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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Second Sunday after the Nativity 2nd January 2022

Dear Parishioners,

'God chose us in Christ. Christ, God's Son was made flesh and lived among us so that we who believe in Him might become the adopted sons of the Father. Before the world was made God chose us in Christ and for this we give thanks to the Father.'(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)


Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I, wish to thank you all for all the ways you have contributed to the joyful celebrations of our Saviour's birth. We thank those who have beautified the Church with flowers, Cribs and Christmas Trees; for those who have welcomed us to Church and who have volunteered as stewards and cleaners; for those responsible for the Church linen and silver and brassware. We thank the Choir, Choir Mistress and Organists, our Altar Servers, Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion. Thank you also to our web-Master, Bobby Ryder, for keeping the website up-to-date and for all the information it provides.

Finally, our thanks for your beautiful cards, prayers, Masses, gifts and Christmas offerings. It is truly appreciated. **This Thursday, January 6th,** is the Solemnity of the Epiphany. Mass will be celebrated at: 10am; 12.30pm and 7pm. For the 7pm Mass evening Mass we will request free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

Thank you to those who have made up your Sunday offerings. It is much appreciated.

In the New Year, I would like to provide further opportunity for the Church to remain open for private prayer; ideally from 9.30am-4.30pm each day. Would any of you have time to volunteer to be a welcoming presence in Church for any who might visit during these times? If so, please speak with one of the Clergy. It would be good to have two volunteers in Church at any one time. **We are pleased to inform** you that the Diocesan Handbook for our 'Walking Together' on the Synodal Journey' is now available on the Parish website. Please take the opportunity to read and reflect on it. We will be arranging two evenings in the second half of January when we will get together to discuss our 'Walking Together' on Thursday 20th and 27th January at 7.30pm. There is some helpful information on the Diocesan website.

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk Father Dominic would like to request two volunteers who would act as Enablers for these two Meetings in January. PTO

<p>1st January Saturday</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2.8-12 Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18 John 1:1-18 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Living & Deceased Benefactors of St Augustine's Church Jennifer Cox-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.45am-12.30pm Mass Confession 11.45am-12.15pm</p>
<p>2nd January SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2.8-12 Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18 John 1:1-18 Public and Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of The Parish 11.00am Baz Facey-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 10.30am Confessions 10.30am-10.45am</p>
<p>3rd January Monday Christmas Feria Most Holy Name of Jesus</p>	<p>1 John 2:29-3:6 John 1:29-34 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Ann Flanagan-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30am</p>
<p>4th January Tuesday Christmas Feria</p>	<p>1 John 3:7-10 John 1:35-42 10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass John Ireson-RIP Seamus Dunleavy-Intention</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30</p>
<p>5th January Wednesday Christmas Feria St Charles of St Andrew</p>	<p>1 John 3:11-21 John 1:43-51 Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am John & Elizabeth Ward-RIP Teresa Conneely-Intention</p>	<p>Private Prayer & Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p>
<p>6th January Thursday SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</p> 	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 10.00am Public and Live streamed Masses Hubert & Mary Jennings-Intentions 12.30pm Ted Sant-RIP 7.00pm John Owens-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30am</p>
<p>7th January Friday Christmas Feria</p>	<p>10.00am Requiem Teresa Doherty 1 John 3:22-4:6 Matthew 4:12-17,23-25 Public and Live streamed Masses 6.30pm Sonnie & Lucy Keane & Family- Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Church open for Private Prayer 5.15pm-6.15pm & up until 6.30pm Mass</p>
<p>8th January Saturday</p>	<p>Isaiah 32:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16,21-22 OR Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Dorothy Hall & Jackie Lemmon-RIP Paddy, Kitty Purcell & Family- Intentions</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.45am-12.30pm Mass Confession 11.45am-12.15pm</p>
<p>9th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</p>	<p>Isaiah 32:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Luke 3:15-16,21-22 Public and Live streamed Masses 9am All people of the Parish 11.00am Mrs Grace Morucore-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 10.30am</p>

Thank you for your most generous support of the St Vincent de Paul's appeal for various items to provide for families and individuals in need. You have shown your love in action and this is really appreciated.

For those associated with St. Peter's School, you will have been notified of the retirement next summer of Mrs Marie Murphy. We will hopefully have the opportunity to express our thanks for her giftedness. In the meantime, the Governors are advertising for the position of a Head Teacher for St Peter's. For full information, please see notice at the back of the Church or on the school website at www.st-peters.solihull.sch.uk . Applications close on 10th January 2022 and interviews will take place on 20th and 21st January 2022. If anyone who is interested has any questions or would like visit the school (we encourage this) appointments can be made by contacting Mrs Jennie Pate, Tel: 0121 703 8304 or email patej@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk

Thank you to all who have taken part in Lectio Divina each Wednesday evening. Special thanks to Helen Brookes for enabling the Meetings. The Meetings will recommence on Wednesday 12th January

SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISOR AGILE WORKING. Job description for this role available from Gerry Dryden, Human Resources & Communications Director- email gerry.dryden@rcaob.org.uk To fulfil the duties of this role you are likely to have/must have a nursing or social work background and can communicate/empathise with individuals of senior years. Also an understanding of state and local authority benefits.

Bishop Challoner TSA is working in partnership with CEFEL and The Catholic Education Service to deliver National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) for Teachers. We are also offering a new NPQ in Leading Behaviour and Culture.

NPQs are currently fully funded for all state maintained schools. Apply here:

<https://www.cefel.org.uk/npq/>

Applications close on 17th January 2022 for programmes starting February 2022.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group. 7pm on Monday evenings at Our Lady of the Wayside, Shirley in the St Aidan's Chapel. All welcome.

Olton Friary and the SCJ Community have two vacant positions for Cleaners. Please contact the Parish Office on 0121 706 0505 or Fr Biju if you are interested.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish,	Tony Duffy	Fr Fred Sheldon	Mary Ryan	William Moran
Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Anne Deary
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	John Doyle	Dan Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White
Diane Burgess	Kathleen Clark	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Roisin Brown	Gillian Jones
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Noreen O'Connor	Mary Johnson	Joanne Moss
Christopher Edmund Poole		for protection and peace in the Mbag Family	Eve		Steve Bates
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Amanda Stellfox	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Catherine Walton
Roger Cox	Frank Millar				

“I believe

That I enter a glorious new year
To be filled with prayer and praise.
With service to God and mankind,
With inspired creative activity.

I believe That God’s presence goes with me
Wherever I shall go this year,
By train or car or boat,
Slowly paced on foot, or high in the air.

I believe His love is shining in my body,
His wisdom guides my mind,
His peace fills me with poise,
His strength is ever at my call.

Oh I believe That this is God’s new year.” — Elizabeth Searle Lamb

Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.” — Mother Theresa



Please pray for: Mrs Anne O’Grady and Teresa Doherty (Requiem Friday 7th January 10am; Reception Thursday 6th January 6pm), Keith Burgess, Mr Brian Jones, Eileen Kelly and Archbishop Desmond Tutu who died recently.

Also, Reg Breakwell, John Francis (Tony) McCabe, Audrey Williams, Thomas Christopher Houghton, Marian Agnus Kelly, Margaret Priestley, Catherine Donnelly, Archibald Ruddock, Daniel Anthony Devlin, Thomas Kennedy, John Preston, Patrick McCann, Patrick Joseph O’Reilly, Dorothy Hall, Pasqualina Di Prizio and all with anniversaries at this time

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