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Fr Dominic Kavanagh - Father Andrew McCann and Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Third Sunday of Advent Gaudete Sunday (Rejoice) 13th December 2015 YEAR C

Dear Parishioners,

'The Lord is very near. The Lord is very near and this thought should make us happy. We have no need to worry and if we ask God for anything we truly need He will not refuse us. We look forward confident and unafraid to the future because the Lord is with us. He is the cause of our happiness. We are a people of hope and joy.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The next two Baptismal Preparation Evenings will take place on Thursday 7th and Thursday 14th January at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Our congratulations and thanks to all who contributed or helped with the CAFOD Christmas Fayre. A total of £2,617 has been collected. It was a lovely atmosphere and a very beneficial afternoon. Some remaining Raffle Prizes may be collected from the Sacristy.

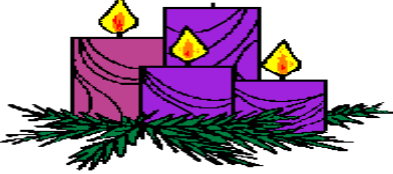

The Blessing and Opening of the Holy Door of Mercy here at Saint Augustine's was a very special and unique occasion. Our sincere thanks to all who helped in any way; with preparing the Pugin Porch with art work, flowers and plants; to our pupils from St Peter's and St Augustine's who made a special contribution to the Music for the Mass and the Opening of the Door; to the Mayor, our ecumenical guests; and to the Priests of the Deanery who heard a good number of Confessions.

Do please take some of the literature available from the Pugin Porch as you pass through the Holy Door of Mercy. There is a small white sheet of paper explaining how to gain the Plenary Indulgence.

We will be providing the opportunity for additional times for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions). Fr Andrew, Fr Dominic and other Priests will make themselves available for Confessions after each of the 10am weekday Masses and towards the end of the Holy Hour on a Friday 6pm-6.30pm. **A Penance Service** will take place on Tuesday 22nd December at 7pm here at St Augustine's. We will be helped by Father Gerardo. There will be free car parking in the Dominion Car Park. **The final Journeying Together In Faith Meetings** will take place this Monday morning at 10.45am and Thursday 17th December at 7.30pm. the Thursday evening Talk will be led by Fr Dan Horgan and will be devoted to Pope Francis' recent encyclical 'Laudato Si'.

There will be Carols around the Wards at Heartlands Hospital on Monday 21st December at 6.30pm. All are welcome.

There are free copies of a colourful calendar produced by the Columban Missionaries in both porches. Please take one. **We wish our Teachers, Pupils and Parents** a very blessed and restful Christmas Holiday. The final Mass of term for St Augustine's School will be on Tuesday 15th December at 9.30am in School. We will welcome the Sixth Form Pupils from St Peter's to the 10am Mass on Thursday 17th December. They will lead us in the Carols and Readings.

