



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
25TH OCTOBER TO
2ND NOVEMBER
2025**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**Today's
Mass Readings
Ecclesiasticus
35:12-14, 16-19;
Ps 32;
2Timothy
4:6-8, 16-18;
Luke 18:9-14**

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As I prepare to take my leave from Holy Name of Jesus Parish, I do so with a heart filled with gratitude and many cherished memories. It is hard to believe that I have now served here as Assistant Parish Priest for 2 years, 9 months, and 7 days. These have been truly grace-filled years, and I thank God for the privilege of sharing this time with you.

From the very first day I arrived, I was welcomed with such warmth and kindness. You opened your hearts and together we have walked the journey of faith as one family. I have been blessed to celebrate the sacraments with you, to pray alongside you, to share in your joys and sorrows, and to witness your deep love for God and for one another.

My time here has been a wonderful chapter in my priestly ministry. Each Mass celebrated, each baptism, confession, and funeral has been a sacred encounter where I have felt the presence of Christ alive in our parish community. Your faith and devotion have been an inspiration to me and have strengthened my own calling as a priest.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to each and every one of you — for your love, care, and concern; for your prayers, encouragement, and friendship; and for all the quiet acts of kindness shown to me throughout my time here.

As I move forward to the next stage of my ministry, please keep me in your prayers, just as I will continue to remember you all in mine. May the Holy Name of Jesus continue to bless, guide, and protect this wonderful parish always.

Fr Jibu Mathew



ASSISTANT PRIEST

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 Eric Round, Annie O'Gara, Frieda Farrell, Anthony Dolan, Ada Connolly, Harold Styles, Bridie Wozniak, Audrey Clewlow, John Kinsella, Ralph Lloyd, Margaret Walsh, Jack Cannon, Josephine Conway, Joe Digman, Terence Verdon, Marion Elrington, Martin Higgins, John McCann, Rosemary Browning, Jackie Conway, 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 25th October Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm RIP Eileen Poucher	12:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 26th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME LEAVING COLLECTION FOR FR JIBU MATHEW	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
Monday 27th October Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Ints John & Margaret Beirne and Family	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 28th October Feast of Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles	No Mass	
Wednesday 29th October Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Thursday 30th October Feria in Ordinary Time	No Mass	
Friday 31st October Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Ints Maurs Dolan and Family	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 1st November Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm RIP Jackie Conway	12:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 2nd November SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS RETIRING COLLECTION FOR JOHNSON ASSOCIATION	8:30am RIP Margaret Langford 10:30am RIP Rose Bohan	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Holy Name Choir 12:00pm Baptism

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£609.53**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£142.00**

**Mission Sunday:
£236.09**

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

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 260**



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**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**

**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

**Apocalypse
7:2-4, 9-14;**

Ps 23;

**1 John 3:1-3;
Matthew 5:1-12**

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WELCOME, REVEREND FR. CHRISTOPHER MILLER!

We're so happy to welcome Rev. Fr. Christopher Miller as our new Parish Priest here at Holy Name of Jesus, Great Barr!

It's a real joy to have him joining our parish family, and we look forward to getting to know him in the weeks ahead. We're grateful to God for sending us a priest to guide and journey with us in faith, prayer, and community life.

Let's keep Rev. Fr. Christopher Miller in our prayers as he settles in and begins this new chapter of his ministry. We hope he'll quickly feel at home here among us — and we can't wait to share many moments of faith, friendship, and laughter together.

MASS FOR ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

There will be a special Mass for All the Faithful Departed on Monday, 3rd November at 7.00 pm here in our parish.

This is a precious time for us to come together in prayer and remembrance, as we commend our loved ones who have gone before us into the loving mercy of God.

Everyone is warmly invited to attend and to join in offering prayers for all who have died — especially our family members, friends, and parishioners.

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**, 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, 2nd November**. Everyone is welcome — bring a friend!