

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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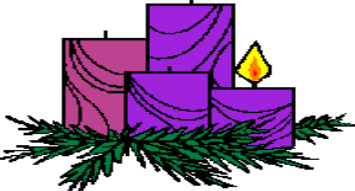

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 29th November 2020

Dear Parishioners,

'Stay awake. Advent is a time of waiting and watching for the second coming of the Lord Jesus. The Holy Spirit is our constant help that we may always be on our guard and remain awake so that we are prepared for the last day. The best preparation is a good life lived in the knowledge that God is our Father and we are the work of His hands.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I look forward to this beautiful shared Season of Advent, which will mean more to us than ever this year. We marvel at how God responded to the heartfelt cry of His chosen people, 'Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and come down.', when He prepared Mary to be a worthy dwelling for His Son. Let us journey with our blessed Lady in this season of joyful expectation. We are hoping to reflect on Pope Francis' recent encyclical 'Fratelli Tutti' on the Sundays of Advent. If you would like to order a copy please let us know. Cost £6.

In respect of Christmas Masses, please note the following details. From Wednesday 23rd December until Friday 1st January 2021, we will have a daily Mass. Please choose one of these Masses as your Christmas Mass and book a place/places on the Eventbrite booking system, which will be found on the Parish website. If you are unable to use the Eventbrite booking system for booking Christmas Mass, please ask one of the stewards, and they will provide you with Helen Brookes' telephone number. Helen will be available to take your Christmas Mass booking on a Tuesday or Thursday between 10am and 12 noon. At all other times, please leave a message with your contact number and Helen will ring you back. At present please book just for attendance at one of the Masses. Also on Christmas Eve we will live stream Mass privately at 4pm for the benefit of our young families. There is a list of Mass times and dates on the back cover of the Newsletter. **We will be offering** you a copy of The Sower magazine as you leave Church. It is full of interesting news from around the diocese, including a short article relating to our own Parish community. **Please note** that we will celebrate a public Mass at the following times this week; Wednesday 2nd December 11.30am; Saturday 5th December 10am; Sunday 6th December 9am & 11.30am. Please use the Eventbrite booking system on the Parish website or if unable to do so, please bring your contact telephone number when you come to Church.

<p>28th November Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Apocalypse 22:1-7 Luke 21:34-36 10.00am Live streamed Mass Joseph & Anne Marshall-RIP</p> <p>Lucilla Yncierto RIP Ronald Mandrina-RIP & Concencion Mandrina</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-12.00pm</p>
<p>29th November FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</p> 	<p>Isaiah 63:16-17, 64:1,3-8 Mark 13:33-37 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 10.00am Live streamed Mass Novena-Holy Souls</p> <p>Peter Tickell-Intention</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11am-12pm</p>
<p>30th November Monday FEAST St Andrew</p>	<p>Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22 10am Live streamed Mass Holy Souls-Novena</p> <p>Holy Souls Novena</p>	
<p>1st December Tuesday FEAST St Edmund Champion</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 4:9-13 Luke 9:23-26 10.00am Live streamed Mass Andy & Nora-RIP</p> <p>Nelson & Elsie-RIP</p>	
<p>2nd December Wednesday Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Marian Webster-RIP</p> <p>Kathleen & Family-Intentions</p>	<p>Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am</p>
<p>3rd December Thursday St Francis Xavier Migrants' Day</p>	<p>Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21,24-27 10.00am Live streamed Mass Simon Gibson-RIP O'Loughlin Family & Thom Pilkington 1.30pm Funeral Service Mark Holder</p>	
<p>4th December Friday Advent Feria St John Damascene</p>	<p>Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31 10am Live streamed Mass Joan Gibson & Family-Intentions 6.30pm Deceased Members of St Augustine's Parish</p>	<p>5.15pm-6.15pm Holy Hour Church open for private prayer</p>
<p>5th December FEAST St Birinus</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Matthew 9:35-37 Public & Live streamed Mass 10am Mandy Swanton-Brown-RIP Holy Souls-Novena</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 9.30am-10.00am</p>
<p>6th December Second Sunday of Advent</p> 	<p>Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am Patrick Joseph O'Donnell-RIP All People of the Parish Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am Susan & Ben McKiernan-RIP Molly Calihane-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Pray 11.00am-11.30am</p>

2nd Collection next weekend-Poor Parishes. Poor Mission Fund exists to help our poorer parishes, many of which will have been particularly badly hit this year. Donations can be made directly and electronically to the fund via the diocesan website with the added advantage of Gift Aid for those who are eligible. : <https://www.mygiving.online/appdonation/DonateNow/197597ae-b53e-430f-be0a-a78281e94aa8> (After completing your details on the form donors will be taken to the next page which has the PMF preselected as the fund to donate to.)

