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

**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY    27th December 2020**

**Dear Parishioners,**

.'Christ in the human family. God sets before us the Holy Family of Nazareth as the model for all families. The family unit is the basic structure on which human society is built. A good Christian family life is a most powerful witness to our world of God's love for us revealed in Christ.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)



**Father Dominic writes:** 'Dear Parishioners, What a great joy that we have been able to come together to celebrate Jesus' birthday and to offer our praise and thanks to God for making it possible to do so. Thank you for your example of Faith and Love in these most difficult of times and for all the ways you have sought to build up your life of prayer and charity. Thank you to those who have beautified the Church with the splendid flower arrangements, with the Cribs and Christmas Trees, helping to make the Sanctuary in particular look so attractive. May the celebration of our Saviour's birth draw from our hearts a tender love for God our Father and for one another.

**Thank you to** all our volunteers who act as stewards and guides at Mass and to those who organise the rotas and the Parish website and booking systems. We are most grateful for your service.

**Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I** thank you sincerely for your Christmas cards so nicely illustrated and with words of appreciation, for your gifts and offerings and not forgetting your prayers and the offering of Mass.

**I am delighted to** let you know that Annette and Franc Kelly have been awarded the 'Bene Merenti' by Pope Francis for their kindness and care to successive Clergy over 25 years and for me also over these last 15 years. We will present them with this Papal honour at the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January. I know that their dedication both to the Clergy and to Parishioners has been warmly welcomed by you over the years and represents your own commitment and service to this lovely Parish of Saint Augustine's. I am sure you will want to offer your own prayerful congratulations.

**We hope to begin in** January the Sacramental preparation for our young Parishioners for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. If you wish your child/children, not attending a Catholic School, to be prepared for either of these Sacraments would you please    PTO

<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  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  All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am</p> 
<p>28th December Monday FEAST of THE HOLY INNOCENTS</p>	<p>1 John 1:5-2:2      Matthew 2:13-18 10.30am Public &amp; Live streamed Mass Mary Concannon-RIP &amp; Mary Pilley-RIP  Mercedes Sanchez-Intentions</p>	<p>Private Prayer 9.45am-10.30am</p>
<p>29th December Tuesday FEAST ST THOMAS BECKET</p>	<p>Colossians 1:24-29      Luke 22:24-30 10.30am Public &amp; Live Streamed Mass Monica Hynes &amp; Family  Mary &amp; John Edge-RIP</p>	<p>Private Prayer 9.45am-10.30am</p>
<p>30th December Wednesday SIXTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS</p>	<p>1 John 2:12-17      Luke 2:36-40 10.30am Public &amp; Live streamed Mass Holy Souls(Andy)  Susan Lee-Intention</p>	<p>Private Prayer 9.45am-10.30am</p>
<p>31st December Thursday SEVENTH DAY IN THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS St Sylvester</p>	<p>1 John 2:18-21      John 1:1-18 10.30am Public &amp; Live streamed Mass John Ownsworth-RIP  Kay &amp; Tony Perry-RIP</p>	<p>Private Prayer 9.45am-10.30am</p>
<p>1st January Friday SOLEMNITY of MARY the MOTHER OF GOD</p>	<p>Numbers 6:22-27    Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 10.30am Public &amp; Live streamed Mass Benefactors of St Augustine's Church  Anne White-Intention</p>	<p>Private Prayer 9.45am-10.30am</p>  <p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>2nd January Saturday St Basil the Great &amp; St Gregory of Nazianzen</p>	<p>1 John 2:22-28      John 1:19-28 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 10.00am John &amp; Elizabeth Ward-RIP  Mary Cassidy-Intention</p>	<p>Private Prayer 9.30am-10am</p>
<p>3rd January  2nd Sunday of Christmas</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 24:1-2, 8-12 Ephesians 1:3-6,15-18      John 1:1-18 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 9.00am All People of the Parish  Public &amp; Live streamed Mass  11.30am Franc &amp; Annette Kelly &amp; Family</p>	

contact one of the Clergy or Miss Libby Service.

There is a Pastoral Letter this weekend from the Archbishop, on the Feast of the Holy Family. Copies are available in the main porch.

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

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** [www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk) The Holy Family (Ecclesiastes 3:2-6, 12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40) Give way and love gently When Mary and Joseph had done everything that the Law required, they went back home. Little is said about them as a couple. Did Mary 'give way to her husband, as you should in the Lord'? Did Joseph 'love his wife and treat her with gentleness'? Did they choose daily to love each other over and above everything else? Do we?

**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	Robert Brown		

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## Radiating Christ

*Dear Jesus,  
Help me to spread your fragrance  
Everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Your Spirit and Life.  
Penetrate and possess my whole being  
So utterly that my life may only be A radiance of Yours.  
Shine through me and be so in me  
That every soul I come in contact with May feel Your presence in my soul.*

*Let them look up,  
And see no longer me, but only Jesus!  
Stay with me and then I will begin  
To shine as You shine,  
So to shine as to be a light to others.  
The light, O Jesus will be all from You; None of it will be mine.  
It will be You, shining on others through me.  
Let me thus praise You In the way You love best,  
By shining on those around me.  
Let me preach You without preaching,  
Not by words but by example, By the catching force,  
The sympathetic influence of what I do,  
The evident fullness of the love My heart bears for You. Amen.*

**Composed by John Henry Cardinal Newman**



**Please pray for:** Anne White (Requiem Mass Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2020 9.45am. Reception into Church Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January 5.00pm) Adrian Haigh, Hielle, Colette Hickey, James Farmer, James Conway ( Funeral Service at Yardley Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January at 12.15pm) and Anne Taylor who died recently.

Also Gerald Reddington, Mary Cocannon, Mary Bernadette Pilley, Thomas Kennedy, Helen Patricia Bird, Maureen Ferran, Jacqueline Lemmon, Margaret Taylor Smith, Patrick Joseph Rooney, Kathleen(Kay) Margaret Perry, Francis Gerard Kelly, Hilda(Ann) Hammond, Irene Elizabeth Whitehouse, Alice Devaney, and Reg Breakwell and all with anniversaries at this time.

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