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THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR A 4th December 2016

Dear Parishioners,

'Prepare a way for the Lord! We prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ through repentance. We need to change the pattern of our lives in order to be ready when indeed He does come. In the next few weeks we must straighten out our lives so that the Lord will have no obstacle in His path.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The Baptismal Preparation evening for December will take place on Thursday 8th December at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.


The Key Stage 2 pupils of St Augustine's School will be holding their Christmas Concert here in St Augustine's Church on Wednesday 7th December at 7pm. Parishioners are very welcome to attend. We have requested free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park

The Confirmation preparation meetings for those who wish to receive this Sacrament and who are not in Year 6 at St Augustine's School, will take place on Tuesday afternoons at 3.30pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT. Wednesday 14th December 2016-7.30pm. Parish Hall. A Fundraiser in aid of Catholic Handicapped Fellowship Oxford. Please join us for a fun-filled festive evening to really kick-start your Christmas. A jolly old singsong, mince pies, mulled wine, all for the princely sum of £5 per person. Please contact Maria on 0121 705 8421 to reserve your place. **On Saturday 10th December 1pm-3.30pm,** we are holding our Christmas Fayre. Please see inside for a list of donations and gifts we require. There are a few remaining books of raffle Tickets for purchase. The proceeds from the Fayre will be divided between two charities- CAFOD and 'Aid to the Church in Need.' Thank you in anticipation of your help and support for our Christmas Fayre. If anyone would be able to help in preparing the Hall for the Fayre please come along from 4pm this Friday, 9th December. Also volunteers are needed to clear the Hall after the 11am Mass next Sunday, December 11th.

On Tuesday 20th December, there will be a Penance Service at 7pm here at St Augustine's Church. We will have some extra help from the neighbouring Priests. Do please use this opportunity to prepare for Christmas.

There will be a list available in the Sacristy for our Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion to sign indicating your availability to minister at the Christmas Masses.

<p>3rd December Saturday St Francis Xavier <i>Migrants' Day</i></p>	<p>Isaiah 30:19-21,23-26 Matthew 9:35-10:1,6-8 9.00am Holy Souls Novena of Masses Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12 12.30pm Eugene McDonnell William Jack Woodhurst-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon <i>Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</i></p>
<p>4th December THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT</p> 	<p>Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Mary Cassidy-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p>5th December Monday FEAST St Birinus</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Matthew 9:35-37 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Founder's Day-Margaret Fletcher- CWL</p>	<p>Pre-School -9.00am-12.45pm Journeying in Faith after 10.00am Mass-in Presbytery</p>
<p>6th December Tuesday Advent Feria St Nicholas</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Eilish O'Sullivan-RIP</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.00am-12.45pm Legion of Mary 6.30pm Youth Group 7.00pm</p>
<p>7th December Wednesday St Ambrose</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Jack & Halima Peace-RIP Josephine Kennedy-Poorly</p>	<p>Mothers & Toddlers Group 9.30am-11.15am Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm- 7.30pm</p>
<p>8th December Thursday SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION <i>Patroness of the Archdiocese of Birmingham</i></p>	<p>Genesis 3:9-15 Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12 Luke 1:26-38 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Peter Tickell-Intention 12.30pm Novena of Masses-Holy Souls Terri & Dave Smith & Family</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.00am-12.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00am Mass Until 12.30pm SVP Meeting 7.00pm 8pm-Baptismal Preparation- Presbytery</p>
<p>9th December Friday Advent Feria <i>St John Diego Cuahltlatzin</i></p>	<p>Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Rose's Birthday 6.30pm Anne & John Walsh-Intentions</p>	<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10am Mass Until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass at 6.30pm</p>
<p>10th December Saturday Advent Feria <i>St Edmund Gennings</i></p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4,9-11 Matthew 17:10-13 9.00am Anil & Sumam-Wedding Anniversary Isaiah 35:1-6,10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 12.30pm Peggy & Patrick Smythe-RIP Novena of Masses Holy Souls</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00- 12.00 Noon St Augustine's Christmas Fayre 1.00-3.30pm</p>
<p>11th December Third Sunday of Advent</p> 	<p>Isaiah 35:1-6,10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 9.00am Patricia Adams 11.00am Susan & Ben McKiernan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>

**Offertory Collection last week: £1,021:96 (Gift Aid £245:60 Loose £776:36)
Collection this weekend: Poor Parishes of the Diocese**

A 'Prayer Request' box can now be found in each entrance porch. You are welcome to place the names of those you would like prayers for, or any prayer intention you may have in the box as provided. Your intentions will be transferred to the Sanctuary on a weekly basis, and prayers will be offered for all those mentioned.