CAFOD World Gifts CAFOD's range of virtual gifts, make a real difference to families living in poverty across the world. While we have the coronavirus pandemic and lockdown here, we can still be good neighbours to our sisters and brothers overseas by giving World Gifts as Christmas presents to family and friends. The Keep Clean Kit gift for £6 and the Vegetable Garden gift for £10 are just two gifts that will help vulnerable families affected by the pandemic to protect and feed themselves. Let's spread joy and hope around the world this Christmas.

Visit cafod.org.uk/worldgifts

With APF box collections being curtailed due to Government Regulations the Parish donations total for the last eleven months is only 10% of recent years, and if this is the trend for the whole Country it will mean just £300K in lieu of the Three Million pounds which is received and distribute annually to missionaries generally in much worse conditions than our own..

If anyone wishes to make their normal donation before the 18th December you can do this by one of the following ways:-1. Send or deliver a cheque payable to APF Missio to Frank Miller, 2 Alderbrook Road, B91 1NH 2. Deliver cash in the box or in an envelope to the above address. 3. If you want cash, cheque or direct debit forms collected please ring Frank Miller 681 7031. 4. Contact your normal collector by telephone.

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk First Sunday in Advent (Isaiah 63:16-17; 64:1, 3-8 1 Corinthians 1:3-9 Mark 13:33-37) Thanking God for each other "Stay awake for you never know when the time will come...!" Today's Gospel reminds us to remember that our lives together will not go on for ever. It is therefore so important to thank God every day for the wonderful gift that we are to each other, indeed one of the greatest gifts that the Father has given us

PRINCE'S TRUST-based at Chelmsley Wood Police Station, the Trust are looking for young adults aged 16-25yrs to join their programme, starting January 18th 2021. The Course is a 5-day week, 12-week programme, working towards 2 qualifications over the 12 weeks. Please contact Sam Colbourne -0774040516 scolbourne@wgc.ac.uk or Clare Johnson- 07388373901 clare.johnson@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk

ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL NURSERY-Applications are now open for Nursery places at St Augustine's School for entry in September 2021. The nursery is a 15hrs a week funded provision for children to join in the September after their 3rd birthday (2021 entry would be for children born Sept 2017 – August 2018). Nursery is Monday to Friday 9.00 – 12.00. Applications are made directly to the school. Application forms and more information can be found at <https://st-augustines-catholic-primary-school.secure-primariesite.net/admissions/>

JOB VACANCY- CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER Catholic Archdiocese of B.Ham. Closing date for application 9am Friday 18th December. If you wish an information pack for this role, with details how to apply please send an expression of interest and a CV or professional profile in confidence to Jenny Hill at: executive@harrishill.co.uk

MAC FINANCE MANAGER- Our Lady and All Saints Academy Company. Closing date 12 noon Monday 7th December interviews Friday 11th December. To receive candidate pack contact Jane Martin by email: vacancies@olaas.co.uk. Also contact Jane if you would like an informal conversation about the role.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Keith Frettsome	Martin Yates	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy	Martha Sheridan
Joan Kennedy	Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole
Trevor Windle	Colette Hickey	Danny Meadows	Anne(Eithne) O'Sullivan	Sue Hodrien
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	John Doyle
Diane Burgess	Kathleen Clark	Kathryn Farmer	Malachy Hanly	Pat Ferris
Father Fred Sheldon	Dan Doyle			Damian Poole

THE TIMES OF THE CHRISTMAS MASSES

WEDNESDAY 23 rd DECEMBER	11.30am
THURSDAY 24 th DECEMBER	10.00am
FRIDAY 25 th DECEMBER	10.00am
SATURDAY 26 th December	11.30am
SUNDAY 27 th DECEMBER	11.30am
MONDAY 28 th DECEMBER	10.30am
TUESDAY 29 th DECEMBER	10.30am
WEDNESDAY 30 th DECEMBER	10.30am
THURSDAY 31 st DECEMBER	10.30am
FRIDAY 1 st JANUARY	10.30am



Please pray for: Mark Holder (Funeral Service, Thursday 3rd December 1.30pm), Cathy Sampson, Tuesday 15th December, 9.00am) who died recently.

Also Bridget Mary Cronin, Eileen Marie Kenny, Margaret French, Kevin William Geary, Gertrude Ann Horsburgh, John Alfred Peace, Patricia Bridget Banks, Michael Murphy, Sofia Lewinski, Catherine Newman, David Barrett, and all with anniversaries at this time.

Safe Guarding Representatives are: Anne Ryder 0121 705 3067

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