



THE ARCHDIOCESE  
of BIRMINGHAM

FIRST SUNDAY OF  
LENT  
21ST FEBRUARY TO  
1ST MARCH  
2026

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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Today's  
Mass Readings  
Genesis 2:7-9,  
3:1-7; Ps 50;  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11  
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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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### LENTEN MESSAGE, POPE LEO CALLS FOR FASTING FROM HURTFUL WORDS

He invited the faithful to engage in a “very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgment, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.”

“Let us ask for the strength that comes from the type of fasting that also extends to our use of language, so that hurtful words may diminish and give way to a greater space for the voice of others. Let us strive to make our communities places where the cry of those who suffer finds welcome, and listening opens paths towards liberation, making us ready and eager to contribute to building a civilization of love,” the pope wrote.

### ASH WEDNESDAY—THANK YOU

It was very good to see so many faithful people at the Masses for the beginning of Lent. The parish has made a very good start to this holy season. God bless you all.

## PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Christopher Miller

## PARISH DEACON

Rev. Terry Charles  
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## PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Annette Keates, Brendan Grogan, Claire Harbutt, Carmen Mulholland, Francis Carter, Micheal Carter, Enid King, June Pountney, Henry Miller, Maureen Hurley, Mary Purcell, Mary Harding, Katie Breen, Teresa Goddard, Bridget Green, Haydee Stanton, Linda Lowe, Janet Chamberlain, Irene Sampays, Grace Sharron, Bridget Whitfield, Patricia Lacey, Bob Hennessey, and Doreen Kingscott, Lynne Mary Allan and Christopher Robert Allan.

## RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Rudolph Sampays, Patricia Richards** and all those who have died recently. We also remember especially Margaret Floyd, Tom O'Sullivan, Freda Burke, Lynne Campbell, Tomothy Donovan, Mary Conery, Denis Coakley, Gerrard Campbell, Alice O'Riordan, Leslie O'Beirne's, Theresa Hayward, Sydney Ridley, Ernest Watters, Nicholas Kharchoum Mary Barber, Donna Broadbent, Katherine Davies, Mary Clifton, Margaret Sullivan, Stephen Kearns, Patricia Poyner, Harry Bradshaw, Leslie Winston, Nora Miley, Dermot Fetherston, Ellen King, Adam Ostrowski and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

**The Requiem Mass for Rudolph Sampays is on Tuesday 24th February 2026, here in Holy Name Church at 10:45am, followed by Burial at Heath Lane Cemetery at 12:15pm.**

**Reception into Church on Monday, 23rd February at 4:00pm.**

**Requiem Mass for Patricia Richards is on Wednesday 4th March 2026, here in Holy Name Church at 10:45am, followed by Cremation at Sandwell Valley Crematorium at 12:15pm.**

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We need Readers, Extra Ordinary Ministers and Church Wardens for the Services. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of the church porch if you can help. Thank you.

## PARISH MASS BOOK

Dear Parishioners,

We respectfully request that anyone who may have inadvertently taken a Parish Mass Book home kindly return it to church. At present, a numbers of books are missing, and your help in returning them would greatly appreciated.

