



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

**THIRD SUNDAY OF
ADVENT
14TH DECEMBER
TO 21ST DECEMBER
2025**

HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**Today's
Mass Readings
Isaiah
35:1-6, 10;
Ps 145;
James 5:7-10;
Matthew 11:2-11
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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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THE RORATE CAELI MASS

Rorate Caeli is Latin for "Drop down, ye heavens" and are the opening words of the Introit at the beginning of Mass, coming from the Prophet Isaiah.

"Rorate, caeli, desuper, et nubes pluant justum, aperiatur terra, et germinet Salvatorem."

"Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above, and let the clouds rain the just: let the earth be opened and bud forth a Savior." – Isaiah 45:8

A Rorate Caeli Mass is traditionally celebrated just before dawn in Advent as a devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Mass is only lit by candles, representing Mary's role in bringing the Light of the World into the darkness of the world.

Mass begins in darkness before sunrise, with only candles lighting the church to remind us of a world in darkness and sin that is anticipating the coming of the "Light of the World."

PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Christopher Miller

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Annette Keates, Brendan Grogan, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Enid King, June Pountney, Henry Miller, Maureen Hurley, Mary Purcell, 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. We also remember especially Margaret Morrison, Irene Chapman, Maragret Bates, Dr. Greaves, Anthony Leighton, Ernest Phillips, Mary Shiels, Paul Lemont, Umberto Infanti, Michael Donnelly, Sid Hobson, Clarence Coppock, Owen McCann, Harold Senior, Elizabeth Walker, Maureen Finn, Eric Pyne, Kathleen Milne, Bernard Kelly, Bryn Howells, David Brian, and Dennis Wheeler all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

SINCERE THANKS

Many thanks to all of you who came to the Mass of Induction last Wednesday. Thank you to all who worked so hard to prepare the Church for the Mass—all who came to clean in preparation and for the food for the reception afterwards. Also the choir for the music and the Altar servers who came for the celebration of the Mass.

Thank you to Payal for looking after me and making sure I was in the right place at the right time!

With my prayers for you all.

Fr Christopher

THANK YOU FOR THE GIVING TREE

Thank you for your extremely generous response to this year's Appeal. St. Chad's Sanctuary and SVP were overwhelmed by your generosity which will allow them to give a Christmas Present to all their people. Thank you so much for bringing Joy this Christmas to some of those most in need.

This Week Saturday 14th December – Sunday 21st December (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 13th December Memorial St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr	12:30pm Teague and Doris Roarty R.I.P	12:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 14th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8:30am Lesley Mcloughlin 10:30am Kitty and Michael Freeman R.I.P	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Chris and Friend
Monday 15th December Advent Feria	10:00am Ints of Leo Hughes	10:30am Rosary
Tuesday 16th December Advent Feria	10:00am Thanksgiving Mass	10:30am Rosary
Wednesday 17th December Advent Feria	9:15am HN School Anna Homenko Family and Mr & Mrs Mcloughlin	
Thursday 18th December Advent Feria	9:15am Mass at St. Mark's School Ann and Patrick Galvin 7:00pm Private Intention	6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 19th December Advent Feria	12 noon Ints of Dessy Marco	11:00am Eucharistic Adoration 11:30am Divine Mercy
Saturday 20th December Advent Feria	7:30am Rorate Caeli Mass Private Intention 12:30pm Georgette Tammam RIP Mr & Mrs K.J Cherian	12:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 21st December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT SECOND COLLECTION FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS	8:30am Ints of Bridget and Brian Green 10:30am Rose Michael and Malachy Farnan	NO COFFEE MORNING

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£462.05**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£154.00**

**Poor Parish Fund:
£145.96**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday 276**

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**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Isaiah 7:10-14;
Ps 23;
Romans 1:1-7;
Matthew 1:18-24
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ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Advent Penitential Service will take place on **Tuesday 16th December at 7pm**. As we continue our preparation for Christmas, we follow the teaching of John the Baptist by seeking forgiveness for our sins and failings, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will reflect together on the message of Advent before making our personal confession and receiving absolution.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

7:00pm Tuesday 16th December

24TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00pm Vigil Mass

8:30pm Christmas Carols

9:00pm Mass of Christmas Night

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:30am Mass of the Dawn

10:30am Solom Mass of the Day

26TH DECEMBER

Feast of St. Stephen, Patron Saint of Altar Servers

10:00am Holy Mass



CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS MASSES

We need Readers and Extra Ordinary Eucharist Ministers for the Christmas Eve and Christmas Masses. If you can help, please put your name down on the list provided on the church porch.