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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (GAUDETE SUNDAY) YEAR A 11th December 2016

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.)

This Tuesday morning we welcome the Priests and Deacons of the East Birmingham deanery to St Augustine's for our December Deanery Meeting. There will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am until 11.00am.

The final Mass of term for St Augustine's School will be on Wednesday 14th December at 9.30am. You are welcome to attend. The School will offer Mass for Mr Chris Johnson, our Caretaker. Mr Johnson will be retiring at the end of this month. We are very grateful for his years of devoted service to the children and teachers of St Augustine's and we wish him a very blessed and happy retirement.


On Thursday 15th December, we welcome Years 12 and 13 from St Peter's School, to our 10am Mass. It is their opportunity to come together to celebrate Mass before they break up for the Christmas holidays.

We offer our thanks and appreciation to the children and staff of St Augustine's for the inspiring Christmas Concerts they performed both at School and Church.

Our congratulations and thanks to all who have contributed to the Christmas Fayre. We hope that you will be able to participate this Saturday afternoon, or after the Sunday masses on 11th December. Special thanks to those who have decorated the Hall so beautifully. Your presence would be greatly appreciated at the **'Carols by Candlelight'** this next Wednesday, December 14th, at 7.30pm in the Hall. Please see inside for further details. **A special beige** coloured sheet has been prepared detailing the times of Services for Christmas. Do please take one.

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.

Father Paul will be delivering a final Advent Talk on Thursday 15th December at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

<p>10th December Saturday Advent Feria St Edmund Gennings</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 IN ADVENT Gaudete Sunday</p> 	<p>Isaiah 35:1-6,10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 9.00am Patricia Adams-RIP 11.00am Susan & Ben Mckieman-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p>12th December Monday Advent Feria Our Lady of Guadalupe</p>	<p>Numbers 24:2-7,15-17 Matthew 21:23-27 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Alice Dawson-Poorly</p>	<p>Pre-School -9.00am-12.45pm Journeying in Faith after 10.00am Mass-in Presbytery</p>
<p>13th December Tuesday St Lucy</p>	<p>Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13 Matthew 21:28-32 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Pauline Gallagher-RIP Franc Kelly-Intentions</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.00am-12.45pm Legion of Mary 6.30pm Youth Group 7.00pm</p>
<p>14th December Wednesday St John of the Cross</p>	<p>Isaiah 45:6-8 Luke 7:19-23 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Kath Clark- 92nd Birthday 7.30pm Carols By Candlelight</p>	<p>Mothers & Toddlers Group 9.30am-11.15am Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm- 7.30pm</p>
<p>15th December Thursday Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 54:1-10 Luke 7:24-30 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Maureen Seager-RIP 12.30pm Deceased Members of the Healy & Paulger Families Marjorie Birch-RIP</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.00am-12.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00am Mass Until 12.30pm</p>
<p>16th December Friday Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 56:1-13,8-6 John 5:33-36 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am John & Ann Smyth-Intention John Richard Edge-RIP 6.30pm Anne & John Walsh -Intention Latin Mass</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>17th December Saturday Advent Feria O SAPIENTIA (WISDOM)</p>	<p>Genesis 49:2,8-10 Matthew 1:1-17 9.00am Katie McGovern-RIP Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24 12.30pm Elizabeth & John Morgan-RIP All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00- 12.00 Noon</p>
<p>18th December Fourth Sunday of Advent 'O Adonai' (Lord)</p> 	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24 9.00am Winifred Richmond-92nd Birthday 11.00am Ita & Martin Flanagan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week: £1,135:13 (Gift Aid £358:60 Loose £776:53)

Collection last weekend: Poor Parishes of the Diocese-£591:43

Collection next week end: Father Hudson's Care. Father Hudson's is the social care agency of the Archdiocese, reaching out to support vulnerable people young and old.

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, all are most welcome.

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.

HAGLEY HIGH SCHOOL- Please see poster in porch, Principal require at Hagley High School

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.

BISHOP CHALLONER SCHOOL- please see notice on Notice Board in front porch about Teaching Training Opportunities at Bishop Challenor School

DEFIBRILLATOR- A big thank you to the ladies who attended the training session to use the Defibrillator; a useful and fruitful meeting.

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 {Head teacher } on 0121 705 4355 or by email on 85office@st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk for further information and an application form.

