

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent 19th December 2021

Dear Parishioners,

'Mary, Mother of my Lord. Mary does the will of God perfectly. When God speaks to her, she is prompt to obey and in her flesh, God's word becomes incarnate. Of all women, she is the most blessed because she believed that God's promises would be fulfilled in the humblest of His creatures. She is the servant of everyone. She was for Elizabeth the cause of her joy. She is the same for us.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)



Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I, unite with you as we joyfully await the Feast of our Saviour's birth. Thank you so much for your responsible approach to the use of the booking system either through the Parish website or by telephoning Helen Brookes who will book you a place. The three Masses on Christmas Eve are now fully booked. There are however, places available at the 9am and 11am Masses on Christmas Day and on Sunday 26th December, the Feast of the Holy Family. We would still like to encourage our elderly and vulnerable Parishioners to attend Mass on Wednesday 22nd or Thursday 23rd December or on one of the days following Christmas Day and to use this as your Christmas Mass. Please remember all Masses are live-streamed and you are encouraged to take advantage of this facility if you feel particularly vulnerable.

Also, I am delighted to inform you that Midnight Mass will be televised by the BBC from St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham at Midnight on Christmas Eve. Archbishop Bernard will be the leading celebrant.

For the 8pm Carol Service and 8.30pm Mass on Christmas Eve, and for the two Masses on Christmas Day we have requested free car parking in the lower level of Dominion Car Park.

We offer our sincere thanks to the Head teacher; Staff, Parents and Pupils of St Augustine's School for the beautiful Nativity Plays and Concerts performed by the children- a prelude of joy to the birth of our Saviour. Congratulations to everyone concerned! We hope that you have a very happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you over the Holiday period.

Saturday 19th December at 2.30pm, Father Andy Franklin at Our Lady of the Wayside invites Parishioners to the Sacrament of the Sick. If you would like to attend, please let Fr Dominic know. **A Penance Service** will take place here at St Augustine's on Tuesday 21st December at 7pm. We will be joined by the Clergy and Parishioners of Our Lady of the PTO

<p>18th December Saturday Advent Feria <i>O Adonai</i> (Lord)</p>	<p>Micah 5:-1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 12.30pm Public and Live streamed Mass Salvador Marquez & Lucila Yncierto-RIP Ian Thornley-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.45am-12.30pm Mass Confession 11.45am-12.15pm</p>
<p>19th December FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers <i>O Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse)</i></p>	<p>Micah 5:-1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 9.00am Public and Live streamed Mass All People of the Parish 11.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Ben & Susan McKiernan-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 10.30am Confessions 10.30am-10.45am</p> 
<p>20th December Monday Advent Feria O Clavis David</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Joseph Farmer-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30am</p>
<p>21st December Tuesday Advent Feria St Peter Canisius O Oriens</p>	<p>Zephaniah 3:14-18 OR Song of Songs 2:8-14 Luke 1:39-45 10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Margaret Mary McDonnell-RIP Gerald Farmer-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30am Penance Service 7pm</p>
<p>22nd December Wednesday Advent Feria <i>O Rex Gentium</i></p>	<p>1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56 Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am Gill Jones – Intention (Lectio Group) Esther & Pat Murphy-RIP</p>	<p>Private Prayer & Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p>
<p>23rd December Thursday Advent Feria St John Kenty <i>O Emmanuel</i></p>	<p>Malachi 3:1-4,23-24 Luke 1:57-66 10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Zygfrd & Wanda Cettler-RIP Dennis Kenny-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30am</p>
<p>24th December Friday Advent Feria</p>	<p>Public and Live streamed Masses Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 12.30pm Ellen Shinton-RIP Mary Dunleavy-RIP 4.00pm Thomas, Catherine, Frances Kelly & Kinnard Family-RIP 8.00pm Carols & Readings 8.30pm John Davis- RIP All People of the Parish</p>	
<p>25th December SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</p>	<p>Public and Live streamed Mass Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20 9.00am Bernadette O'Donnell-Birthday Anna Varghese-RIP 11.00am Mamie & Pat Owens-RIP Mini Bushell & Deceased members of Rozwach & Sobieraj Families</p>	
<p>26th December Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.00am All People of the Parish Patrick Gill-RIP 11.00am James and Anne Hollywood-RIP Eilish, Tony Duffy & Family-Intentions</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 10.30am</p> 

