



THE ARCHDIOCESE  
of BIRMINGHAM

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

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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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.

*Fr.Christopher*

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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 Collier, Joseph O'Sullivan, Peter Wittle, John James, Anne Wootton, Tom Wilkes, Thomas Brady, Phyliss Simcox, Peter Larkman, Ronald O'Reilly, Josephine Davies, Frederick Brearly, 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.

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

**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.

