



THE ARCHDIOCESE
of BIRMINGHAM

THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
26TH JANUARY
TO 2ND
FEBRUARY
2025

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Today's Mass
Nehemiah
8:2-6, 8-10;
Ps 18;
1 Corinthians
12:12-30
Luke
1:1-4, 4:14-21

"The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and National and Archdiocesan policies and procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Stephen Clarke. He can be contacted at sg.christ-theking.bham@rcaob.org.uk Alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding Team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk"

" If you want to be free, begin by accepting the truth, living by it and giving it to others." My brothers and sisters today we are confronted with the reality of the liberating power of God's word. Today's readings challenge us to hear, read and put into practice the saving and liberating word of God, thus transforming our lives and to convey the salvation and liberation of Christ to others around us through our renewed lives. Let us hold on to the immutable truths of the gospel and practice its principles. Participate in the sacraments and your life will be renewed to renew others. Many are dying, many are imprisoned for doing nothing wrong. Many were falsely accused and are paying the price of an offence they did not commit. It is time we speak out and liberate those in captivity. Those who have suffered captivity at the hands of others—whether it is abuse of any sort, dishonesty, slander, gossip, or unfair judgment—can take comfort in the truth that Christ has the power to take those burdens from us and liberate us from the damaging effects they cause.

My friends, may God continue to inspire us and fill our heart with love so as to be a source of liberation for others. May we be liberated from the captivity of sinful habits and blindness to the truth. May God open our eyes to see His good works. May we become agents of liberation in our enslaved world.

Responsorial Psalm:

YOUR WORDS, O LORD, ARE SPIRIT AND LIFE.

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PRAY FOR OUR SICK PARISHIONERS

Mary Filer, Deacon John Green, Pat Murphy, Kathleen Donoghue, Tri Dinh, James Nahar and all those who are sick and those whose anniversaries occur about this time. Please let me know the names of any parishioners, that are sick, that you would like to have included on the newsletter. Also, please inform me of any parishioner that is sick or housebound that you would like me to visit in their home.

RECENTLY DEAD AND ANNIVERSARIES

Please remember **Maura Hewitt** and all those who have died recently. We also remember all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May Their souls Rest in Peace.

Requiem Mass for Maura Hewitt is on Friday 31st January 2025, at 10:00am here in our Church followed by Burial at Handsworth Cemetery at 11:30am. Please remember her in your prayers and join for the Requiem Mass.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

VOLUNTEERS, CHURCH CLEANERS AND CHURCH WARDENS MEETING

We are inviting all the volunteers, church cleaners and Church Wardens for the meeting on Friday 31st of January 2025, at 6:30pm here in the Church. Please do come and join us we are looking forward to see you all.

EXTRA ORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER MEETING

We are inviting all the Extra ordinary Eucharistic Minister for the meeting on Friday 7th of February 2025, at 6:30pm here in the Church. Please do come and join us we are looking forward to see you all.

MASS INTENTIONS

There is currently availability for Mass Intentions. If you would like to book please call at the Parish Office as normal to make your request. Thank you.

This Week Sunday 26th December (Psalter Week 3)	Holy Mass Timings	Holy Mass Intentions
SUNDAY 26TH JANUARY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9:30am 11:00am	Frances Burke R.I.P Tom Small R.I.P
Tuesday 28th January Memorial of St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church	9:15am	NO MASS
Wednesday 29th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9:15am	Ints of the Parish
Thursday 30th January Feria in Ordinary Time	9:30am	Ints for the Sick and Housebound parishioners
Friday 31st January Memorial of St John Bosco, Priest	10:00am 6:30pm	Requiem Mass for Maura Hewitt Parish volunteers, church wardens and church cleaners
Saturday 1st February Feria in Ordinary Time	10:30am– 11:00am	Adoration and Confessions
SUNDAY 2ND FEBRUARY FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD RETIRING COLLECTION FOR BUILDING FUND	9:30am 11:00am	John The Baptist Dinh Van Thu Sheila Phelan R.I.P

**Last Week's
Offertory
Collection:
£335.82**

**Gift Aid Envelopes:
£113.00**

**Mass Attendance
Last Sunday:167**

**Thank you for
supporting our
Parish.**

**Next Sunday's
Mass Readings:
Ordinary Time
Year C
Malachi 3:1-4;
Ps 23;
Hebrews
2:14-18;
Luke
2:22-40**

BOOKING NOW OPEN FOR THIS YEAR'S DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

You are most welcome to join us this Jubilee Year as we journey to Lourdes in May. The pilgrimage runs from Saturday 24 - Friday 30 May 2025 with the theme: "With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope". If you would like to travel to Lourdes but in need of assistance we can help. Assisted pilgrims have the support of doctors, nurses, carers and hospitaliers throughout their time on pilgrimage. You will participate fully in the pilgrimage and experience the love of God through the care, love and friendship of volunteers. Please contact the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office to discuss assistance requirements: 0121 230 6288

admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

As well as applications from assisted pilgrims we're also keen to hear from doctors, nurses and carers eager to volunteer their time and experience Lourdes. If Our Lady is calling you please answer and give to others. We look forward to hearing from you. Find out more here: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/lourdes-pilgrimage>

PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights' in 4* Castle court Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballin tubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.



JUBILEE YEAR 2025
"Pilgrims of Hope"



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