

# **SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent   18th December 2022

**Dear Parishioners, ‘God is with us!’** God sent his only Son on earth to be born of human stock. His name is Jesus and his mother’s name is Mary. He is the Saviour of all the world, and through him we are called to real holiness of life.’ (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** ‘Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I ask our lord that these final days of Advent will be characterised by a spirit of prayerful recollection as we contemplate with Our Lady and St Joseph the joyful expectation of the birth of Jesus, her son. We offer our prayerful congratulations to our young Altar Servers who will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen this weekend, anticipating their patronal feast. It was a sheer delight to be present for St Augustine’s Juniors’ Nativity Play on Wednesday evening- it served as a joyful prelude to the coming Feast of our Saviour’s birth. Thank you to our Teachers, Parents and all the pupils.

**Penance Service** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm here in Saint Augustine’s Church. We will be joined by Parishioners from Our Lady of the Wayside and St George and St Teresa’s, Dorridge. The Service will consist of Hymns, Readings and Prayers, a public examination of Conscience and individual confession. There will be several priests available. Free car parking has been requested in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

**A showing of ‘The Shepherd’ on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 7pm** in the Parish Hall. This is the story of Jesus’ birth as understood by one of the shepherds. Again, free car parking has been requested for the lower level of the Dominion Carpark.

**A rota for our Readers** and Special Ministers of Holy Communion is available in the Sacristy. Would you please sign the rota indicating your availability for the Christmas Masses.

**The next baptismal** preparation evening will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. If you would like to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

**Thank you** to Mrs Maria Watts for organising the Carols by Candlelight in the Hall. It was a very enjoyable evening and raised almost £400 for the Oxford Handicapped Fellowship to help fund their annual pilgrimage to Lourdes.

**Thank you** also for your generous support of last week’s sale of raffle tickets, organised by the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, for the care of the homeless. A total of £555.73 has been raised.

**The Diocesan** Directories are on sale and are priced at £3.00.

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17th December <b>Saturday</b> <i>O Sapientia</i>	<b>Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7</b> <b>Matthew 1:18-24</b> Public and Live streamed Mass <b>12.30pm</b> Elizabeth & John Morgan-RIP Michael Whyte-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11.45am-12.15pm
18th December <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</b>  <i>Adonai</i>  <i>Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i>	<b>Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7</b> <b>Matthew 1:18-24</b> Public and Live streamed Masses <b>9.00am</b> Margaret Hedges-RIP Angela Robinson-RIP <b>11.00am</b> Deceased Members of the Hickey Family Eilish Duffy & Family-Intentions	Confession 10.30am-10.45am  Tea/Coffee available after each Mass
19th December Monday  Advent Feria <i>O Radix Jesse</i>	<b>Judges 13:2-7,24-25 Luke 1:5-25</b> Public and Live streamed Mass <b>10.00am</b> Florence Clarke & Family	
20th December Tuesday  Advent Feria <i>O Clavis David</i>	<b>Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38</b> Public and Live streamed Mass <b>10.00am</b> John & Kath Pill-Intentions Father Paul Devaney-RIP	Penance Service/Confession 7.00pm
21st December Wednesday Advent Feria <i>O Oriens</i>  <b>St Peter Canisius</b>	<b>Song of Songs 2:8-14 OR Zephaniah 3:14-18</b> <b>Luke 1:39-45</b> Public & Live streamed Masses <b>11.30am</b> Patrick, Maureen, Martin, Theresa O'Donnell-RIP Paddy Quinn-RIP	<b>Confessions 10.45-11.15am</b> 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: <a href="mailto:ehb73@yahoo.co.uk">ehb73@yahoo.co.uk</a>
22nd December Thursday Advent Feria  <i>O Rex Gentium</i>	<b>1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56</b> Public and Live streamed Mass <b>10.00am</b> Charles Jones-RIP Julia Quinn-RIP	
23rd December Friday Advent Feria <i>O Emmanuel</i> <b>St John of Kanty</b>	<b>Malachi 3:1-4,23-24 Luke 1:57-66</b> Public and Live streamed Masses <b>10.00am</b> Maura McGarry-RIP  <b>6.30pm</b> Zygfrd & Wanda Cettler-RIP	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm
24th December <b>Saturday</b> <b>Christmas Eve Masses</b>	<b>12.30pm</b> Ellen Shinton-RIP Frank, Nancy & Damien Ryan-RIP <b>Isaiah 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17,22-25</b> <b>Matthew 1:1-25</b> <b>4.00pm</b> Thomas, Catherine, Frances Anne Kelly-RIP & James Kinnaird & Family-RIP Greg McGovern-RIP <b>Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14</b> <b>8.00pm</b> Carols/Readings <b>8.30pm</b> Micky McLoughlin-RIP All People of the Parish <b>Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14</b>	Page 95 Parish Missal Confession 11am-12.00pm  Page 98 Parish Missal All Masses Public and Live Streamed Page 98 Parish Missal
25th December  <b>Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord</b>	<b>9.00am</b> <b>Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7</b> <b>Luke 2:15-20</b> <b>Minnie Bushell-RIP</b>  <b>11.00am</b> <b>Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6</b> <b>John 1:1-18</b> <b>Bernadette O'Donnell-Birthday</b>	Page 101 Parish Missal All Masses Public and Live Streamed  Page 103 Parish Missal

