



The IHS Symbol.

When our Church was built, these letters formed part of the original pulpit, but when the Church was re-modelled they were placed on the front of our Sacred Heart Altar.

The name "Jesus", in Greek, is written ιησους which translates as "ihsous" and pronounced *iēsous*.

This is the Holy Name as it was written in the Gospels.

The familiar abbreviation IHS is a symbol of the name Jesus which has retained its popularity down through the centuries.

It owes its spread to St. Bernardine of Siena, who had it placed on his banner, surrounded with twelve rays of the sun and surmounted by a cross.

It soon became the most popular monogram for the Holy Name of Jesus. By his fervent words St. Bernardine persuaded many priests to place the letters on altars or on the interior and exterior walls of churches.