



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME
27TH SEPTEMBER TO
5TH OCTOBER
2025**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**Today's
Mass Readings**
Amos 6:1, 4-7;
Ps 145;
1Timothy
6:11-16;
Luke 16:1-13
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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,

The prophet Habakkuk voices a cry we all know well: "How long, O Lord, must I cry for help and you do not listen?" He looks upon violence, injustice, and destruction, and wonders where God is in the midst of it all. God's answer is not an immediate solution, but a call to patience and faith: "The righteous shall live by faith." Even when circumstances remain difficult, God asks us to trust in His promise.

The Psalm echoes this call with a warning: "O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts." When discouragement or weariness tempt us to close ourselves off, God invites us to remain open, attentive, and responsive to His word.

In the second reading, Paul encourages Timothy to rekindle the gift of God within him. Faith can grow dim through fear, neglect, or complacency, but the Spirit we have received is not one of timidity. It is a Spirit of power, love, and self-control. Paul reminds us to guard the treasure of faith entrusted to us, relying on the help of the Holy Spirit.

In the Gospel, the disciples ask Jesus, "Increase our faith." Jesus assures them that even faith as small as a mustard seed is powerful in God's hands. But He also reminds them that discipleship is not about earning recognition; we are servants, called simply to do what is required of us with humility.

Together, these readings challenge and console us. They remind us that in times of difficulty, God calls us not to despair but to deeper trust. Faith may seem small, but God can accomplish great things through it. Let us pray this week for the courage to live by faith, to rekindle God's gifts within us, and to serve Him humbly in all we do.

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 Hughie Boyle, James O'Reilly, Mary Kett, Franceline French, Ronald Kenney, James Hogan, Michael O'Mahony, Michael Igoe, Helen Nellist, Francis Donnelly, Anne Ferris, Eddie Hennessey, Frank Grennan, John Cleary, Maria Decosta Aires Clemente, Phyliss Reidy, Mary Tabor, Bridget Revill, John Sanders, Paul Boyle, Margaret Ann Jacob, Margaret Hughes, Jane Gordan, John Robinson, Michael Broomhall and all whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Requiem Mass for Arthur Wilfrid Lynch Nock 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.

THANK YOU FROM CATH AND FAMILY

Cath and her family would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone for the many good wishes, cards, and gifts received on the occasion of her **90th birthday**. Your kindness and thoughtfulness made this special milestone memorable.

PARISH MISSION 2025

Our parish will hold a **Mission Week** from **Saturday 4th – Friday 10th October 2025**.

It will be a time of **renewal, reflection, and prayer** for our whole community, led by **Fr. Royston Price and Fr Peter Hill**.

Leaflets (with a special prayer) are available in the porch. Please take for you and for your friends and family and include the prayer in your daily prayers.

Everyone is warmly invited. Bring family and friends!

Details are in the leaflet.

Let us use this blessed time for the **spiritual renewal of ourselves and our parish**.

This Week Saturday 27th September– Sunday 5th October (Psalter Week 2)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 27th September Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest	12:30pm Ints Joe McNally	12:00pm Confession
Sunday 28st September TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR FR HUDSON’S SOCIETY	8:30am Ints Sampaio Family 10:30am RIP Elizabeth Dempsey and Caroline Ward	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Marian, Chris and Friends 12:00pm Baptism
Monday 29th September Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels	11:30am Ints Shaun Vallely	11:00am Divine Mercy
Tuesday 30th September Memorial of St Jerome, Priest, Doctor of the Church	No Mass	
Wednesday 1st October Memorial of St Therese of the Child Jesus, Virgin	11:30am Holy Name School Mass in Church Ints Margaret Beirne	11:00 Rosary
Thursday 2nd October Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angel	9:00am St Mark’s School Ints Sheila Lyons	
Friday 3rd October Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am RIP Finola Moore	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 4th October Memorial of St Francis Assisi	12:30pm Ints Maureen Ursell	PARISH MISSION 12:00pm Confession
Sunday 5th October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	8:30am Ints Davie Family 10:30am RIP Michael Freeman and Catherine Freeman	PARISH MISSION Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Holy Name Choir 12:00pm Baptism

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£459.22**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£82.00**

**Catholic
Evangelisation:
£180.74**

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

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 239**



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supporting our
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

**Habakkuk
1:2-3, 2:2-4;
Ps 94;
2 Timothy
1:6-8, 13-14;
Luke 17:5-10
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OUR FORMER PARISH PRIEST APPOINTED BISHOP

On Friday, 19 September 2025, the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, appointed the Reverend Kuriakose Thomas Thadathil as Apostolic Visitor for the Syro-Malankara faithful in Europe. At the same time, he was elevated to the dignity of bishop and entrusted with the titular see of Mariamme. Bishop-Elect Thadathil is serving as Parish Priest of Our Lady of the Assumption, Tile Hill, Coventry. In his new role, he will guide and shepherd Syro-Malankara Catholics across Europe, fostering unity and ensuring pastoral care for the faithful living far from their homeland. We, the parishioners of Holy Name, rejoice in his appointment and assure Bishop-Elect Thadathil of our prayers as he begins this important new mission in the service of the Church.

HOLY NAME YOUTH GROUP RESUMES

The Holy Name Youth Group will resume its activities on Sunday, 5 October at 12:00 pm, following the 10:30 am Mass. Gatherings take place on the first and third Sundays of each month at 12:00 pm, offering opportunities for faith sharing, fellowship, games, and activities that encourage both spiritual and social growth. All young people are warmly invited to join us—this is a wonderful chance to deepen faith, build friendships, and take part in the life of our parish community. All are welcome!

SUPPORT FOR THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

If you, or someone you care for, is sick or housebound and would like a visit or to receive Holy Communion, please contact the Parish Office. We will be happy to make the necessary arrangements. Everyone is a valued member of our parish community, and this care is available to all.

MEN'S ROSARY IN THE CITY

Saturday, 4 October

Join a growing movement of men praying the Rosary in the heart of Birmingham before a statue of Our Lady—interceding for our city, our nation, and for men to live out their God-given vocation. For details, contact Ben: **07885 505116**.

SOLEMN MASS IN LATIN, VESPERS AND BENEDICTION

The Association for Latin Liturgy warmly invites you to a special day at St Mary's College, Oscott, on Saturday 4th October 2025. The programme includes Solemn Mass in Latin, Vespers and Benediction, Lunch and a Talk. This is a ticketed event and advance booking is required by Friday 26th September 2025. More details are available in the Diocesan Website.