

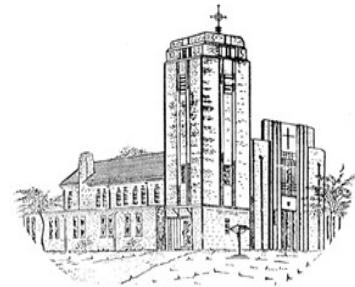


THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

FEAST OF THE
BAPTISM OF THE
LORD
11TH JANUARY
TO 18TH JANUARY
2026

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Today's
Mass Readings
Isaiah 42:1-4,
6-7; Ps 28;
Acts 10:34-38;
Matthew 3:13-17
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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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

The Christmas Season, which ends precisely today, has made us contemplate the Child Jesus in the poor grotto of Bethlehem, lovingly tended by Mary and Joseph. God entrusts every child who is born to his parents: so how important is the family founded on marriage, the cradle of life and love!

The House of Nazareth where the Holy Family lived is the model and school of simplicity, patience and harmony for all Christian families. I pray the Lord that your families too may be welcoming places where these little ones can not only grow in good health but also in faith and love for God, who today, with Baptism, makes them his children.

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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 **Brendon Huston, Rudolf Sampays** and all those who have died recently. We also remember especially Arthur Lynch, Tom Richards, James Sullivan, Mary Devery, Father Bromley, Robin Cope, Joan Byrne, Bridget O'Brien, Peter Hayward, Maragret Curtis, Helen Byrne, Philip Coonagh, Concepta Elmore, George Coller, Joseph O'Sullivan, Peter Wittle, John James, Anne Wootton, Tom Wilkes, Thomas Brady, Phylliss Simcox, Peter Larkman, Ronald O'Reilly, Josephine Davies, Frederick Bearly, Wilfred Nash, James Breen, all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

The Requiem Mass for Brendon Huston is on Friday 16th January 2026, here in Holy Name Church at 10:00am, followed by Cremation at Sandwell Crematorium 11:30am

Reception into Church on Thursday, 15th January at 4:00pm.

PARISH DIARY JANUARY

Wednesday 21st Confirmation Mass for the Holy Name School 7:00pm. *Celebrant: Bishop David Evans*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY:

This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from **Sunday 18 - Sunday 25 January**.

The theme is One Body, One Spirit.

This Week Saturday 3rd January – Sunday 11th January (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass Intentions	Devotions & Other Events
Saturday 10th January Christmas Feria	12:30pm Eamon Casey R.I.P	12:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 11TH January FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	8:30am Ints of Joe & Gusia McNally 10:30am Ints of Alistair and Maureen Campbell	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Helena, Marie and Friends
Monday 12th January Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00am James Sullivan R.I.P	10:30am Rosary
Tuesday 13th January Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00am Pat Byrne R.I.P	10:30am Rosary
Wednesday 14th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Mass at Holy Name School	
Thursday 15th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am Mass at St. Marks School Ronald Girle R.I.P 7:00pm Pro Populo	4:30pm Reception into church for Brendon Huston 6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 16th January Feria in Ordinary Time	10:00am The Requiem Mass for Brendon Huston	
Saturday 17th January Memorial of St Anthony, Abbot White	12:30pm Ints of Charles Campbell	12:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation
Sunday 18TH January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	8:30am Joe Coniry R.I.P 10:30am Ints of Tom and Maragret Brennan	Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Marian, Chris and Friends

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£448.98**

Gift Aid Envelopes:

£133.00

**Crib Donation:
£215.34**

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**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**



**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:**
Isaiah 49:3, 5-6;
Ps 39;
1 Corinthians
1:1-3; John
1:29-34
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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

In Baptism God himself acts, Jesus acts through the Holy Spirit. In Christian Baptism the fire of the Holy Spirit is present. God acts, not only us. God is present here today. He takes on your children and makes them his own.

Let us entrust these children and their families to the Virgin Mother of Jesus, Our Saviour, presented in today's liturgy as the beloved Son of God: may Mary watch over them and accompany them always, so that they can fully carry out the project of salvation which God has for each one. Amen.

Pope Benedict XVI

Pope Leo XIV called Catholics to a steadfast openness to other people, warning that peace will not be built through force or exclusion, as he celebrated his first liturgy of the new year on Thursday.

"The world is not saved by sharpening swords, nor by judging, oppressing, or eliminating our brothers and sisters," the Pope said in his homily for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Rather, he added, it is saved by "tirelessly striving to understand, forgive, liberate, and welcome everyone, without calculation and without fear."

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY FOR PRAYER WITH THE WORD OF GOD

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

