

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

First Sunday of Advent 28th November 2021

Dear Parishioners,

'Your liberation is near at hand. We have no reason to fear the second coming of Christ if we allow God to teach us how to grow in holiness. We ask Him to help us to love one another with generosity and integrity. In this way we will be able to hold our heads high and have the strength necessary to survive all that will happen in our lives so that when the time comes we will stand in confidence before Christ and His saints.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I, look forward to celebrating this Season of Advent with you. We hope and pray that within the many demands on your time you will discover afresh the spirit of 'waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour.' May the readings and prayers of the advent Masses give you much reassurance and hope, as for example the communion antiphon of the 3rd Sunday- 'Say to the anxious: be strong and fear not, our God will come to save us.'

We welcome Father Eugene to our Parish this weekend for the annual Mission Appeal. Father Eugene is a member of the Missionaries of St. Paul, the Apostle. There will be a second collection in response to his appeal.



Please pray for Eira and Isaac Stuart and for Matthew Hawker who are to be baptized into the family of the Church at this time.

You are very welcome to attend the Blessing of the Crib this Sunday afternoon, November 28th, at 3pm in Mell Square, opposite the Castle Art Gallery.

Monsignor Danny McHugh, the diocesan co-ordinator for Ethnic communities invites our newly arrived Parishioners from Hong Kong to a meeting in the Parish Hall on Sunday December 5th at 3pm.'

We would like to hold 'Night Fever' on Saturday 4th December from 6pm-8pm in Church. We would welcome some volunteers to help with this. If you would like to help and require more information, please speak with Juliana Benjamin or with one of the Clergy. **On Sunday 19th December at 2.30pm**, Father Andy Franklin at Our Lady of the Wayside invites Parishioners to the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If you would like to attend, please let Father 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 Wayside. **PTO**

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| <p>27th November Saturday</p> | <p>Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28,34-36 12.30pm Public and Live streamed Mass Novena of Masses Salvador Marquez-RIP/Lucila Yncierto-RIP Ronaldo Manorina-RIP Delbert Manorina-Birthday</p> | <p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.45am-12.30pm Mass Confession 11.45am-12.15pm</p> |
| <p>28th November First Sunday of Advent</p>  | <p>Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28,34-36 9.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Charles Jones-RIP 11.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Joseph & Anne Marshall-RIP</p> | <p>Church open for Private Prayer 10.30am Confessions 10.30am-10.45am</p> |
| <p>29th November Monday Advent Feria</p> | <p>Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 8:5-11 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Canon Giles Goward-RIP</p> | <p>Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30am</p> |
| <p>30th November Tuesday FEAST St Andrew Patron of Scotland</p> | <p>Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22 10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Requiem- Kathleen Curley</p> | <p>Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30am</p> |
| <p>1st December Wednesday FEAST St Edmund Campion</p> | <p>1 Corinthians 4:9-13 Luke 9:23-26 Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am Keith Frettsome-RIP Noel McClean-Intention</p> | <p>Private Prayer & Confession 10.45am-11.15am Lectio Divina' at 7.30pm To join in the Meeting please email Helen Brookes who will forward you the link to join the Meeting. Helen's email: ehb73@yahoo.co.uk</p> |
| <p>2nd December Thursday Advent Feria</p> | <p>Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21,24-27 10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Kathleen O'Neill-RIP Fred Slater-Intention</p> | <p>Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30am</p> |
| <p>3rd December Friday St Francis Xavier</p> | <p>Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31 6.30pm Public & Live streamed Mass Joanie Dooley-RIP Zofia Lozinska-RIP</p> | <p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Church open for Private Prayer 5.15pm-6.15pm & up until 6.30pm Mass</p> |
| <p>4th December Saturday St John Damascene</p> | <p>Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6 12.30pm Public and Live streamed Mass Angelina Mandorina-Intention Bridie O'Connor-RIP</p> | <p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.45am-12.30pm Mass Confession 11.45am-12.15pm</p> |
| <p>5th December Second Sunday of Advent</p>  | <p>Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6 9.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Sylvester Cotter-RIP 11.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Paula Burston-RIP</p> | <p>Church open for Private Prayer 10.30am Confession 10.30am-10.45am</p> |

Please remember in your prayers our First Holy Communion Candidates who will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Wednesday 1st December at 4.30pm We have requested free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

The Sower Magazine is available this weekend, free of charge. Also, available are the Walk With Me booklets and calendars.