<p align="center"><b>This Week</b>  <b>Saturday 21st February–</b>  <b>Sunday 1st March</b>  <b>(Psalter Week 1)</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Holy Mass Intentions</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>Devotions &amp;</b>  <b>Other Events</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 21st February</b>  Saturday After Ash  Wednesday</p>	<p><b>12:30pm</b> Ints of Irene  Sampays  Rudolph Sampays RIP</p>	<p><b>12:00pm Sacrament</b>  <b>of Reconciliation</b></p>
<p><b>SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY</b>  <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION</b>  <b>FOR CHURCH</b>  <b>FLOWERS</b></p>	<p><b>8:30am</b> Theresa Hayward  RIP  <b>10:30am</b> Thanksgiving for  S.V.P members</p>	<p><b>Coffee and Tea in the</b>  <b>Parish Centre after</b>  <b>10:30am Mass by</b>  <b>S.V.P</b>  <b>3:00pm Stations of</b>  <b>the Cross Led by</b>  <b>Readers</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 23rd February</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>10:00am</b> Rudolph  Sampays R.I.P</p>	<p><b>10:30am Rosary</b>  <b>4:00pm Reception</b>  <b>into Church for</b>  <b>Rudolph Sampays</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 24th February</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>10:45am Requiem Mass</b>  <b>For Rudolph Sampays</b></p>	
<p><b>Wednesday 25th February</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>10:00am</b>  Marie McNally R.I.P</p>	<p><b>10:30am Rosary</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 26th February</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>9:15am Mass at St Mark's</b>  <b>School Tom and</b>  <b>M. MCafethey</b>  <b>7:00pm Sarah Deans R.I.P</b></p>	<p><b>6:00pm Eucharistic</b>  <b>Adoration</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 27th February</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>12:00 noon</b> Ints of  Rosaleen Grogan</p>	<p><b>11:00am Stations of</b>  <b>the Cross</b>  <b>11:30am Divine Mercy</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 28th February</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>12:30pm</b> David Hunt R.I.P</p>	<p><b>12:00pm Sacrament</b>  <b>of Reconciliation</b></p>
<p><b>SUNDAY 1ST MARCH</b>  <b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION</b>  <b>FOR CAFOD</b></p>	<p><b>8:30am</b> Ints of Gusia and  Joe McNally  <b>10:30am</b> Adam Ostrowski  R.I.P</p>	<p><b>Coffee and Tea in the</b>  <b>Parish Centre after</b>  <b>10:30am Mass by</b>  <b>Holy Name Choir</b>  <b>3:00pm Stations of</b>  <b>the Cross Led by</b>  <b>Church Cleaners</b></p>

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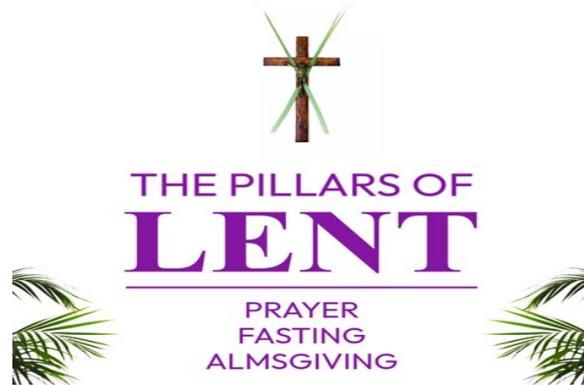
Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:  
Genesis 12:1-4a;  
Ps 32; 2  
Timothy 1:8-10;  
Matthew 17:1-9  
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## POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR FEBRUARY: FOR CHILDREN WITH INCURABLE DISEASES

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

### THE HOLY MASS & EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Sacrament of the Altar is always at the heart of the Church's life: thanks to the Eucharist, the Church is reborn ever anew! The more lively the Eucharistic faith of the people of God, the deeper is its sharing in ecclesial life in steadfast commitment to the mission entrusted by Christ to his disciples....Every great reform has in some way been linked to the rediscovery of belief in the Lord's Eucharistic presence among his people.



### WALK WITH ME BOOKLET FOR LENT

The "Walk with Me" booklets and calendar for Lent are available in the Church Porch. It is a special edition because with this edition we celebrate Walk with Me's Twenty-Fifth Anniversary. A small donation of £1.50 is appreciated to defray the cost. Please consider taking a copy for yourself and our neighbour. Many Thanks.

### FOOD BANK

THANK YOU, SO MUCH FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF OUR LOCAL FOODBANK; OPENED BY US AND 5 OTHER LOCAL CHURCHES IN AN ECUMENICAL PROJECT 2012"

**NEW FOOD BANK REPRESENTATIVES ARE:  
MARIE DEAKIN AND HELENA HAMMOND**

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