

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Second Sunday of Advent 4th December 2022

Dear Parishioners, 'Prepare a way for the Lord! We prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ through repentance. We need to change the pattern of our lives in order to be ready when indeed He does come. In the next few weeks, we must straighten out our lives so that the Lord will have no obstacle in his path. (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I hope that this season of joyful expectation may continue to bring you untold Blessings. We welcome to our 9am Mass this Sunday morning the Children's Choir and Year 4 of St Augustine's School who will be helping with the Liturgy.

This Sunday afternoon we have a joint celebration at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. It will take place at 3pm. All are welcome.

Thank you to each and everyone for your generous support of the Christmas Fayre, for purchasing the raffle tickets and for all the gifts you have brought. We do hope that you will be able to join us on Saturday afternoon and after the two Sunday Masses- please come and join in the fun of the fayre.

Thank you to those who were able to attend the Blessing of the Crib last Sunday afternoon.



We were delighted to have some of our Hong Kong families sing Carols in Cantonese.

Please note that Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on a Saturday will begin at 11am and finish at 12.00 midday approx. Father Joseph and I will be hearing Confessions in the Parish Hall on Saturday morning for the next few Saturdays.

Please remember in your prayers Mrs Kath Clark who died peacefully on Friday 2nd December. Kath was one of the oldest members of the Parish and had lived nearly all of her life in Solihull, apart from the recent years when she was a resident of Jobs Close in Knowle. Please also remember her son Andrew in your prayers and Annette and Bernie who visited Kath Regularly and brought her Holy Communion.

The Memory Box Café is meeting on Thursday 8th December in the Parish Hall from 2pm until 3.30pm. Dementia patients their carers and elderly members of the Parish are very welcome.

Next Sunday we invite our families to bring the baby Jesus from your Nativity cribs and we will bless them in preparation for the celebration of Christ's birth.

3rd December Saturday St Francis Xavier	Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm John Noone-RIP Michael Whyte-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11.45am-12.15pm Christmas Fayre 1.30pm-4pm
4th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 	Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12 Public and Live streamed Masses 9.00am Special Intention (M.D.) 11.00am Peter Tickell-Intention	Confession 10.30am-10.45am Tea/Coffee available after each Mass Christmas Fayre open after each Mass
5th December Monday FEAST St Birinus	1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Matthew 9:35-37 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am C.W.L. Founder's Day-Margaret Fletcher Zofia Lozinska-RIP	
6th December Tuesday Advent Feria St Nicholas	Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am John McGrath-RIP Mildred Stone-RIP	
7th December Wednesday St Ambrose	Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30 Public & Live streamed Masses 11.30am Mr. Reilly-RIP Madeleine & Gerry Coburn-Intentions	Confessions 10.45-11.15am 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
8th December Thursday SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Genesis 3:9-15 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-13 Luke 1:26-38 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Thomas Desmond Collins-RIP Martin O'Malley-RIP	
9th December Friday Advent Feria St Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin	Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31 Public and Live streamed Masses 10.00am Novena of Masses Holy Souls 6.30pm Jaxon Rochford-Intention	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm
10th December Saturday Our Lady of Loreto St Edmund Gennings	Isaiah 35:1-6,10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm John McCaffrey-RIP Trish McCabe-Intention	Holy Hour 11am-12pm Confession 11.45am-12.15pm
11th December Third Sunday of Advent 	Isaiah 35:1-6,10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.00am Julie Hanley-RIP All People of the Parish 11.00am Susan & Ben McKiernan-RIP Pat Jones-RIP	Tea/Coffee available after each Mass

URGENTLY NEEDED APF Mission Promoters to assist in the distribution of magazines and collections from box holders, just a few hours four times a year - contact Frank Miller 681 7031 or frankandmary@blueyonder.co.uk

A shared service of Penance with Our Lady of the Wayside at St Augustine's on **Tuesday 20th December at 7pm. Wednesday 14th December 7pm** Nativity Play and Carol Service performed by St Augustine's Key Stage 2

