

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 6th December 2020

Dear Parishioners,

'Prepare a way for the Lord! We prepare each day of our lives for the coming of the Lord. We have to straighten out those things in our behaviour which prevent us from living holy and saintly lives. The new heaven and the new earth where God reigns are what is promised to us and that is why we should always try to be joyful.'(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish you continued Blessings as we enter this second week of Advent. It is such a joy to resume public Masses on Wednesday at 11.30am (Confession 10.45am-11.15am). Saturday 10am (Confessions after Mass) and Sunday 9am and 11.30am (Confessions 10.45-11.15)

The Communion antiphon of this Sunday's Mass captures something of this moment of Advent: 'Rise up Jerusalem, stand on the heights, and see the joy that is coming to you from God.'

We hope that the 'Walk With Me' Booklets are proving useful. You may also wish to take advantage of an Advent Retreat, which you will find on the diocesan website:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk It is based on the Jesus prayer and takes 5 minutes each day.



There is also 'Lectio Divina', on Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. It lasts 40 minutes and is a prayerful and reflective time. If you are interested, please email Helen Brookes at:

ehb73@yahoo.co.uk

If you know of any elderly Parishioners living on their own that would welcome a visit, please speak with them and ask them if they would welcome a visit from the S.V.P. (St Vincent de Paul Society) Food hampers will also be distributed by the S.V.P. for any needy person or family.

Do any of you know of a Joyce Martin living in Solihull? If so, would you please speak with Fr Dominic.

The Crib in Mell Square will be erected this weekend. There will be no Carol Service or blessing this year. However, if you are passing by, do please stop and say a prayer. Do take careful note of the times of our Christmas Masses. As explained last week you are invited to attend one of the daily Masses from December 23rd until January 1st and to make this your Christmas Mass. Please use the Eventbrite booking system when wishing to attend any of the Public Masses. If you are unable to use the Internet, please ask one of the stewards to give you Helen Brookes' telephone number. Helen is available to take your Christmas Mass booking on

<p>5th December Saturday FEAST St Birinus</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Matthew 9:35-37 Public & Live streamed Mass 10am Mandy Swanton-Brown-RIP</p> <p>Holy Souls-Novena of Masses</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 9.30am-10.00am Confessions after Mass</p>
<p>6th December SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</p> 	<p>Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am Patrick Joseph O'Donnell-RIP All People of the Parish Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am Susan & Ben McKiernan-RIP Molly Calihane-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Pray 10.45am-11.30am Confessions 10.45-11.15am</p>
<p>7th December Monday St Ambrose</p>	<p>Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 5:17-26 8.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Zofia Machnicki-RIP Jayne Benson-RIP Neil Robberds-RIP Carl Arnold-RIP 10.00am Live streamed Mass Molly Calihane-RIP</p>	
<p>8th December Tuesday SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p>	<p>Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38 10.00am Public & Live streamed Mass Karen Dolan-Intentions</p> <p>Pat & Patrick Butler-Intentions</p>	
<p>9th December Wednesday Advent Feria St John Diego Cuahtlatotzin</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Charles Jones-RIP</p> <p>Tim & Ros O'Connell</p>	<p>Private Prayer 10.45am- 11.30am Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p>
<p>10th December Thursday Advent Feria St Edmund Gennings</p>	<p>Isaiah 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15 10.00am Live streamed Mass Glenys Higgins-RIP</p> <p>May Doolan-RIP</p>	
<p>11th December Friday Advent Feria St Damasus</p>	<p>Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19 10am Live streamed Mass Pat Jones-Intentions</p> <p>Tom Healy-RIP- and deceased members of the Healy & Paulger Families</p>	<p>5.15pm-6.15pm Holy Hour Church open for private prayer</p>
<p>12th December Saturday Advent Feria Our Lady of Guadalupe</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4,9-11 Matthew 17:10-13 10.00am Public & Live streamed Mass John McCaffrey-RIP</p> <p>Henry-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 9.30am-10.00am Confessions after Mass</p>
<p>13th December Third Sunday of Advent</p> 	<p>Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am All People of the Parish Julie Hanley-RIP</p> <p>11.30am Joe Naughton-RIP Holy Souls-Novena</p>	<p>Church open for Private Pray 10.45am-11.30am Confessions 10.45-11.15am</p>

Tuesday or Thursday between 10am and 12 noon. At all other times, please leave a message with your contact number and Helen will ring you back. On Christmas Eve, we will live stream Mass privately at 4pm for the benefit of our young families. **Please note** that on Monday we have an additional Mass at 8.00am which will be a public Mass for those able to attend and on Tuesday, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, we welcome you to a public Mass at 10am to celebrate Mary Immaculate.'

