

**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON**

**To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.  
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.  
Nor let my enemies exult over me;  
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.**

**COLLECT**

Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God,  
the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ  
with righteous deeds at his coming,  
so that, gathered at his right hand,  
they may be worthy to possess the heavenly kingdom.  
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**FIRST READING**

A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah.  
*'I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David.'* 33:14-16  
Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD,  
when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel  
and the house of Judah.  
In those days and at that time  
I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David,  
and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.  
In those days Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will dwell  
securely.  
And this is the name by which it will be called:  
'The LORD is our righteousness.'  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Psalm 25(24)

**To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.**  
O LORD, make me know your ways.  
Teach me your paths.  
Guide me in your truth, and teach me;  
for you are the God of my salvation. **R.**

Good and upright is the LORD;  
therefore he shows the way to sinners.  
He guides the humble in right judgement;  
to the humble he teaches his way. **R.**

All the LORD's paths are mercy and faithfulness,  
for those who keep his covenant and commands.  
The LORD's secret is for those who fear him;  
to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

**SECOND READING**

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians.  
3:12=4:2  
*'May the Lord establish your hearts for the coming of Christ.'*  
Brothers and sisters:

May the Lord make you increase  
and abound in love for one another and for all,  
as we do for you,  
so that he may establish your hearts  
blameless in holiness before our God and Father,  
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.  
Finally, then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord  
Jesus,  
that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please  
God,  
just as you are doing,  
that you do so more and more.  
For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord  
Jesus.  
The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**ACCLAMATION BEFORE THE GOSPEL**

**Alleluia, alleluia.  
Show us, O LORD, your mercy,  
and grant us your salvation.  
Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL**

The Lord be with you.  
**And with your spirit.**  
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.  
**Glorify to you, O Lord.**  
*'Your redemption is drawing near.'* 21:25-28, 34-36  
At that time:  
Jesus said to his disciples:  
'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars,  
and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity  
because of the roaring of the sea and the waves,  
people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming  
on the world.  
For the powers of the heavens will be shaken.  
And then they will see the Son of Man  
coming in a cloud with power and great glory.  
Now when these things begin to take place,  
straighten up and raise your heads,  
because your redemption is drawing near.  
'But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down  
with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life,  
and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.  
For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth.  
But stay awake at all times,  
praying that you may have strength to escape  
all these things that are going to take place,  
and to stand before the Son of Man.'  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS**

Accept, we pray, O Lord, these offerings we make,  
gathered from among your gifts to us,  
and may what you grant us to celebrate devoutly here below  
gain for us the prize of eternal redemption.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**COMMUNION ANTIPHON**

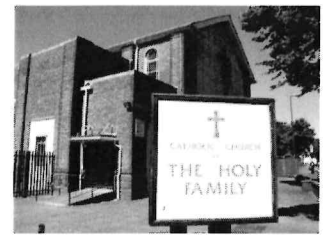
**The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth shall yield its  
increase.**

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

May these mysteries, O Lord,  
in which we have participated,  
profit us, we pray,  
for even now, as we walk amid passing things,  
you teach us by them to love the things of heaven  
and hold fast to what endures.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



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**MASSES AND INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK**

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Lloyd Family Deceased	<b>1<sup>st</sup> December 2024: 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b>  <b>FEASTS :</b> Tuesday St Francis Xavier Thursday St Birinus Saturday St Ambrose Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent  <b>Adoration &amp; Confession: Tuesday &amp; Thursday</b> 9.30 am – 10.20 am  <b>Altar Lamp – Frank Mullin RIP</b> <b>Our Lady's Lamp – Rudolph Valentino Smith RIP</b>
Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30 am	Mel Donaghoe & McGettigan (Anniv)	
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>		NO MASS	
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30 am	Tom Fadin (Recovery)	
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am	Sylvia Curran ( <b>Requiem</b> )	
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	11.00 am 6.00 pm	People of the Parish St Bernadette's Y6 Confirmation	
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30 am	Seamus Conway RIP	
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>	4.00 pm	Brid Gilligan (Anniversary)	
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30 am	Mr & Mrs Croke (1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary)	
<b>OFFERTORY COLLECTION: £334.39</b> <b>SECOND COLLECTION: £145.11 (Catholic Youth Service)</b>			

**RECENTLY DEAD:**

Sylvia Curran RIP. Reception into Church Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 6.00 pm. Requiem Mass Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00 am.