**May I ask** your prayers for my niece Ciara Kavanagh, who is celebrating her marriage to Michael this Monday at the Church of St Mary the Virgin in Ilmington.

**Our thought and prayers** are with the community at Kinghurst and with the families whose children have died tragically at Babbs Mill Lake last Sunday. One of the children was in Year 6 at St Anthony's R.C. School. May these young children live for eternity in God's loving embrace and may their families know the tender love of our Blessed Mother Mary.

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**Babs of Bethlehem-** Our Lady of the Wayside Church- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December 6.00pm

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## READERS

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec 12.30pm T.Cund	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 9am M.Hallissey	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 11am H.Brookes
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 12.30pm M.Green	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 12.30pm A.Kelly Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 4.00pm Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 8.00pm A.Kelly J. Powers	
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 12.30pm T.Duffy	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 9am -	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 11am E.Duffy. B.Ngala
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9am C.Ramsay Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec 11am H.Cettler Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 12.30pm - Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 4.00pm - Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec 8.00pm M.Coburn C.Hodrien M.Watts Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec 9am C.Ramsey Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec 11am C.Hodrien	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 9am - T.Nettikkadan Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 9am - M.Coburn	Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 11am A.Kelly Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 11am B.Ngala
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## 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
Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Roisin Brown	Gillian Jones	Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon
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
Eileen Nolan	Christian Clapham				

**SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS    SUNDAY 19th DECEMBER**

All loving God,  
you created the human family  
as a reflection of your own divine life  
so that your [creation](#) might share in your happiness.

Hear our [prayer](#) for your daughter  
who awaits the birth of her child.  
She has cooperated with you in giving life.  
Assist her now as she prepares to give birth  
to the child in her womb.  
May [Mary](#) be her guide and support,  
calming her fears and strengthening her love.

May your daughter be filled with your peace and blessing  
so that she may bring her child into this world  
safely and in [good](#) health to the praise and  
glory of your name.  
Amen.



Please pray for: Kath Clark(Requiem Friday 30<sup>th</sup> December 10am; reception Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> December 6pm), Gervais McMahon(Requiem Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023 2pm; Reception Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January 6pm) and Pearl Curry who died recently.

Also,Betty Violet Grealey, Ellen Dickinson, Patrick Brennan, Patrick Thomas Kelly, Ann Teresa White, Elizabeth Morgan, Damien Peter Crow, John Groark, Dymphna McDermott, Ronald William Morton, Mary Bernadette Theresa Turner, Norman Lawrence Hart, Tonino Polidori, Kathleen Ewart, Joan Handley, Baby Eve Fox and all with anniversaries at this time.

**Safe Guarding Representatives are:**  
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