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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Third Sunday of Advent 12th December 2021

Dear Parishioners,

'The Lord is very near.

The Lord is very near and this thought should make us happy. We have no need to worry and if we ask God for anything we need, He will not refuse us. We look forward confident and unafraid to the future with hope because the Lord is with us. He is the cause of our happiness. We are a people of hope and joy.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I, join with you in offering our thanks and our prayers for our Head teachers, Staff, Parents and Pupils in this final week of term. We hope and pray that the coming Feast of our Saviour's birth may bring renewed strength, peace and joy to your hearts and that you will all be kept safe. We look forward to welcoming Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 to Church on Wednesday for their Nativity play. We are aware of the limited number of adults who will attend but hope that you may be able to enjoy the video and the live-stream. We have requested free car parking in the Dominion Car Park, lower level, only for the 7pm performance. This Tuesday we will welcome the Deanery Clergy for our December Meeting and Christmas lunch. We will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament between 10.30am -11.00am and you are most welcome to stay for this. There is a Penance Service at St. Thomas More's Church, Sheldon, on Tuesday 14th December at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

Your prayers are asked for William Huckvale and Chloe Felkin who are to be married at St Michael and All Angels on 17th December, Stonehouse, Gloucestershire.

On Saturday 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 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 Wayside.

As regards the Christmas Masses we are planning to have a 12.30pm; 4pm; and 8pm for 8.30pm on Christmas Eve; and a 9am and 11am Mass on Christmas Day. Please use the Eventbrite booking system on the Parish website to book your place or ask the Stewards for Helen Brookes' telephone number and she will book you a place. We would like to **PTO**

<p>11th December Saturday St Damasus</p>	<p>Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18 12.30pm Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>Rose Woollard-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.45am-12.30pm Mass Confession 11.45am-12.15pm</p>
<p>12th December Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday</p> 	<p>Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18</p> <p>9.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Julie Hanley-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Public and Live streamed Mass John McCaffrey-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 10.30am Confessions 10.30am-10.45am</p>
<p>13th December Monday Advent St Lucy</p>	<p>Numbers 24:2-7 Matthew 21:23-27 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30am</p>
<p>14th December Tuesday St John of the Cross</p>	<p>Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13 Matthew 21:28-32 10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Canon Sean McTernan-RIP Sheila, Paddy & Patrick Downes-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30am</p> <p>Exposition from 10.30am-11.00am</p>
<p>15th December Wednesday Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 45:6-8,18,21-26 Luke 7:19-23 Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am Patrick, Maureen & Martin O'Donnell-RIP</p> <p>Maureen Segar-RIP</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>16th December Thursday Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 54:1-10 Luke 7:24-30 10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Rita Deehan-RIP Sarah Dennison-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30am</p>
<p>17th December Friday Advent Feria O Sapientia (Wisdom)</p>	<p>9.00am Mass of the Angels for baby Yoshua Mikell Dizon</p> <p>Genesis 49:2,8-10 Matthew 1:1-17 6.30pm Public & Live streamed Mass Angela Whitehouse-RIP Siobhan Merry-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>18th December Saturday Advent Feria O Adonai (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 of Advent Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers O Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse)</p>	<p>Micah 5:-1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45</p> <p>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 Confession 10.30am-10.45am</p> 

encourage you, especially the elderly, to choose a less busy Mass between Wednesday 22nd December and Saturday 1st January to attend as your Christmas Mass.

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.

This weekend a special cream coloured newsletter is available detailing the times of the Christmas Masses. Do please take one.'

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.

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.

All are welcome to join the next online meeting of the Diocesan Climate Group on Tuesday 14 December at 7pm via Zoom. Inspired by COP26 even more parishes and schools across the Archdiocese have signed up to CAFOD's livesimply award, as we look to reduce our carbon footprints. In this webinar, we will ask what decarbonisation actually means and how parishes can support a carbon reduction. Please register here: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/living-more-simply-this-advent-and-christmas

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

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.