Cyril Joseph McGrady RIP. Requiem Mass Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 11.00 am.

Liam O'Brien RIP. Requiem Mass in Our Lady of Lourdes, Yardley Wood on Monday December 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6.30 pm. Burial to take place in Ireland

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Martin McNamara, Henry Carse, Leonard Matthews, Mary Monaghan, Joseph Bennet, Stanley Hoare, Mary Mulligan, Kim Wilkins, James Daly, Christina Fox, Mark Higgins, Thomas O'Connor, Sarah Ledwith, Bridget Byrne, Kenneth Claffery, James Meehan, Charles Kelly, Vince Reilly, John Daly, John Kelly, Julie Hunter, Kathleen Quinn, John Connolly, Sean McErlean, Austin Moore, Kenneth Sharkey, Kathleen Dalton, Linda Miller, Kathleen Croke, Dermot Crozier, Margaret Gill, Roseleen Ahmed, Agnes Woods, Bernadette Finn.

**SICK LIST:** Anselm John Baptiste, Jim Deards, Fr Morty O'Shea, John Garvey, Cath McGrath, Amie Faulkner, Clare Bergin, Mary Bergin, Fr Tony Rohan, Tommy Flynn, Maureen Carton, Tony McLoughlin.

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER 2024:** For pilgrims of hope: We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthens our faith, helping us to recognise the Risen Christ in our daily lives and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

**SECOND COLLECTION this weekend:** Church Maintenance.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:** Please include in your prayers this week our Year 6 pupils from St Bernadette's who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday evening here in our Parish.

**THANK YOU:** Sr Maura thanks Holy Family Parishioners for their support last weekend. Knitwear sales and generous donations raised £218.00.

This added to donations and Craft Sales at Corpus Christi raised £900.00 which will go to Tabor House for the **HOMELESS** in Birmingham.

**WALK WITH ME AND 'THE JUBILEE'** booklets are available at the back of the Church. Any Donations are greatly appreciated.

**THE ANNUAL BAZAAR** will take place next Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 in Holy Family School Hall as usual. Bottles, New/nearly new items or unwanted gifts are greatly appreciated. **RAFFLE TICKETS ARE ON SALE THIS WEEKEND.**

**ST BERNADETTE'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL** invites parishioners for afternoon tea on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 1.15 pm. Friends and residents of Aran Court Care Home were also invited. Y2 classes will be sharing their dress rehearsal for their Christmas show and would be proud to have you in the audience. Transport can be arranged if this is a problem

**FUNDRAISING CONCERT** here in Holy Family Church on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.00 pm. Further details later.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

Divine Jesus, Son of the eternal Father and Mary Immaculate, grant us and all the faithful true generosity in following your call and bestow on us the grace of your Holy Spirit to persevere in overcoming all obstacles to our vocations. Give the Church in this Diocese and throughout the world many holy priests, fervent religious and committed lay people. Through the intercession of the Most Blessed Virgin Mary, all the Angels, Saint Justin, and all Saints, we humbly ask you to hear our prayers and multiply the ministries by which we may serve You and one another in faith and love. Amen.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

"O my God and my all, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, may your will be done, your love reign, your glory shine always more in me and everyone as in yourself, O my God and my all." (Saint Justin Russolillo, SDV)

**Fr Fretch Ballesteros SDV**

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The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Barbara Conneely. She can be contacted at [sg.holyfamily.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.holyfamily.bham@rcaob.org.uk), or alternatively, the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted at [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

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