

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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY    13th December 2020**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**'Be happy at all times!** Happiness is our birthright as Christians. We give thanks to God for His Spirit who lives in us and makes us aware of our wonderful mission in spreading the good news of man's redemption. The Spirit brings us deep peace because the God who called us will not fail us.'(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish you many joyful blessings on this third Sunday of Advent, traditionally known as 'Gaudete Sunday'. This name is taken from the entrance antiphon of today's Mass: 'Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near.'

**On Thursday December 17<sup>th</sup>** at 7pm, we are holding a Penance Service and will be joined by our neighbouring Priests and Parishioners. You are most welcome and we have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. The Penance Service will consist of Scripture Readings, an Examination of Conscience and Individual Confession.

**Father Joseph and I** visited Fr Paul last Saturday and found him in very good form. He wishes to be remembered to you and continues to rely on your prayers, as we all do.



**Pope Francis** has asked that this year from December 8<sup>th</sup> 2020 until December 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 will be a year dedicated to Saint Joseph. With the Apostolic Letter 'Patris Corde' (With a Father's Heart) Pope Francis recalls the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the universal Church.'

**'Lectio Divina'**, continues 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](mailto: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.

**As you leave the Church**, you are welcome to have a Calendar from the Columbans. Also, The Sower Magazine is available, and the last remaining Christmas Cards are available from the Piety Stall.

<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 &amp; Live streamed Mass John McCaffrey-RIP  Henry-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 9.30am-10.00am Confessions after Mass</p>
<p>13th December  Gaudete Sunday  THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT</p> 	<p>Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 9.00am All People of the Parish Julie Hanley-RIP  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>
<p>14th December Monday St John of the Cross</p>	<p>Numbers 24:2-7,15-17 Matthew 21:23-27 10am Live streamed Mass Angelica Mandrina &amp; Family-Intentions  Packie McGovern- Intention</p>	
<p>15th December Tuesday Advent Feria</p>	<p>Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13 Matthew 21:28-32 Live Streamed 9.00am Requiem Kathleen Sampson</p>	
<p>16th December Wednesday Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 45:6-8,18,21-26 Luke 7:19-23 11.30am Public &amp; Live streamed Mass Margaret Campbell-RIP  Maureen Seagar-RIP</p>	<p>Private Prayer 10.45am- 11.30am Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p>
<p>17th December Thursday Advent Feria O SAPIENTIA (WISDOM)</p>	<p>Genesis 49:2,8-10 Matthew 1:1-17 10.00am Live streamed Mass Members of Father Paul's Family  Michael Patrick Doolan-RIP</p>	<p>Penance Service 7.00pm</p>
<p>18th December Friday Advent Feria 'O Adonai' (Lord)</p>	<p>Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-24 10am Live streamed Mass Father Paul-Intentions  Thelma Cole &amp; Families</p>	<p>5.15pm-6.15pm Holy Hour Church open for private prayer</p>
<p>19th December Saturday Advent Feria O RADIX JESSE</p>	<p>Judges 13:2-7,24-25 Luke 1:5-25 10.00am Public &amp; Live streamed Mass Christian Morris-RIP  John James Martin-Intention</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 9.30am-10.00am Confessions after Mass</p>
<p>20th December  Fourth Sunday of Advent  O CLAVIS DAVID  Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</p>	<p>2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-12,14,16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 9.00am Sarah Dennison-RIP All People of the Parish  11.30am Stefan &amp; Wanda Robberds-Intentions Maura Gill-Intentions</p>	<p>Church open for Private Pray 10.45am-11.30am Confessions 10.45-11.15am</p> 

**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 23<sup>rd</sup> until January 1<sup>st</sup> 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 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.

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** [www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk) 4 Third Sunday of Advent (Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 1Thessalonians 5:16-24 John1: 6-8, 19-28) We have been anointed by God A TV programme poses the question: 'Who do you think you are?' When John, baptising in the desert, was asked this question, to paraphrase he replied: "I am a voice, drawing attention to something greater than you can see or hear." Our marriages are like this! We are a 'sign' radiating God's love for all His people.

