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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B December 3rd 2017

**Dear Parishioners,
'Stay Awake.**

Advent is a time of waiting and watching for the second coming of the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit is our constant help that we may always be on guard and remain awake so that we are prepared for the last day. The best preparation is a good life lived in the knowledge that God is our Father and we are the work of His hands. (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The baptismal preparation evenings for December will take place on Thursday 7th and Thursday 14th December at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Welcome to year 5 of Saint Augustine's School who will be leading us in the Liturgy of the 9am Sunday Mass.

Our sincere thanks for your generosity in supporting the Christmas Fayre, which takes place this Saturday, December 2nd, from 1pm-3pm. Do come along and enjoy this festive occasion and help to support those whom CAFOD works alongside.

You are very welcome to attend St Augustine's Nativity play which will take place on Wednesday 6th December at 7pm here at St Augustine's Church. Free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car-Park.

On Thursday 7th December, we have a Holy Hour by Candlelight from 6.15pm-7.15pm This will be followed by the Meeting on Evangelisation at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

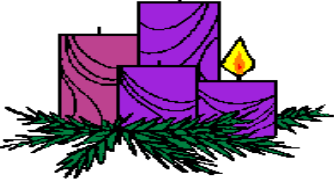

Please pray for Matthew Blake and Fayth Cannon who are to be married at Saint Augustine's Church on Saturday 16th December at 3pm.

We have a Penance Service here at St Augustine's on Wednesday 20th December at 7pm; the Service will include a shared Liturgy of the Word and individual Confession. Free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

Each Wednesday morning between 8.30am-9.30am during Advent there will be a Holy Hour. All are welcome.

Is there a Parishioner who is willing to look after or be in charge of the Mother & Toddlers Group on a Wednesday morning? If so please contact Jing on:07713277025-thank you.

There are pamphlets available from CAFOD which have a range of Christmas gifts- gifts that guarantee a smile eg 'The goat that gives'- £28. Pamphlets available in the porch.

<p>2nd December Saturday</p>	<p>Isaiah 63:16-17,64:-1,3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37 12.30pm Emer McDonnell-Special Intention Frederick Law-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon St Augustine's Christmas Fayre 1pm-3pm</p>
<p>3rd December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> 	<p>Isaiah 63:16-17,64:-1,3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37 9.00am Kathleen O'Neill-RIP 11.00am All People of The Parish</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p>4th December Monday Advent Feria St John Damascene</p>	<p>Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 8:5-11 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Baby Aishling-RIP</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm Journey in faith Meeting after 10am Mass</p>
<p>5th December Tuesday FEAST St Birinus</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Matthew 9:35-37 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Founders Day-CWL</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm Legion of Mary 6.15pm Youth Group 7pm</p>
<p>6th December Wednesday Advent Feria St Nicholas</p>	<p>Isaiah 25:6-10 Matthew 15:29-37 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Elizabeth & John Morgan-RIP Gerard McGrory-RIP</p>	<p>Parents & Toddlers Group Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm</p>
<p>7th December Thursday St Ambrose</p>	<p>Isaiah 26:1-26 Matthew 7:21,24-27 12.05pm The Rosary 12.30pm Paddy Fahy-Intentions Jenni & Kevin Donovan John Doyle-Intention</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm Exposition 12.05-12.30pm Baptism Preparation Evening 8pm-Presbytery</p>
<p>8th December Friday SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY Patroness of the Archdiocese of Birmingham</p>	<p>Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am John McGrory-RIP 6.30pm Josie Harman-RIP</p>	<p>Exposition after 10am Mass until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass at 6.30pm</p>
<p>9th December Saturday</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8 12.30pm Ken & Nora Lancaster-RIP Rose-Birthday Raymond Nicholson-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00- 12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>10th December Second Sunday in Advent</p> 	<p>Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Sarah Temple-Poorly</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee after 9am and 11am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week: £1221:16 (Gift Aid £276:50 Loose £944:66)

Second Collection last week end: Catholic Youth Services

Second collection next weekend: Poor Parishes of the Diocese

PREPARE THE WAY- AN ADVENT & CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION WITH JO BOYCE & FRIENDS- Friday 8th December 8pm Corpus Christi Church Stechford B33 8BJ Tickets £8.50(Concessions in advance £6) See leaflets in the porch.