LATIN MASS- Friday 16th December 2016; 6.30pm

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE- 10th December 1pm-3.30pm. Items needed Tombola, Bottle Stall, and Cakes. We are hoping Father Christmas will make an appearance. Please come along and support.

PRO LIFE FUNDRAISING CONCERT- Saturday 3rd December 2016. St Anne's Centre Alcester Street Digbeth B.Ham B12 0PH Cost £10.00. Booking required; see poster in porch. Concert features Martin Aelred.

St. Augustine's Catholic Primary School is looking for Teachers who would be available for Supply. If you are interested please contact the Head teacher Mrs Willmott on 0121 705 4355.

On behalf of the Sixth Form students of St Paul's School for Girls we would like to invite the senior citizens of your community to a Christmas Party at St Paul's School for Girls, Vernon Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B16 9SL on **Tuesday 06 December, 1pm till 3pm.** Please come along and join us for singing, bingo, buffet and a fun afternoon. We would appreciate if you could telephone the school on **0121 454 0895** to indicate your numbers on or before 01 December for catering purposes.

The Governors of St Augustine's Catholic Primary School Solihull are seeking to appoint a School Caretaker [37hours, 52 wks of the year, split shift] from January 2017 Please contact Mrs T Willmott {Headteacher } on 0121 705 4355 or by email on 85office@st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk for further information and an application form.

DEFIBRILLATOR-For those who have indicated they wish to be trained to use the defibrillator, training will take place on Wednesday 7th December, between 12.00-1.00pm- in the Presbytery. Anyone else interested in being trained is very welcome to come along

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
Sunday	Sunday
9am Richard Bird Madeleine Coburn	9.00am Madeleine & Gerry Coburn Richard Bird & Ken Bolton
11am Marie Watts Sarah Pitchford	11.00am Dasan Nettikkadan Tessy Nettikkadan
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 5th for Services December 10th/11th –E	
Annie Fuller, Teresa Donovan, Rebecca Davies	
Flower Rota: – No Flowers in Advent	

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming	Brian Jones	Anne White	Joseph Lockington
Peter Griffin	Clare Farmer	James Farmer	Kathleen McLoughlin
Martha Sheridan	Katie Kelly	Patricia Jones	Eilish Duffy
Mick Green	Andrew Simpson	Bernadette Day	Ray Nicholson
Christopher Browne	Kate McAvinney	Sarah Maloney	John Balder
Ann Marie Boyd	Kathy Stead	Amando Tenorio	Heath Balder
Maureen McLoughlin	Louisa and Nick	Margaret Kelly	Teresa Farrelley
Angela D'Arcy	Joseph Farmer	Peggy Roper	Therese Coulton
Baby Lily Day	Rose Walsh	Aidan, Patrick and Michael O'Donnell	Norman Hart
Martine and Rita McDonnell	Raymond Shenstone	Cornelius Callanan	Doreen Shirley
Sally & Maddy	John Keaney	Glen Hughes	Finbarr Herron
Michael Cassidy	Susanna Gordon	Mark Andrew Sutton	David Nunan
Dean	Elisabeth Scull	Norman Eaglesfield	Rita Jones
Baby Lara Constantinou			

Second Week of Advent

When John the Baptizer made his appearance as a preacher in the desert of Judea, this was his theme: Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand!" Mt. 3:1 *Second Sunday of Advent* O Jesus, in an empty desert your prophet John proclaimed: God is here, at your side. God has come to bring about a kingdom where injustice and suffering will be no more, where tears will be wiped away, and where those who turn to God will feast at a banquet.

"Turn now, your God is standing at your side. Reform your lives, God's kingdom is at hand." In an empty desert John said these things.

Give me faith like John's, O Lord, strong enough to believe even in a desert that you and your kingdom are no farther from me than my hand. Make my heart strong like his, not swayed by trials or snared by false pleasures. Give me courage to be faithful until your promises are fulfilled.

**O King of all nations, Jesus Christ,
only joy of every heart,
come and save your people.**



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***'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
He will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness;
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.'***

Please pray for: Bridie Farrell who died recently. Also Catherine Newman, David Barrett, Joseph Marshall, Westley John Taylor, Dorothy Phillips, Kathleen Hurdman, John West, Robert Wolfe, Malcolm Kelly, Tony Quinn and Ernest Edwin Phipps whose anniversaries are at this time.

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