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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT GAUDETE SUNDAY 15th December 2019



Dear Parishioners,

‘ Rejoice, the Lord is coming soon! God sends His own Son to save us. Joy and gladness are ours and the time for sorrow and lamenting is over. Christ is standing at the gates and we know He is the one for whom we have been waiting. Do not lose heart. Take courage! Your God is coming!’ (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.).

On this Gaudete Sunday, also known as Bambinelli Sunday, we invite you to bring your figure of the baby Jesus from your nativity scenes to be blessed in Church. **Pope Francis said of Bambinelli Sunday:** ‘When you gather in your homes before the manger, looking at the Child Jesus, you will feel amazement at the great mystery of God made man, and the Holy Spirit will give your heart the humility, tenderness and goodness of Jesus. This is the true Christmas! May this be so for you and for your families.’

We welcome into the family of the Church Luca Pais who is to be baptised this Sunday. The next baptismal preparation evenings will take place on Thursday 9th and Thursday 16th January at 8pm in the Presbytery.

A Penance Service will take place at St Thomas More’s Church on Tuesday 17th December at 7pm; and a **Penance Service will take place here at St Augustine’s** on Friday 20th December at 7pm (immediately following the 6.30pm Mass). The Penance Service will include Scripture, an examination of conscience and individual Confession. There will be two additional priests to help with Confessions. We have requested the free use of the lower level Dominion Car Park. **Our congratulations** and thanks to each and everyone for making the Christmas Fayre such a successful and enjoyable occasion. The joining of the Parish and the School was a very welcome and enjoyable opportunity to reach out to more families and we thank you for your support. The remaining prizes for the Raffles may be collected from the Sacristy. Please see inside for winning yellow clockroom tickets. The monies from the Raffle, along with the proceeds from the CAFOD lunches and teas and coffee will go to CAFOD .The proceeds from the stalls will go to the School. **A special cream coloured** sheet has been prepared detailing the times of the Christmas Masses and is available in both porches. Also, there is a list in the Sacristy for the Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to sign indicating your availability for the Christmas Masses. **Please note there is a 10am Mass on Thursday.**

<p>14th December Saturday St John of the Cross</p>	<p>Isaiah 35:1-6 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 12.30pm John McCaffrey-RIP Sonny Nash-RIP Joseph(Joe) Fogarty-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee Lunches available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>15th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> 	<p>Isaiah 35:1-6 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 9.00am Julie Hanly-RIP 11.00am Kath Clark-Birthday</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses</p>
<p>16th December Monday Advent Feria</p>	<p>Numbers 24:2-7 Matthew 21:23-27 Luke 1:26-38 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Mary & Pat Owens-RIP</p>	<p>Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm</p>
<p>17th December Tuesday Advent Feria O SAPIENTIA (WISDOM)</p>	<p>Genesis 49:2,8-10 Matthew 1:1-17 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Arthur Coleman-RIP Cornelius Callanan-Intention</p>	<p>Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm Legion of Mary 6.15pm</p>
<p>18th December Wednesday Advent Feria 'O Adonai' (Lord)</p>	<p>Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-24 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Ted & Mary Deery-RIP 1.00pm Requiem Michael Murphy</p>	<p>Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm</p>
<p>19th December Thursday Advent Feria O RADIX JESSE</p>	<p>Judges 13:2-7,24-25 Luke 1:5-25 9.35pm The Rosary 10.00am Angela Whitehouse-RIP Patrick, Maureen, Martin O'Donnell-RIP Pauline & Sean Gallagher-RIP- 12.30pm Requiem Maurzen Caszy</p>	<p>Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm No Exposition Today St Augustine's School Nativity Play & Carols 7.00pm</p>
<p>20th December Friday Advent Feria O CLAVIS DAVID</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Stan Campbell-RIP 6.30pm Annette & Franc Kelly-Intentions Paul Naylor-Intentions 7.00pm Penance Service</p>	<p>Exposition after 10.00am Mass Until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>21st December Saturday St Canisius O ORIENS</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24 12.30pm Deceased Members of O'Callaghan Family John Cameron-RIP Hayde & Purcell Families</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 10.30-12.00 Noon Lunches available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent O REX GENTIUM</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24 9.00am Anne McClean-Intention 11.00am Zygfrd & Wanda Cettler-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses</p> 

