



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

TWENTY-SEVENTH
SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME
4TH TO 12TH
OCTOBER
2025

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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Today's
Mass Readings
Habakkuk
1:2-3, 2:2-4;
Ps 94;
2Timothy
1:6-8, 13-14;
Luke 17:5-10
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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,

In today's readings, we are invited to reflect on the gift of faith and the call to humble service. The Apostles ask Jesus, "Increase our faith!" They know their weakness, yet desire growth. Jesus responds with two images: the mustard seed and the faithful servant.

Faith as Small as a Seed, as Big as God: Even faith the size of a mustard seed can do the impossible. A seed so small, yet carrying the potential of a mighty tree. Faith is not about size but trust. Like a spark that sets a forest ablaze, or a drop of ink colouring clear water, even a little faith surrendered to God transforms our lives. God does not ask for dramatic gestures—He asks us to place our small seed in His hands.

Like Candles, Pens, and Roots: Jesus also speaks of humility. True disciples serve without seeking praise. A candle burns quietly, giving light simply because that is its nature. A pen does not boast of the words it writes—it serves the author. So too, our prayers and actions, even unseen, are part of God's greater work. Like hidden roots sustaining a tree, our humble service strengthens our families, communities, and Church.

Fan the Flame Beyond Sunday: St Paul urges Timothy: "Fan into flame the gift of God." Our faith, planted at Baptism and nourished through the sacraments, is a spark meant to be kept alive daily. Faith is not only for Sunday—it must flow into Monday, Tuesday, and every day. That's where Sunday inspiration becomes Monday action.

Practical ways to fan the flame: A word of encouragement to a colleague, A kind gesture—a note, a small gift, or a smile, Choosing patience or forgiveness instead of anger. God has given us not fear, but "power, love, and self-control." When shared in love, our small sparks of faith become flames that warm, heal, and transform the world.

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.

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Fr. Jibu Mathew

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RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember all those who have died recently, especially Richard Nellist, Wyn Darling, Mona Graham, Thomas Odgard, James Moore, Joanna Whitehouse, Mary Collins, Michael Freeman, Johanna Cleary, William Richards, Frank Wood, Helen Looney, Stella Rhodes, 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

We are deeply grateful to Helen Lloyd and her family for the beautiful flowers given in loving memory of her husband, Ralph. Your thoughtful gift blesses our worship, and we hold you in our love and prayers.

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 renewal² of ourselves and our parish**.

This Week Saturday 4th October– Sunday 12th October (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
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
Monday 6th October Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am RIP Paul Lermond	11:00am Divine Mercy PARISH MISSION 7:00pm Opening Service
Tuesday 7th October Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary	9:15am RIP Michael and Ann Doocey	PARISH MISSION 7:00pm Mission Service
Wednesday 8th October Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Holy Name School Mass RIP Hede Gringmuth 11:30am Ints Louise Hill	11:00 Rosary PARISH MISSION 7:00pm Mission Service
Thursday 9th October Feast of Saint John Henry Newman, Priest	9:00am St Mark's School RIP Barry Dolan 9:15am RIP Anthony Sampays	PARISH MISSION 7:00pm Mission Service
Friday 10th October Feria in Ordinary Time	11:30am Ints Shanu Nash	11:00am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament PARISH MISSION 7:00pm Mission Service
Saturday 11th October Feria in Ordinary Time	12:30pm RIP Jim Lynch	PARISH MISSION 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	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:
£492.46**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£144.30**

**Fr Hudson's
Society:
£235.56**

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

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday: 248**



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**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**

2 Kings 5:14-17;

Ps 97;

2 Timothy

2:8-13;

Luke 17:11-19

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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!

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.

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.

MANY THANKS

"Thank you to everyone who supported the Macmillan Coffee Morning. Through your kindness and generosity, an amazing **£725.56** was raised to support this important cause. Your support is truly appreciated.

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.