is essential to a life of faith. Healing and blessings are given freely by God, and recognizing them in prayer and thanksgiving draws us closer to Him. Like the grateful leper, we are invited to acknowledge God's work in our lives, to deepen our relationship with Him, and to witness His love to others.

These readings together call us to trust, perseverance, and gratitude. God's gifts—physical, spiritual, and relational—are often offered through simple acts of faith and obedience. Let us follow the examples of Naaman, St. Paul, and the thankful leper, embracing God's grace with humility, faithfulness, and heartfelt thanksgiving.

Fr Jibu Mathew



PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Annette Keates, 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.

ASSISTANT PRIEST

Fr. Jibu Mathew

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RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently, especially Rose Coll, Anthony Dolan, Jennifer Baxter, Anne Haycock, Anthony Geary, Thomas Clarke, Frank Edwards, Sydney Burgiss, Bridget Atkinson, John Santy, Thomas Conway, Anthony Sampays, Dermot Cox, John Brady, Bridget Fielding, Mary Murphy, Bridget Ward, Michael O'Leary, Jim grogan, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Requiem Mass for Arthur Wilfrid Lynch is on Wednesday 15th October 2025, at Holy Name of Jesus Parish at 11:30 pm followed by cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 1:00 pm. Arthur is received into the Church on Tuesday 14th October 2025 at 4 pm.

PARISH MISSION 2025

As our Parish Mission Week draws to a close, we give thanks to God for this special time of grace, renewal, and prayer within our community. We are deeply grateful to Fr. Royston Price and Fr. Peter Hill for leading us with faith, insight, and compassion. Their words and presence have helped us to reflect more deeply on our relationship with God and one another. A heartfelt thank you to all who took part. Your presence and support made this a true celebration of faith and community.

May the fruits of this Mission continue to grow in our lives, our families, and our parish. Let us go forward renewed in hope, faith, and love, trusting that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide and bless our parish family.

MARIST WAY MEETING

The Marist Way group will meet on Tuesday 14th October at 2:00pm in the Convent. All are welcome.

PIETY STALL

Christmas is on its way! A beautiful selection of Christmas cards and gifts is now available from the Piety Stall after each weekend Mass. Come and browse for something special to share with family and friends.

This Week Saturday 11th October– Sunday 19th October (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 11th October Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm RIP Jim Lynch	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 12th October TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH MISSION	8:30am RIP Winifred Melody 10:30am Ints Terry Drain	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Hele- na, Marie and Friends 12:00pm Baptism
Monday 13th October Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Ints Kath Satchwell	11:00am Divine Mercy 6:30pm SVP Meeting
Tuesday 14th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am RIP John King	4:00pm Reception to Arthur Wilfrid Lynch
Wednesday 15th October Memorial of St Teresa of Jesus, Virgin, Doctor of the Church	11:30am Requiem Mass for Arthur Wilfrid Lynch	11:00 Rosary
Thursday 16th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am St Mark's School Ints Kasia Ryan	6:00pm Volunteers meet- ing for Christmas Fayre
Friday 17th October Memorial of St Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop, Martyr	11:30am Healing Mass Ints Alice and Aneeta Shajan Ints Dezzy Marco	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 18th October Feast of St Luke, Evangelist	12:30pm RIP Paddy Waldron	12:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 19th October TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR MISSION SUNDAY	8:30am Ints Sampays Family 10:30am RIP Michael and Christina Foley	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Marian, Chris and Friends 12:00pm Baptism

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£461.76**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£170.00**

**Building Fund:
£167.84**

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

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 259
Scan QR Code**



To Donate

**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**

**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Exodus 17:8-13;
Ps 120;
2 Timothy
3:14-4:2;
Luke 18:1-8
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WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH PRIEST

Archbishop Bernard Longley has appointed Fr. Christopher Miller as the new Parish Priest of Holy Name, Great Barr. Fr Christopher will be taking up his appointment at the end of October. Fr Jibu Matthew will be leaving the parish at the end of October and will receive a new pastoral appointment within the archdiocese.

INVITATION

We rejoice with our former Parish Priest, Fr. Kuriakose Thadathil, who has been elected as Bishop and Apostolic Visitor to Europe for the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church. His Episcopal Ordination will take place on 22nd November 2025 in India. A special celebration, the Sunthoniso, will be held on Saturday, 6th December 2025 at 2:30 p.m. at The New Bingley Hall, Birmingham (B18 5PP). Bishop-Elect Msgr. Kuriakose Thadathil warmly invites all parishioners to join in this joyful occasion and to keep him in your prayers. If you would like to attend the celebration, please inform Fr Jibu Mathew.

HOLY NAME YOUTH GROUP RESUMES

The Holy Name Youth Group meets on the first and third Sundays of each month at 12:00 p.m. . **Next Gathering is on Sunday, 19th October.** Everyone is welcome — bring a friend!

DEANERY GATHERED NETWORK – PARISH YOUTH MINISTRY

The Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT) is launching a new Deanery Network for Parish Youth Ministry, called “Gathered.” All parishes in the Birmingham East and North Deanery are invited to take part. Each parish is encouraged to send a representative to share ideas, hear about resources, and explore ways to grow youth ministry together.

- **First Meeting: Monday, 14th October, 7:00–8:30 p.m.**
- **Venue: Holy Name, Great Barr**

VOLUNTEERS' MEETING – CHRISTMAS FAYRE

We're getting ready for our Christmas Fayre! A volunteers' meeting will be held on Thursday 16th October at 6.00 pm in the parish office. If you would like to help in any way, big or small, please come along – your support will make all the difference as we prepare for this joyful event.

SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY

You are warmly invited to our Senior Citizens' Party, which will be held in the Parish Centre on Saturday, 6th December 2025. Please collect a letter from the Church Porch after Mass, complete the reply form, and return it as soon as possible to help us with arrangements.