



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

TWENTY-NINTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
18TH TO 26TH
OCTOBER
2025

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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Today'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 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 give us two striking images of perseverance in prayer. On the hilltop, Moses raises his hands in intercession while Joshua battles below. When Moses' arms stay lifted, Israel prevails; when they falter, the tide turns. It's a living reminder that when we remain steadfast in prayer, grace flows — but when we give up, our strength wanes. In the Gospel, we meet the widow who refuses to be silenced. Though powerless in her society, her persistence wears down an unjust judge. Her determination turns weakness into victory.

Together, these stories teach us three lessons. First, **prayer and perseverance always win**. Even when nothing seems to change, grace keeps flowing to those who keep their hearts lifted to God. Second, **we do not pray alone**. When Moses grew weary, Aaron and Hur held up his arms. So too in the Church — when one of us grows tired, the faith and prayer of others sustain us. Third, **every role matters**. Joshua fought, Moses prayed, Aaron and Hur supported — each played a vital part. This is how the Church works best: many hands, one heart, united in faith.

History and the saints show us this truth. The **Battle of Lepanto** was won through the prayers of the Rosary. **St Monica's** 17 years of patient prayer brought her son, St Augustine, home to God. Prayer is like spiritual exercise — hard to begin, but once we start, it fills us with life and peace. It may not always change God's plan, but it always changes us. So keep showing up. Keep lifting your heart, like Moses on the hill, the widow at the judge's door, and St Monica at her window of hope. In perseverance, prayer becomes power — the breath that keeps our souls alive.

Fr Jibu Mathew



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Fr. Jibu Mathew

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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.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently, especially Noel Baynes, Alana Anderson, Patrick McElroy, Annie Wood, Philomena Crowin, Bernard Tumbelty, Mary Holder, Edward Brennan, James Joseph Abbott, Mary O'Grady, Bill Kingston, Alice Flynn, Terrence McHugh, John Grummett, Mary Morrow, Tytus Forszewski, Maureen Cullen, Johann Csucsmi, Annie Campbell, and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

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.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Our **Annual Christmas Fayre** will take place on **Saturday, 15th November 2025**, following the **12:30 pm Mass** in the **Parish Centre**. Your generous donations are always greatly appreciated as they help make the Fayre a wonderful parish event for everyone to enjoy.

We are currently in need of:

- **Chocolates**
- **Cakes**
- **Bottles**
- **Fancy goods**
- **Bric-a-brac**
- **New electrical items**

We are also seeking **prizes for the main raffle** — these can be left in the **Parish Office** at your convenience.

Please note that we are **unable to accept clothes, books, CDs, or jumble**.

Thank you for your kindness and continued support.

Your contributions truly make a difference!

This Week Saturday 11th October– Sunday 19th October (Psalter Week 4)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
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
Monday 20th October Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass	6:30pm Parish Council Meeting
Tuesday 21st October Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am RIP Norah Murphy and all deceased members of the Murphy Family	
Wednesday 22nd October Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Holy Name School Mass in Church Ints Sandra Pearson	11:00 Rosary
Thursday 23rd October Feria in Ordinary Time	9:00am St Mark's School RIP Bernadette Sampays	
Friday 24th October Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Healing Mass Ints Weston Family	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 25th October Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm RIP Eileen Poucher	12:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 26th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES	8:30am Ints Rudolph And Irne Sampays 10:30am RIP Christine Smith	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by SVP 12:00pm Baptism

Last Week's

Offertory

Collection:

£547.69

Gift Aid Envelopes:

£105.20

Parish Mission:

£195.48

Building Fund:

£500.00

Standing Order for

the month of

March: £

Mass Attendance

Last Sunday: 298



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Thank you for
supporting our
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Ecclesiasticus
35:12-14, 16-19;

Ps 32;

2 Timothy

4:6-8, 16-18;

Luke 18:9-14

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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 Liturgical celebration will be held on Saturday, 6th December 2025 at 2:30 p.m. 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.

SENIOR CITIZENS' PARTY – CHANGE OF DATE

Due to the **Special Liturgical Celebration on Saturday, 6th December**, for the **Inauguration of the Apostolic Mission of the Apostolic Visitor for Europe Visitor**, and as many of our **Parish Council members** who help organise the event will be participating in the programme, we have **postponed the Senior Citizens' Party to Saturday, 13th December 2025**.

We apologise for any inconvenience this change may cause and warmly invite all our senior parishioners to join us for this special celebration, which will be held in the **Parish Centre**.

If you have already collected and returned your invitation letter, there is no need to do anything further. If not, 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 our arrangements.

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!

TODAY IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.