In January I would like to start a Youth Group. In previous years we have invited those aged between 10-14 years to join and we have held it on a Tuesday evening between 6.30pm-8.30pm We will keep you informed.

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.

Can you help at the Christmas Masses? Masses are planned for Christmas Eve at 12:30pm, 4.00pm and 8.00pm and on Christmas day at 9.00am and 11.00am. **These can only go ahead safely if there are sufficient helpers to steward and clean after Mass.** Our present small band of volunteers are unable to cover all Masses as well as their usual Mass commitment. If you can help for 20 minutes after any Christmas Mass, please give Father details of the Mass where you can help or put your name on the list. Extra Mass volunteers would always be welcome to ease the pressure on our long serving volunteers.

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

Friends of the Holy Land- A huge thank you to all who bought products or donated. £1003.31 was raised. Very much appreciated. Thank you, Marguerite,

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

Exciting opportunities to work within the Archdiocese of Birmingham at the Kenelm Youth Trust at based in Alton, Staffordshire. Competitive salary for paid positions depending on qualifications and experience. Excellent benefits including good pension, spectacular environment and friendly teams. For more details visit the recruitment page on our website: work4KYT - KENELM YOUTH TRUST Or contact Debbie Woodward for an application pack via email Debbie.Woodward@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk

BLESSING OF GRAVES- 28th November **Wythall and Yardley**

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM The Catholic Schools Inspectorate would like to invite suitably qualified practising Catholics to join their inspection team in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. Further information from Ben McArdle- b.mcardle@bdes.org.uk Closing date for applications Thursday 16th December 12 noon.

Thank you for your Offertory contributions. 21st November Gift Aid: £212: Loose £467:21 Total £679:21 Second Collection last weekend Catholic Youth Services; £605:94 Second collection this weekend Mission Appeal

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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| 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 |
| Margaret Lennon | James Brown | John McCarthy | Kath Reidy | Noreen O'Connor | Mary Johnson |
| Christopher Edmund Poole | | for protection and | peace in the Mbag | Family | Steve Bates |
| Nicole Plummer | Pat Brogan | Amanda Stellfox | Thelma Cole | Molly Saunders | Eve |
| Catherine Walton, | Margaret Hedges, | Anne O'Grady, | Phillip Saunders | | |

People of God:
Awake!
The day is coming soon
when you shall see God face to face.
Remember the ways and the

works of God.

Christ calls you out of darkness
to walk in the light of his coming.

You are God's
children

Lord make us one as we
walk with Christ
today and for ever. Amen.



Please pray for: Kathleen Curley (Requiem Tuesday 30th November, 10am; Reception Monday 29th November, 7pm), Tracy Everitt, Renate Lehnen, (Robin Hood Crematorium, Thursday 2nd December 11am); Ken Bolton (Requiem Monday 6th December 11am; Reception Sunday 5th December 5pm) and Kathleen Josephine McCabe (Requiem Tuesday 7th December 2pm; Reception Monday 6th December 6pm) who died recently.

Also, Alan Leslie Bibby, Charlie Jones, Bridget Mary Cronin, Eileen Marie Kenny, Margaret French, Kevin William Geary, Gertrude Ann Horsburgh, John Alfred Peace, Patricia Bridget Banks, Michael Murphy, Zofia Lozinski, Catherine Newman, David Barrett, and all with anniversaries at this time.

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