2nd Collection this weekend-Poor Parishes. Poor Mission Fund exists to help our poorer parishes, many of which will have been particularly badly hit this year. Donations can be made directly and electronically to the fund via the diocesan website with the added advantage of Gift Aid for those who are eligible. : <https://www.mygiving.online/appdonation/DonateNow/197597ae-b53e-430f-be0a-a78281e94aa8> (After completing your details on the form donors will be taken to the next page which has the PMF preselected as the fund to donate to.)

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Second Sunday of Advent (Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-4 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8) Let us be a sign for all A voice cries "Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord". Sometimes life can seem to be a wilderness as we look ahead. If we try to live today to the best of our abilities, removing those attitudes and behaviours that prevent us from being better husbands and wives, then we can become a clearer 'signpost' for everyone.

FATHER HUDSONS- on behalf of everyone at Father Hudson's Care I would like to thank you for keeping Father Hudson's Care, our staff, volunteers and service users in your thoughts and prayers. With the ongoing challenges of the pandemic, the 2020 Crib appeal will look slightly different from past appeals, and I wanted to inform you of some slight changes and how you can continue to support vulnerable people in need of our care now more than ever.

If you are able to invite people into your church to visit your Nativity scene, we would like to invite you to take part in this year's Crib Appeal. You can download the poster from the parishes page on our website [here](#) or on our [resources page](#). If you are not able to host as many visitors as usual we will be taking this year's Crib Appeal online as well. We would like to ask as many parishes and individuals as possible to share a picture of their Advent and Christmas preparations on Facebook or twitter any time during advent with the following information:

This Christmas we are supporting @fatherhudsons, show you care to by sharing a picture of your Christmas preparations and by donating to support people in need in your Archdiocese to <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/fhccrib2020> #fatherhudsonscrib

With APF box collections being curtailed due to Government Regulations the Parish donations total for the last eleven months is only 10% of recent years, and if this is the trend for the whole Country it will mean just £300K in lieu of the Three Million pounds which is received and distribute annually to missionaries generally in much worse conditions that our own..

If anyone wishes to make their normal donation before the 18th December you can do this by one of the following ways:-1. Send or deliver a cheque payable to APF Missio to Frank Miller, 2 Alderbrook Road, B91 1NH 2. Deliver cash in the box or in an envelope to the above address. 3. If you want cash, cheque or direct debit forms collected please ring Frank Miller 681 7031. 4. Contact your normal collector by telephone.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL NURSERY-Applications are now open for Nursery places at St Augustine's School for entry in September 2021. The nursery is a 15hrs a week funded provision for children to join in the September after their 3rd birthday (2021 entry would be for children born Sept 2017 – August 2018). Nursery is Monday to Friday 9.00 – 12.00. Applications are made directly to the school. Application forms and more information can be found at <https://st-augustines-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/admissions/>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Keith Frettsome	Martin Yeates	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy	Martha Sheridan	
Joan Kennedy	Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Sue Hodrien
Trevor Windle	Colette Hickey	Danny Meadows	Anne(Eithne) O'Sullivan	John Doyle	
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Pat Ferris	
Diane Burgess	Kathleen Clark	Kathryn Farmer	Malachy Hanly	Damian Poole	
Father Fred Sheldon.					

THE TIMES OF THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

WEDNESDAY 23 rd DECEMBER	11.30am
THURSDAY 24 th DECEMBER	10.00am
FRIDAY 25 th DECEMBER	10.00am
SATURDAY 26 th December	11.30am
SUNDAY 27 th DECEMBER	11.30am
MONDAY 28 th DECEMBER	10.30am
TUESDAY 29 th DECEMBER	10.30am
WEDNESDAY 30 th DECEMBER	10.30am
THURSDAY 31 st DECEMBER	10.30am
FRIDAY 1 st JANUARY	10.30am



Please pray for: Cathy Sampson, (Requiem Tuesday 15th December, 9.00am), James Farmer, Adrian Haigh and Anne Taylor who died recently.

Also Joseph Marshall, Westley John Taylor, Alexander Joseph McGarry, Dorothy Phillips, Kathleen Hurdman, John West, Robert Wolfe, Malcolm Kelly, Tony Quinn, Raymond John Nicholson, Ernest Edwin Phipps, Maureen Casey, Bob Morgan, Gordon Sutton, James McGettigan, Frank Norton, Julie Margaret Hanly, Margaret Kelly and all with anniversaries at this time.

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CAFOD World Gifts CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas. Visit www.cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