A showing of 'The Shepherd' on **Wednesday 21st December, 7pm** in the Parish Hall. This is the story of Jesus' birth as understood by one of the shepherds.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT: Tidings of great joy - IT'S BACK!!! Come and join us for an evening of festive songs and frolics in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, 13 December 2022. 7.30 p.m. (Doors open at 7.00 pm). Home grown entertainment, mulled wine, mince pies - the perfect way to get into the Christmas spirit! £10 per person in aid of the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship Oxford. To book your seats please call : Maria Watts on 0121 705 8421 or email: marialwatts@talktalk.net.

MELL SQUARE CRIB - We have produced a letter for Solihull Council on behalf of the parish to thank them for enabling the placement of the Crib in Mell Square each year. A copy of the letter will be in each porch for you to sign. We hope to obtain as many signatures as possible and to show our appreciation for this wonderful witness to our Christian faith

Offertory Collection for 27th November: Gift Aid:£201:20 Loose £964:93 Total £1,166:13 This weekend Second Collection for: Poor Parishes of the Diocese

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 3 rd Dec 12.30pm M.Green	Sunday 4 th December 9am	Sunday 4 th December 11am
Saturday 10 th Dec 12.30pm T.Duffy	D.Nettikkadan	J.Hickey
Saturday 17 th Dec 12.30pm T.Cund	Sunday 11 th December 9am	Sunday 11 th December 11am
Saturday 31 st Dec 12.30pm M.Green	M.Coburn	A.Keating
Sunday 4 th Dec 9am Yr 4 School	Sunday 18 th December 9am	Sunday 18 th December 11am
Sunday 4 th Dec 11am M.Watts	M.Hallissey	H.Brookes
Sunday 11 th Dec 9am Finbar Cormac & Joe	Sunday 25 th December Christmas Rota	Sunday 25 th December Christmas Rota
Sunday 11 th Dec 11am - M.Keating		
Sunday 18 th Dec 9am C.Ramsay	Sunday 1 st January 9am	Sunday 1 st January 11am
Sunday 18 th Dec 11am H.Cettler	T.Nettikkadan	

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	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien	Don Deneny
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White
Christian Clapham	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Roisin Brown	Gillian Jones	Catherine Walton
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Noreen O'Connor	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto
Christopher Edmund Poole		for protection and peace in the Mbag Family	Eve		Steve Bates
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Mike Sassano
Roger Cox	Eileen Nolan	Harry Conlon			

Second Week of Advent

When John the Baptizer made his appearance as a preacher in the desert of Judea, this was his theme: Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand!" *Mt. 3:1 Second Sunday of Advent* O Jesus, in an empty desert your prophet John proclaimed: God is here, at your side. God has come to bring about a kingdom where injustice and suffering will be no more, where tears will be wiped away, and where those who turn to God will feast at a banquet.

"Turn now, your God is standing at your side. Reform your lives, God's kingdom is at hand." In an empty desert John said these things.

Give me faith like John's, O Lord, strong enough to believe even in a desert that you and your kingdom are no farther from me than my hand. Make my heart strong like his, not swayed by trials or snared by false pleasures. Give me courage to be faithful until your promises are fulfilled.

*O King of all nations, Jesus Christ,
only joy of every heart,
come and save your people.*



'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; He will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.'

Please pray for: Kath Clark, Derek Richardson, John Sheehan, Gareth Cox, Rudi Smith, Margaret Carley who died recently.

Also, Catherine Newman, David Barrett, Joseph Marshall, Westley John Taylor, Alexander Joseph McGarry, Dorothy Phillips, Kathleen Hurdman, John West, Robert Wolfe, Malcolm Kelly, Tony Quinn, Raymond John Nicholson, Ernest Edwin Phipps, Maureen Casey Bob Morgan, Janet Dodman and all with anniversaries at this time.

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