

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord 25th December 2022

Dear Parishioners, 'The new light of the world! Jesus Christ is born for us as the new light of the world. God takes pity on us and sends us his only Son to be our new leader. In the stable of Bethlehem with the shepherds we discover in this human baby the measure of God's compassionate love for us.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I so look forward to celebrating the Christmas Masses with you and to experience together the joy of our saviour's birth. We wish you all a very happy Christmas and thank you sincerely for the many ways in which you convey the meaning of this Feast by your Faith, Hope and Charity.

Our next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 19th January at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. If you would like to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

Starting on Thursday 5th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall we will have the showing of the 'Chosen'. It will take place each week for 8 weeks. It tells of the background and people so closely involved in Jesus' life and His mission. It is a very inspiring portrayal of the time of Jesus. You are very welcome, even if you only attend occasionally.

For those of our young Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and who are not attending St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, the Meetings will begin on Tuesday 10th January at 5pm in the Presbytery. If you wish to be prepared for this Sacrament, then please inform one of the Clergy.

Sister Sebastian has expressed the thanks of her community for your generous support of the sale of raffle tickets for the homeless.

The one collection at the Christmas Masses will be your traditional Christmas offering to the Clergy, for which we are most grateful.

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

24th December Saturday	<p>12.30pm Ellen Shinton-RIP Frank, Nancy & Damien Ryan-RIP Isaiah 62:1-5 Acts 13:16-17,22-25 Matthew</p> <p>4.00pm Thomas, Catherine, Frances Anne Kelly-RIP & James Kinnaird & Family-RIP Greg McGovern-RIP Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14</p> <p>8.00pm Carols/Readings 8.30pm Micky McLoughlin-RIP All People of the Parish Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14</p>	<p>Confessions 11am-12.00pm Page 95 Parish Missal Confession 11.0am-12.00pm</p> <p>Page 98 Parish Missal All Masses Public and Live Streamed Page 98 Parish Missal</p>
25th December SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	<p>9.00am Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20 Minnie Bushell-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18 Bernadette O'Donnell-Birthday</p>	
26th December Monday FEAST St Stephen	<p>Acts 6:8-10 Matthew 10:17-22 Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Seamus Quinn-RIP Bridie O'Shea</p>	
27th December Tuesday FEAST St John	<p>1 John 1:1-4 John 20:2-8 Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Paul Super-Intention Kay & Tony Perry-RIP</p>	
28th December Wednesday FEAST Holy Innocents	<p>1 John 1:5-2:2 Matthew 2:13-28 Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>11.30am Mary Concannon RIP & Mary Pilley-RIP</p> <p>Michael & Anne Kennedy-RIP</p>	Confessions 10.45-11.15am
29th December Thursday FEAST St Thomas Becket	<p>Colossians 1:24-29 Luke 22:24-30 OR Matthew 10:28-33 Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Mary & John Edge-RIP Deceased members of McMahon Family</p>	
30th December Friday FEAST Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph	<p>Public and Live streamed Masses</p> <p>10.00am Requiem Mrs Kath Clark Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 OR Colossians 3:12-21 Matthew 2:13-15,19-23</p> <p>6.30pm Jackie Lemmon-RIP</p>	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm
31st December Saturday St Sylvester	<p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21</p> <p>12.30pm Michael Whyte-RIP Lali Ratnaraja & Family</p>	Confessions 11am-12.00pm
Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God Sunday 1st January	<p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21</p> <p>9.00am Geraldine Kelly-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Catherine Hinckes & Family-Intentions</p>	

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We are working with Catholic schools in the Birmingham area to help new trainee Teachers into this rewarding profession. We have Primary and Secondary School Direct places with bursaries available. Come and take part in our School Experience Days at Bishop Challoner Catholic College See our website www.bctsa.org for details, or email trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

Interested? Self-employed Cleaner Columban Missionaries Britain are seeking a self-employed cleaner for Saint Columban's office in Solihull. You will be expected to do a weekly clean on Saturday mornings. Detailed tasks and responsibilities will be discussed in due time. This is a long-term arrangement, and you will report to the Mission Office Administrator, and you will meet with them when needed to plan the work required and to monitor progress. For more details about this arrangement, please contact or email the HR Advisor at 07562657382 or Hr@columbans.co.uk

Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness, SCAH, thank parishioners for their generous donations during the fundraiser in November. The total raised was £1,000.

Offertory Collection for 18th December: Gift Aid:£401:20 Loose £676:57 Total £1,077:77

Standing Orders for October: £1,899 November: £1,664

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 24 th Dec 12.30pm T.Duffy Saturday 24 th Dec 4.00pm N.Pereira Saturday 24 th Dec 8pm M.Coburn C.Hodrien. H.Cettler M.Watts B.Healy	Saturday 24 th Dec 12.30pm A.Kelly J.Hickey Saturday 24 th Dec 4pm N.Pereira Saturday 24 th Dec 8.30pm A.Kelly J.Powers	
Saturday 31 st Dec 12.30pm M.Green Saturday 7 th Jan 12.30pm T.Duffy	Sunday 25 th Dec 9am -	Sunday 25 th Dec 11am E.Duffy B.Ngala
Sunday 25 th Dec 9am C.Ramsey Sunday 25 th Dec 11am C.Hodrien	Sunday 1 st January 9am T.Nettikkadan Sunday 8 th January 9am M.Coburn	Sunday 1 st January 11am A.Kelly Sunday 8 th January 11am B.Ngala
Sunday 1 st Jan 9am M.Coburn Sunday 1 st Jan 11am J.Benjamin	Sunday 15 th January 9am D.Nettikkadan	Sunday 15 th January 11am E.Duffy
Sunday 8 th Jan 9.00am Finbar,Joe & Cormac Sunday 8 th Jan 11am C.Hodrien		

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		
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Mike Sassano
Roger Cox	Eileen Nolan				

THE INN KEEPER

I had to send that pair away- they do not pay and trade is trade and money too I say.
And yet that girl-she shivered in the doorway there and once she raised her eyes to mine and
smiled

I could have knelt I swear
But some lout made a call for wine and broke the spell

I turned then from the door and I did well

Two merchants took the great room overhead

That's my policy I buy and sell

And keep my pity for the dead

And yet that girl- that girl- she turned and looked and fairer than before and went away

As if she walked with emperors and was a queen

And all the world was hers.

CHRISTMAS

JOHN BETJEMAN

V6. *And is it true? And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me?*

*V7. And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissued fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant,*

*V8. No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare-
That God was Man in Palestine
And lives today in bread and Wine.*



Please pray for: Kath Clark, (Requiem Friday 30th December 10am; Reception Thursday 29th December 6pm) and Gervais McMahon (Requiem Friday 6th January 2023 2pm; Reception Thursday 5th January 6pm) ; Steve Bates, Regina White who died recently.

Also, Joseph Ruhan, Doreen Delaney, Lilian Josephine Roe, Doreen Mary Essex, Gerard McVeigh, Laurence Anthony Hoefkens, Gerald Reddington, Mary Concannon, Thomas Kennedy, Helen Patricia Bird, Mary Bernadette Pilley, Maureen Ferran, Jacqueline Lemmon, Margaret Taylor Smith Patrick Joseph Rooney, Kathleen (Kay) Margaret Perry, George Thomas Bicknell and all with anniversaries at this time.

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