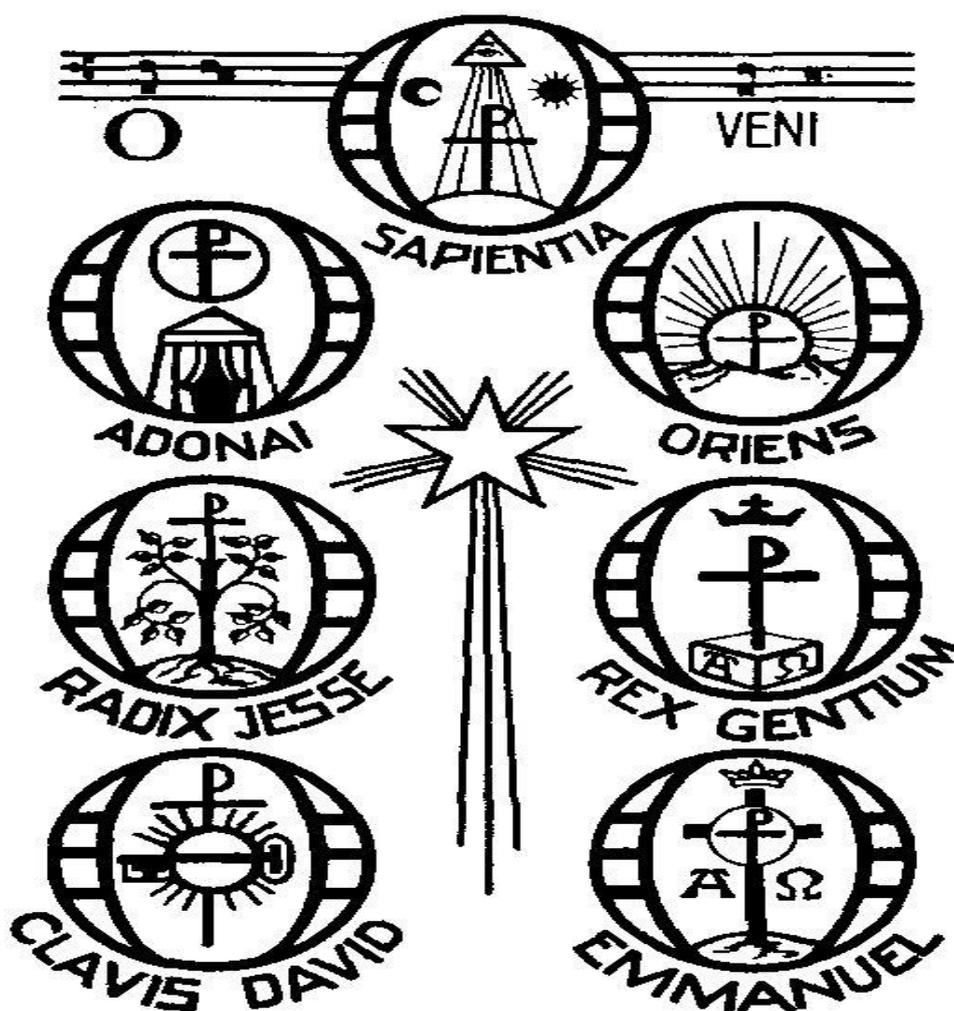
Thank you for your Offertory contributions. 5th December Gift Aid: £267: Loose £620:62 Total £887:62

Second Collection last week: Poor Parishes of the Diocese:£ 390:27

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

THE O ANTIPHONS



From December 17th to 23rd the Church observes the ancient custom of praying each day one of the 7 'O' Antiphons, so called because each one addresses the God who comes in Christ with a different biblical title, beginning with the invocation 'O'

Please pray for: Mrs Anne O'Grady, Valde Mae Carr and Teresa Doherty who died recently.

Also, Gordon Sutton, James McGettigan, Frank Norton, Julie Margaret Hanly, Margaret Kelly, Janet Dodman, Mary Eileen Lunn, Hugh Hegarty, Simon Andrew Roche, Timothy O'Shea, Maureen Anne Bernadette Seager, Bridget Mary Bishop, Lilian Powell, Joan Gorman, Renee Goddard, June Elspeth Hoefkens, James Thomas Conway, and all with anniversaries at this time

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