The Catholic Union Of Great Britain- Urgent assistance needed to sign online letter to Secretary of State for Education.The government may be about to renege on its manifesto commitment to remove the 50 % cap on Catholic admissions to Free Schools. It appears that lobbying and letters to MPs have not worked. The bishops have therefore put an online letter on their website which all Catholics are asked to consider signing. It takes around 3 minutes. Follow the link: <http://cbcew.org.uk/education-cap> and then follow the two steps.

Olive Wood Sale-Many thanks to all who purchased and donated to the sale, £640 was raised which was brilliant. Please keep the people of the Holy Land in your prayers. A selection of products are kept in stock at the piety stall.

NEWMAN CIRCLE- Meeting Catholic Chaplaincy, Newman House, 29 Harrison Road Edgbaston; 4th December 2017 7.30pm.The talk will be given by Deacon Peter Middleton and is called 'The Diaconate'.

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS-We will be holding our **Annual OAP Christmas Party** on **Thursday, 14th December 2017** from **1pm-3pm**. We would be grateful if you could let any groups in your Parish know these details and ask that they contact school with numbers by Friday, 8th December 2017 if they wish to attend. The school telephone number is 0121 454 0895

VACANCY- Chief Operating Officer to catholic Archdiocese of BHam. For details visit www.gatenbysanderson.com/jobGSe36009 For informal discussion contact 0113 205 6089. See notice board for details

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
SUNDAY	SUNDAY
9.00am SCHOOL YEAR 5 <i>Michael Keating</i>	9.00am Don & Mary Denney <i>Don & Mary Denney</i>
11.00am Maria Marsay Juliana Benjamin	11.00am Helen Brookes <i>Helen Brookes</i>
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 4th for Services 9th/10th December - A A. Ryder, M Clark, C Sinha	
Flowers Rota: – for week beginning December 4th for Services December 9th/10th-Advent no flowers	

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming	Brian Jones	Anne White	Joseph Lockington
Clare Farmer	James Farmer	Kathleen McLoughlin	Martha Sheridan
Patricia Jones	Eilish's Duffy	Mick Green	Andrew Simpson
Bernadette Day	Patrick Gallagher	Richard Bird	Russell
Christopher Browne	Kate McAvinney	Sarah Maloney	John Balder
Ann Marie Boyd	Kathy Stead	Amando Tenorio	Heath Balder
Maureen McLoughlin	Louisa and Nick	Margaret Kelly	Teresa Farrelley
Joseph Farmer	Peggy Roper	Therese Coulton	Patrick Brogan
Baby Lily Day	Rose Walsh	Aidan, Patrick and Michael O'Donnell	Norman Hart
Martine and Rita McDonnell	Raymond Shenstone	Cornelius Callanan	Doreen Shirley
Sally & Maddy	John Keaney	Glen Hughes	F inbarr Herron
Susanna Gordon	Mark Andrew Sutton	David Noonan	
Dean	Gavin Jones	Baby Lara Constantinou	Tony Duffy
Suzanne RhodenTench			

Advent 1



People of God:
Awake!
The day is coming
soon
when you shall see
God face to face.
Remember the ways
and the works of God.
Christ calls you out of
darkness
to walk in the light of
his coming.
You are God's children
Lord make us one as
we walk with Christ
today and forever.
Amen.

Please pray for Charlie Jones who died recently. Also Patricia Bridget Banks, Catherine Newman, David Barrett, Joseph Marshall, Westley John Taylor, Dorothy Phillips, Kathleen Herdsman, John West, Robert Wolfe, Malcolm Kelly, Tony Quinn and Raymond John Nicholson whose anniversaries are at this time:

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