



THE ARCHDIOCESE  
of BIRMINGHAM

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
LENT  
14TH MARCH TO  
22ND MARCH  
2026**

## HOLY NAME OF JESUS

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**Today's  
Mass Readings**

**1 Samuel 16:1b,  
6-7, 10-13; Ps 22;  
Ephesians  
5:8-14;  
John 9:1-14  
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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**

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Deborah Ferris. She can be contacted at [sg.holyname.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.holyname.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk)

### THE SOLEMNITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

Saint Joseph was the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. He is one of the most important saints in the Catholic Church. The Bible tells us little about him, but what we know shows his great faith and obedience to God. He played a special role in God's plan for our salvation.

Joseph is called the "just man" in the Gospel of Matthew. This means he lived a holy and righteous life. He listened to God and trusted Him completely. When an angel told Joseph in a dream to take Mary as his wife, he obeyed. When God told him to protect Jesus and Mary by fleeing to Egypt, he did not hesitate.

The Church honours Saint Joseph with two feast days. The main feast day is on March 19. On this day, we remember him as the husband of Mary and head of the Holy Family. The second feast day is May 1, Saint Joseph the Worker, which celebrates his role as a humble carpenter and an example for workers.

Saint Joseph is the patron saint of the universal Church. He is also the patron of fathers, workers, and a happy death. Many Catholics pray to Saint Joseph for help and protection. His life shows us the importance of faith, family, and hard work.

## PARISH PRIEST

Fr. Christopher Miller

## PARISH DEACON

Rev. Terry Charles  
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## PARISH ADMINISTRATOR / SECRETARY

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### Holy Name School

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### St Mark's School

Interim Principal

Miss M Dorsett

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Mrs. H. Duffield

Head of School

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### Marist Convent

0121 357 6341

## 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, Michael Carey** and all those who have died recently. We also remember especially Tony Murray, Bridget Neal, Francis Murphy, Gwen Collins, Joaquin Centurion, Gabriel Collett, Noel Donaghy, Jeanette Hawkes, Kathleen Aherne, Helena Taylor, Anthony Hurley, Margaret Scattergood, Tom King, Patrick Campbell, Raymond Pearson, Grace Quinn, Francis Tibbits, Annie Woods, Mary Odgard, John Osborne, Jennifer Carthy, Doris Browne and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

## MEN'S ROSARY IN THE CITY - 2026

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> of March 12.00 - Chamberlain Square by the fountain. We are called to be a shining light in the darkness and to be a witness to all nations. Join a growing movement of men who peacefully go into the heart of Birmingham and kneel down in front of a statue of Our Lady to pray for our city, nation, and for men to live out their God given vocation as protector, defender and servant.

**For more information contact Ben - 07885505116**



### A PRAYER FOR ALL MOTHERS

*Loving God, thank you  
for all the mothers in the world.*

*Bless them so that they may always  
give life and nourishment to their  
children through their firm faith,  
generous and selfless love, good  
example and constant concern for  
their bodily and spiritual health.*

*Grant that we, their children, may  
honor them always with a spirit of  
profound love, respect and  
thanksgiving.*

*Grant this through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.*

**HAPPY  
MOTHER'S DAY!**

<p><b>This Week</b>  <b>Saturday 14th March –</b>  <b>Sunday 22nd March</b>  <b>(Psalter Week 4)</b></p>	<p><b>Holy Mass Intentions</b></p>	<p><b>Devotions &amp;</b>  <b>Other Events</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 14th March</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>12:30pm</b> Ints of Catherine Campbell</p>	<p><b>11:45am –12:15pm</b>  <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b></p>
<p><b>SUNDAY 15TH MARCH</b>  <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND</b></p>	<p><b>8:30am</b> Ints of Jacinta, Anthony and Alice  <b>10:30am</b> Catherine Shilston R.I.P</p>	<p><b>Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by Marian, Chris and Friends</b>   <b>3:00pm Stations of the Cross led by Altar Servers</b></p>
<p><b>Monday 16th March</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>10:00am</b> Ints of Sandra Pearson</p>	<p><b>10:30am Rosary</b></p>
<p><b>Tuesday 17th March</b>  <b>Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland</b></p>	<p><b>10:00am</b> Gemma Kiely R.I.P</p>	<p><b>10:30am Rosary</b> </p>
<p><b>Wednesday 18th March</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>10:00am</b> Jacqueline Kinsella R.I.P  <b>7:00pm Confirmation Mass for St. Mark's School</b></p>	<p><b>10:30am Rosary</b></p>
<p><b>Thursday 19th March</b>  <b>SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</b></p>	<p><b>9:15am St. Mark's School Mass</b> Thanksgiving Mass  <b>7:00pm</b> Ints of John Hill</p>	<p><b>6:00pm Eucharistic Adoration</b></p>
<p><b>Friday 20th March</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>12:00 noon Healing Mass</b>  Ints of Bridie Donaghy</p>	<p><b>11:00am Stations of the Cross</b>  <b>11:30am Divine Mercy</b></p>
<p><b>Saturday 21st March</b>  Lent Feria</p>	<p><b>12:30pm</b> James O'Reilly R.I.P</p>	<p><b>11:45am –12:15pm</b>  <b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b></p>
<p><b>SUNDAY 22ND MARCH</b>  <b>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>  <b>RETIRING COLLECTION FOR PARISH LEVIES</b></p>	<p><b>8:30am</b> Joe McNamara R.I.P  <b>10:30am</b> Paddy Waldron R.I.P</p>	<p><b>Coffee and Tea in the Parish Centre after 10:30am Mass by S.V.P</b>  <b>3:00pm Stations of the Cross led by Extra Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion</b></p>

Last Week's  
Offertory

Collection:  
£593.06

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£135.40

Cathedral  
Maintenance:  
£131.46

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Thank you for  
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Parish.



Next Sunday's  
Mass Readings:

Ezekiel 37:12-14;

Ps 129;

Romans 8:8-11;

John 11:1-45

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## POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: For Disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

### THE STATIONS OF CROSS

The Stations of the Cross or the Way of the Cross, also known as the Way of Sorrows or the Via Crucis, refers to a series of images depicting Jesus Christ on the day of his crucifixion and accompanying prayers. The stations grew out of imitations of the Via Dolorosa in Jerusalem which is believed to be the actual path Jesus walked to Mount Calvary. The object of the stations is to help faithful Christians to make a spiritual pilgrimage through contemplation of the Passion of Christ.

### LENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

We have this service on Tuesday 24th March at 7:00pm. For those who have not attended this service before, it consists of Scripture readings and reflections to remind us of God's loving mercy to all His children and our own weakness which we bring to Him for healing. After this time of prayer, we make our personal confession to the priest and receive individual absolution. Please come along to receive God's healing love.

### CONFIRMATION

We welcome Bishop David Evans to the Holy Name Parish for Confirmation Mass. The children from St Mark's School will be confirmed on Wednesday 18th March 2026, at 7:00pm. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

### FOUNDATION GOVERNORS NEEDED FOR OUR CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS

We need foundation governors to help our parish schools to continue to thrive! We currently have a small, but very welcoming governing body. To be a foundation governor you must be over 18 and attend mass regularly. As a governor you will be invited to attend two meetings per term / a total of six per academic year. Our meetings usually last between one and two hours and are held in school. You do not need to be an expert in any particular area of school life but to be faithful practicing Catholic. For more information please contact Fr. Christopher.