**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*

**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 [cafod.org.uk/worldgifts](http://cafod.org.uk/worldgifts)

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

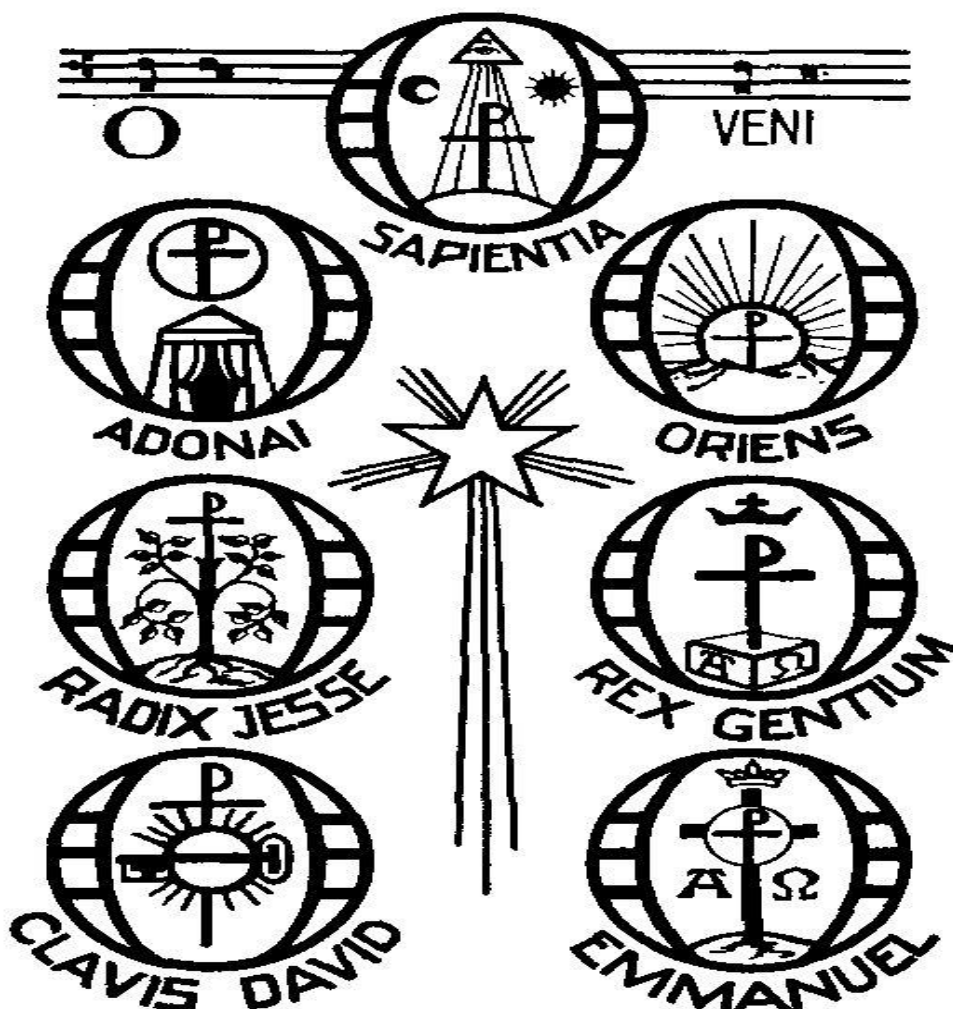
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‘The blind see again, and The lame walk.. and the good news is proclaimed to the poor’ Matthew 11:5

God of all, You sent your Son to be with us. And bring good news To those who are poor.

Work through us now And lead us to reach out To those who are in need So that together we may

Proclaim the good news In all that we do. Amen.



From December 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> the Church observes the ancient custom of praying each day one of the 7 'O' Antiphons, so called because each one addresses the God who comes in Christ with a different biblical title, beginning with the invocation 'O'

**Please pray for:** Kathleen Sampson, (Requiem Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December, 9.00am), Colette Hickey, James Farmer and Anne Taylor who died recently. Also Mary Eileen Lunn, Hugh Hegarty, Simon Andrew Roche, Timothy O'Shea, Maureen Anne Bernadette Seager, Bridget Mary Bishop, Lilian Powell, Joan Gorman, Renee Goddard, June Elspeth Hoefkens, and all with anniversaries at this time

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