Offertory Collection last week: £1,043:82 (Gift Aid £247:50 Loose £796:32)

Second Collection this weekend for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

YELLOW TICKET RAFFLE WINNERS- Please collect prize from the Presbytery; bring ticket with you to claim prize.
125 Percy Penguin Chocolate Bar 284 Tin of Amaretti Biscuits 321 Bottle of Port 360 Towel Bale
441 Ferrero Chocolates 518 Gold Bow Black Magic Hamper 527 Snow Star
633 Bottle of Cream Sherry 634 Box of Cadbury Milk Tray 660 Maroon Bow Hamper

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM- Safeguarding Advisor required. 35 hours per week. Details available on notice board.

Deacon Kevin has prepared some Advent reflections for the Third Week of Advent and they will be delivered after the morning Masses at 10.00am, including Thursday.

Monday 16th December- 'In the Beginning'. Tuesday 17th December- 'Adam, where are you?'
Thursday 19th December- 'And the Angel Left Her.' Friday 20th December- 'Merry Christmas everyone.'

The Children from Key Stage 2 of St Augustine's will be performing their Nativity Play and Carol Service on Thursday 19th December at 7pm You are welcome to attend. We have requested free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

CAROL SINGING IN MELL SQUARE -Saturday 21st December 1.30pm-2.00pm. All are welcome.

COLUMBAN FATHERS- Have produced free Christmas posters, for you to display in your homes. Please help yourselves. Available in the porch.

FATHER HUDSON'S CARE- 116TH Annual Fundraising Ball Saturday 1st February 2020; 7.30pm-1.00am St John's Hotel Warwick Road Solihull. Please see poster in porch for details.

CHRISTMAS TREECYCLING- Birmingham St Mary's Hospice. 11TH/12TH January 2020. In exchange for a donation you tree will be collected and recycled. Book today; www.birminghamhospice.org.uk/treecycling or telephone 0121 752 8779. See poster in porch.

HEARTLANDS HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS- Ecumenical Carols round the wards. December 16th 6.30pm-8.00pm Meet at Café One in main entrance at 6.30pm Refreshments afterwards at 8pm City of Birmingham Brass Band to support. Please let Chaplains know if you are coming. ChaplaincyHGS@heartofengland.nhs.uk or telephone Fr Roger Raven 0121 424 1369

With the cold nights setting in, Tabor House night shelter is providing a safe place for people experiencing homelessness in Birmingham. To support their work, you can buy a beautiful 2020 calendar online at <http://bit.ly/WASPSCalendar2020>. At £10 each, the calendars make excellent Christmas gifts and all proceeds go to the project.

Readers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Madeleine Coburn

Anthony Killeen

11.00am Marie Watts

Chris Hodrien

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 16th for Services December 21st/22nd December-B

Monica Green, Maureen Casey, Bernadette Rourke

Flowers Rota: – for week beginning December 16th –No Flowers in Advent

Eucharistic Ministers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Mary Deneny & Angela Keating

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11.00am Eilish Duffy

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Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish:

Keith Frettsome Martin Yates Virginia Gregory, Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy Margaret Kelly

Joan Kennedy Roberto Cordora Kevin Fahy Sandy Simia June Elspeth Hoefkens

Trevor Windle Colette Hickey Danny Meadows Kathleen Beale Bridget Bishop Martha Sheridan

