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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT    20th December 2020**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**'Mary, you have won God's favour.** God is forever faithful to His promises. From the time of David, right up to the birth of Jesus there is no doubting that God is with His people. That which is hidden for endless ages is revealed in Jesus Christ who is the son of the Virgin Mary.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** 'Dear Parishioners, How much Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I look forward to celebrating our Saviour's birth with you especially in the present circumstances. I look forward to hearing the words of Isaiah:

'The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.'

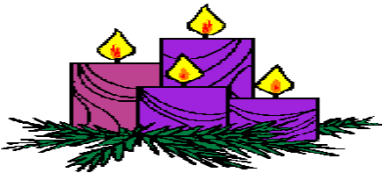
May this light radiating from the face of Christ illumine our paths and guide us in the way of peace.'

**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.

**The Wednesday evening** meetings for '**Lectio Divine**', will recommence on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> January 7.30pm.

**Thank you to** each of you for your generous financial support of the Parish during these difficult times. We have received some very generous contributions for the normal offertory.

**Please remember** in your prayers Mrs Gill Jones who is preparing to be received in to Full Communion. **The Diocesan Directories** are on sale £3. Also available are the Columban Calendars and The Sower Magazine and various other publications, including CAFOD World Gifts. Also available are the Christmas Offertory envelopes in which may be placed your traditional Christmas Offering to your Clergy. There will be a second collection this weekend for the Apostleship of the Sea. Gift Aid envelopes are available in the porch..

<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</p> <p>John James Martin-Intention</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 9.30am-10.00am Confessions after Mass</p>
<p>20th December  FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT</p>  <p>O CLAVIS DAVID</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</p> <p>11.30am Stefan &amp; Wanda Robberds-Intentions</p> <p>Maura Gill-Intentions</p>	<p>Church open for Private Pray 10.45am-11.30am Confessions 10.45-11.15am</p> <p>Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</p>
<p>21st December Monday Advent Feria St Peter Canisius O ORIENS</p>	<p>Song of Songs 2:8-14 OR Zephaniah 3:14-18 Luke 1:39-45 10am Live streamed Mass Joan Brosnan-Intention Tom Gorman-RIP</p>	
<p>22nd December Tuesday Advent Feria O REX GENTIUM</p>	<p>1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56 10.00am Live Streamed Mass Ellen Shinton-RIP Susan Lee-Intention</p>	
<p>23rd December Wednesday Advent Feria St John of Kanty O EMMANUEL</p>	<p>Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 11.30am Public &amp; Live streamed Mass Esther &amp; Pat Murphy-RIP</p> <p>Zygfryd &amp; Wanda Cettler-RIP</p>	<p>Private Prayer 10.45am-11.30am Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p>
<p>24th December Thursday</p>	<p>Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 10.00am Public &amp; Live streamed Mass Maurice,Eileen &amp; Michael Long-RIP Daniel Brosnan-RIP Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 4.00pm Live streamed Mass Patrick &amp; Katie McGovern Michael &amp; Anne Kennedy-RIP</p>	
<p>25th December Friday SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</p>	<p>Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18 10am Public &amp;Live streamed Mass Bernadette O'Donnell-Birthday</p> <p>Patrick O'Sullivan-Intention</p>	
<p>26th December Saturday FEAST St Stephen</p>	<p>Acts 6:8-10, 7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22 11.30am Public &amp; Live streamed Mass Patrick Withers-RIP</p> <p>Marie Adkins-Intentions</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am</p>
<p>27th December  FEAST of the HOLY FAMILY</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40 OR Genesis 15:1-6, 21:1-3 Hebrews 11:8,11-12,17-19 Luke 2:22-40 11.30am Gerry Bree-RIP</p> <p>All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Church open for Private Pray 10.45am-11.30am Confessions 10.45-11.15am</p>

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** [www.twainoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twainoneflesh.org.uk) Fourth Sunday of Advent (2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8-11, 16 Romans 16: 25-27 Luke 1:26-38) Listening is a way of loving David, Paul and Mary listened to God, changed their plans and way of life. Before marrying, we listened intently and consequently felt loved and cherished. Today, with the pressures of everyday living, our listening can be impaired. We need constantly to overcome the temptation to just 'hear' what's said, and work on listening with our hearts, eyes and full attention.

**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*

**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	Kevin McDaid	Pat Ferris		

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS SUNDAY 20th DECEMBER

All loving God,  
you created the human family  
as a reflection of your own divine life  
so that your [creation](#) might share in your happiness.

Hear our [prayer](#) for your daughter  
who awaits the birth of her child.  
She has cooperated with you in giving life.  
Assist her now as she prepares to give birth  
to the child in her womb.  
May [Mary](#) be her guide and support,  
calming her fears and strengthening her love.

May your daughter be filled with your peace and blessing  
so that she may bring her child into this world  
safely and in [good](#) health to the praise and  
glory of your name. Amen



**Please pray for:** Anne White, Adrian Haigh, Hielle, Colette Hickey, James Farmer and Anne Taylor who died recently.

Also Ellen Dickinson, Patrick Brennan, Patrick Thomas Kelly, Elizabeth Morgan, Damien Peter Crow, Dymphna McDermott, Ronald William Manton, Mary Bernadette Theresa Turner, Norman Lawrence Hart, Tonino Polidori, Kathleen Ewart, Joan Hadley, Baby Eve Fox, Joseph Ruhan, Doreen Delaney, Lilian Josephine Roe, Doreen Mary Essex, Gerard McVeigh, Laurence Anthony Hoefkens and all with anniversaries at this time

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