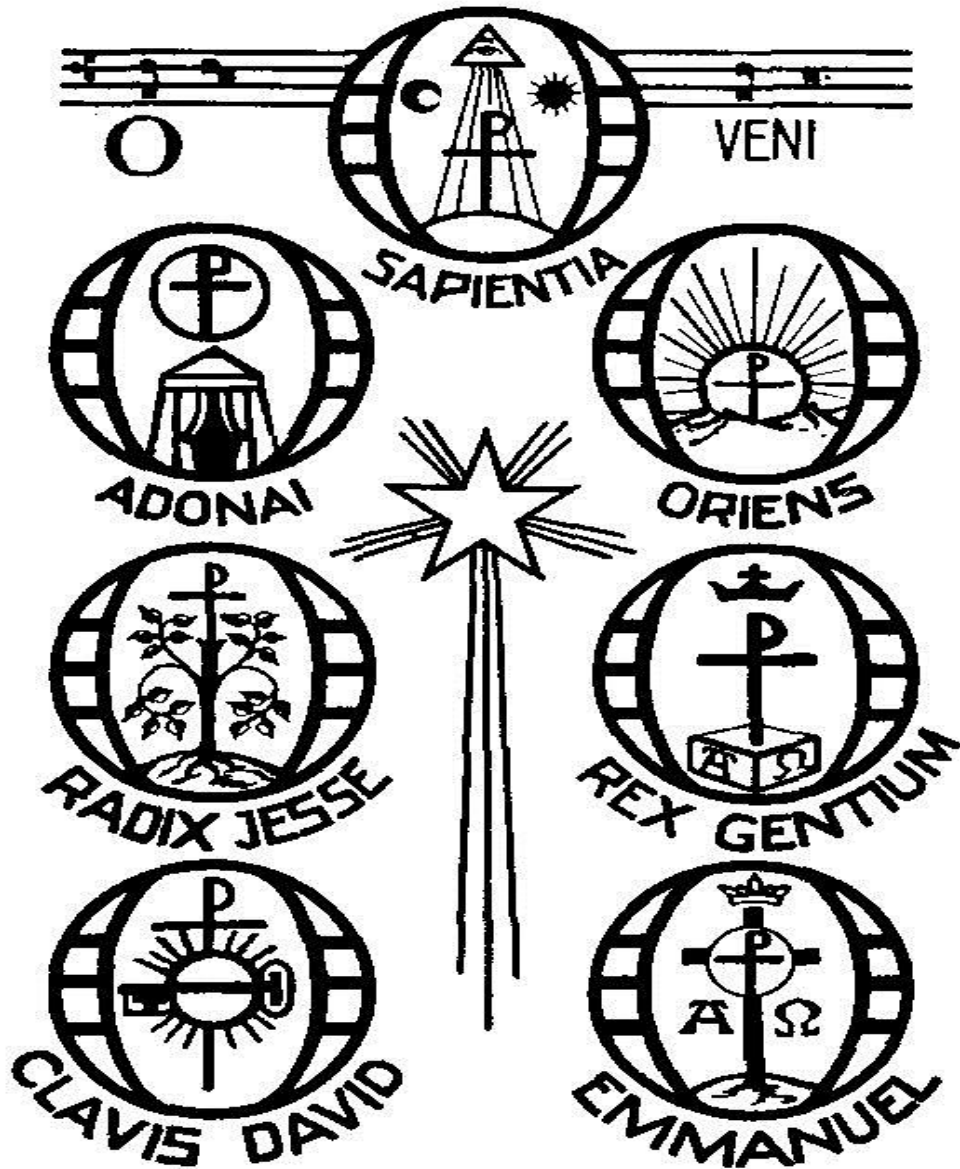
SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL FOR HOMELESS-We need socks and any decent quality boots. Plus men's underwear in sizes small and medium(32"-34"pants)

CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT - WED 14 DECEMBER 2016 - 7.30 p.m. - Parish Hall. Fundraiser in aid of the HCPT Oxford: Please join us for a fun-filled festive evening to really kick-start your Christmas - A jolly old singalong, mince pies, mulled wine all for the princely sum of £5 per person. Please contact Maria on 0121 705 8421 to reserve your place

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
Sunday	Sunday
9am Madeleine Coburn Anthony Killeen	9.00am Richard Bird & Ken Bolton Richard Bird & Ken Bolton
11am Sarah Pitchford Chris Hodrien	11.00am Tessy Nettikkadan Tessy Nettikkadan
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 12th for Services December 17th/18th -F Mary Congdon, Geraldine Saunders, Philip Saunders, Bob Ashman	
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	F inbarr Herron
Michael Cassidy	Susanna Gordon	Mark Andrew Sutton	David Nunan
Dean	Elisabeth Scull	Norman Eaglesfield	Rita Jones
Baby Lara Constantinou	Anthony Sadler		



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: Bob Morgan, Gordon Sutton, James McGettigan, Frank Norton, Mary Eileen Lunn, Hugh Hegarty, Simon Andrew Roche, Timothy O'Shea, Maureen Anne Bernadette Seager, Lilian Powell, Joan Gorman, Renee Goddard whose anniversaries are at this time.

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