Wayside. We have requested free parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park for the duration of the Service. The Service will include Hymns, Readings, Examination of Conscience and Individual Confessions.

You will have heard us mention the 'Synodal Pathway' which from now on we will refer to as 'Walking Together'. There is some very helpful information on the Diocesan website www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk – which will keep you up to date with the stage we have reached on our journey.

Thank you to all who have taken part in Lectio Divina each Wednesday evening. Special thanks to Helen Brookes for enabling the Meetings. The Meetings will recommence on Wednesday 12th January

SOCIAL WELFARE ADVISOR AGILE WORKING. Job description for this role available from Gerry Dryden, Human Resources & Communications Director- email gerry.dryden@rcaob.org.uk To fulfil the duties of this role you are likely to have/must have a nursing or social work background and can communicate/empathise with individuals of senior years. Also an understanding of state and local authority benefits.

Bishop Challoner TSA is working in partnership with CEFEL and The Catholic Education Service to deliver National Professional Qualifications (NPQs) for Teachers. We are also offering a new NPQ in Leading Behaviour and Culture.

NPQs are currently fully funded for all state maintained schools. Apply here:

<https://www.cefel.org.uk/npq/>

Applications close on 17th January 2022 for programmes starting February 2022.

Divine Mercy Prayer Group. 7pm on Monday evenings at Our Lady of the Wayside, Shirley in the St Aidan's Chapel. All welcome.

Olton Friary and the SCJ Community have two vacant positions for Cleaners. Please contact the Parish Office on 0121 706 0505 or Fr Biju if you are interested.

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS AND FESTIVE FOOD BAGS...FRIENDS IN NEED The SVP Society, St Augustine's, needs your help! We need: Tins, Chunky Soups, Packet Mash, Toiletries, Cereals, Rice, UHT Milk and Juice, Christmas Puddings and Biscuits, Mince Pies, Crisps, Crackers, Chocolates, Children's selection boxes, Nail Clippers, Tin Openers and Lip Balm..... Thank you! For more information, please contact: 07568 508271

Thank you for your Offertory contributions. 12th December Gift Aid: £276 Loose £572:99 Total £848:99

The Christmas Offerings are your Christmas gift to your Parish Priest; envelopes are available in the porch.

Standing Orders for the month of October £1,801 **Standing Orders** for the month of November £2,264. Second Collection this weekend: Voluntary collection for the people of Afghanistan.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish,	Tony Duffy	Fr Fred Sheldon	Mary Ryan	William Moran
Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Anne Deary
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	John Doyle	Dan Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White
Diane Burgess	Kathleen Clark	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Roisin Brown	Gillian Jones
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Noreen O'Connor	Mary Johnson	Joanne Moss
Christopher Edmund Poole		for protection and peace in the Mbag Family		Eve	Steve Bates
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Amanda Stellfox	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Catherine Walton
Roger Cox					

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS SUNDAY 19th 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: Mrs Anne O'Grady and Teresa Doherty (Requiem Friday 7th January 10am;
Reception Thursday 6th January 6pm) who died recently. Mass of the Angels for baby Yoshua Mikell
Dizon (Friday 31st December 11.00am)

Also, Betty Violet Grealey, Ellen Dickinson, Patrick Brennan, Patrick Thomas Kelly, Ann Teresa White,
Elizabeth Morgan, Damien Peter Crow, Dymphna McDermott, Ronal 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 and all with anniversaries at this time

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