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

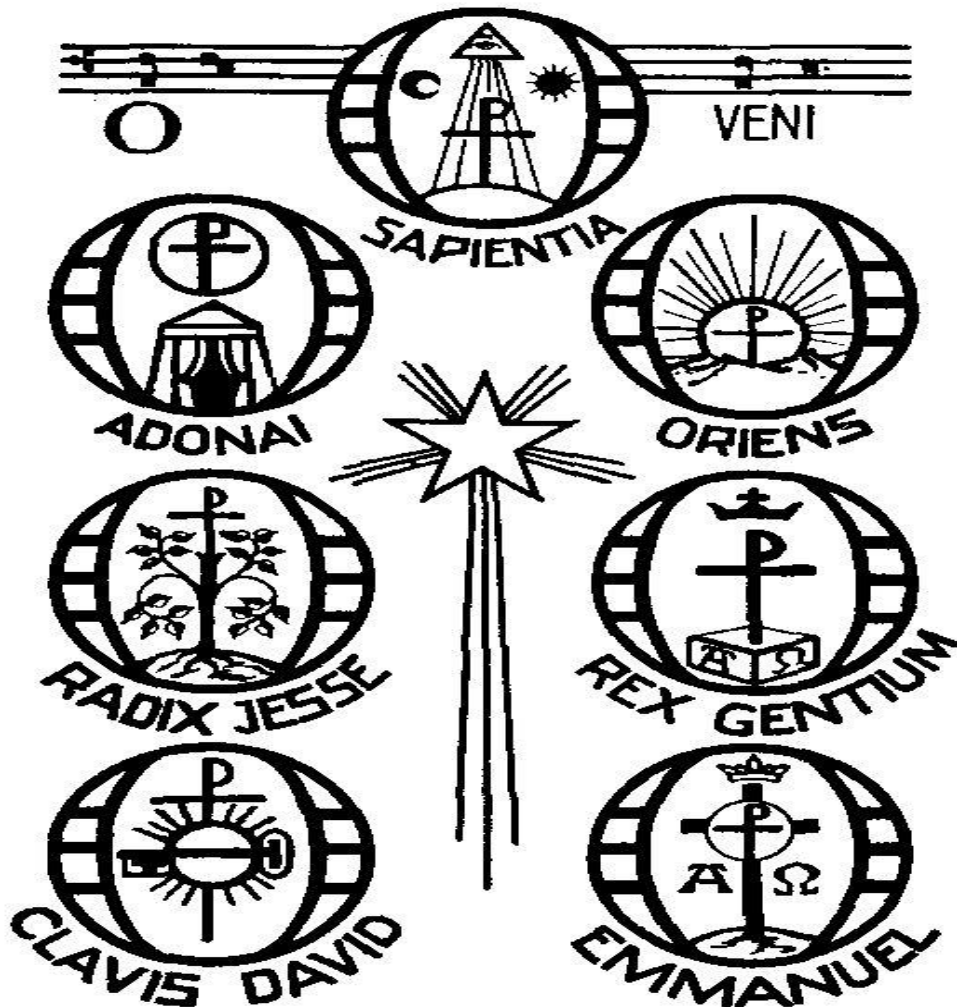
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'The blind see again, and The lame walk.. and the good news is proclaimed to the poor' Matthew 11:5

God of all, You sent your Son to be with us. And bring good news To those who are poor.

Work through us now And lead us to reach out To those who are in need So that together we may

Proclaim the good news In all that we do. Amen.



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: Michael Murphy (Requiem Wednesday 18th December 1pm; Reception Tuesday 17th December 5.30pm) Maureen Casey (Requiem Thursday 19th December 12.30pm; Reception Wednesday 18th December 5pm) John Doyle (Requiem Thursday 2nd January 12.30pm) and Zophia Lozinska (Requiem Tuesday 7th January 12.00 noon) who died recently. Also Maureen Anne Bernadette Seager, Lilian Powell, Joan Gorman, Renee Goddard, Ellen Dickinson, Patrick Brennan, Jon White and Patrick Thomas Kelly and all with anniversaries at this time.

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