<p>Saturday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe Father Michael Stack</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4,9-11 Matthew 17:10-13 9.00am Rachel Kevern-Birthday Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18 12.30pm Bernadette,Michael,John Lane-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 13th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Gaudete Sunday Father David Standen</p> 	<p>Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6 9.00am Stephen Delaney-RIP 11.00am Paddy O'Grady-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p>Monday 14th December St John of the Cross Mgr M Starkey</p>	<p>Numbers 24:2-7,15-17 Matthew 21:23-27 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Paddy Brennan-RIP 12.00pm Requiem Gerard Robinson</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm 'Journeying Together in Faith' 10.45am in Presbytery</p>
<p>Tuesday 15th December Advent Feria Father Simon Stephens</p>	<p>Zephaniah 3:1-2,9-13 Matthew 21:28-32 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Michael Griffiths-RIP Mary & Frank Woods-RIP</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm Legion of Mary 6.30pm Youth Group 7.00pm</p>
<p>Wednesday 16th December Advent Feria Father John Steward</p>	<p>Isaiah 45:6-8,18,21-26 Luke 7:19-23 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am William Murphy-RIP Joseph Lenihan-Birthday 7.30pm Carols By Candlelight</p>	<p>Moms & Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.15am Rainbows 4.30pm-5.50pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm</p>
<p>Thursday 17th December Advent Feria O SAPIENTIA (WISDOM) Canon Edward Stewart</p>	<p>Genesis 49:2,8-10 Matthew 1:1-17 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Thanksgiving-Exam results/Safe Trip 12.30pm Sheila & Margaret McNamara-Intents</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00am Mass Until 12.30pm Journeying in Faith Meeting 7.30pm Parish Hall</p>
<p>Friday 18th December Advent Feria O ADONAI (LORD) Rt Rev Marcus Stock</p>	<p>Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-24 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Jamie Tudor-RIP 6.30pm Mary Charlotte Callanan-RIP</p>	<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00am Mass Until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm</p>
<p>Saturday 19th December Advent Feria O RADIX JESSE (ROOT OF JESSE) Father Peter Stonier</p>	<p>Judges 13:2-7,24-25 Luke 1:5-25 9.00am John Patrick O'Donnell-RIP Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-44 12.30pm Angela Whitehouse-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 20th December Fourth Sunday of Advent O CLAVIS DAVID (KEY OF DAVID) Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers Father Kumar Syan</p> 	<p>Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-44 9.00am Frederick Law-RIP 11.00am Mr & Mrs Kate Wild-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week:£1,022:0 (Gift Aid £281:00 Loose £741:03)

Second Collection last week: Poor Parishes of the Diocese-£766:26

Voluntary Second Collection this week: **"Aid To The Church In Need** is a Catholic charity providing vital support in many parts of the world to Christians who are being persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need. **Our second collection** today is for that charity so please give what you can to this very worthy cause

There will be an all night vigil in reparation for abortion at Olton Friary, starting at 10:00 pm on Sunday December 27th, finishing with Mass of the Holy Innocents on Monday December 28th at 6:00 am. In the Day Chapel at Olton Friary.

A parishioner has kindly donated a brand new **bicycle** which we are raffling for the charity and tickets for a chance to win this super prize are available as you leave church."

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS- As from 1st January 2016 the Latin Mass will be every First Friday of the month, followed by Anointing of the sick. Friday 1st January 6.30pm. Are you old enough to remember the old Latin Mass? This is the Mass, which was celebrated until the 1960's. Or have you ever been to an old Latin Mass and found it to be spiritually uplifting because of its quiet beauty and sense of reverence? As Pope Benedict said: 'What earlier generations held as sacred remains sacred and great for us too.' We are holding a Traditional Latin Mass on the final Friday of each month at 6.30pm. Why not come along and see if you like it

DIOCESAN DIRECTORIES-are now available from both porches. Priced £2.75

CHRISTMAS MASSES-There is a separate sheet detailing times for the Christmas Masses available this weekend.

Christmas fundraiser: Carols by candlelight - Parish hall - 7.30 pm start. Wednesday 16th Dec. Back by popular demand! Get into the festive spirit by joining us in the parish hall for a fun evening of Christmas carols, mulled wine and mince pies. £5 per person. In support of the HCPT Oxford charity for the disabled. So we can cater accordingly please confirm your seats by either telephoning Maria and Robert Watts on 0121 705 8421, putting your name on the lists provided in the church porches or speaking to any member of the choir at 11 am Sunday Mass.

CHRISTMAS ROTA READERS & MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION-Please sign Rota (available in the Sacristy) if you are available to serve at Services on Wednesday 24th December or Thursday 25th December. Thank you.

Readers this week

Sunday

9.00am Richard Bird
Madeleine Coburn

11.00am Marie Watts
Chris Hodrien

Eucharistic Ministers this week

Sunday

9.00am Caroline McGonigle & Richard Bird
Madeleine & Gerry Coburn

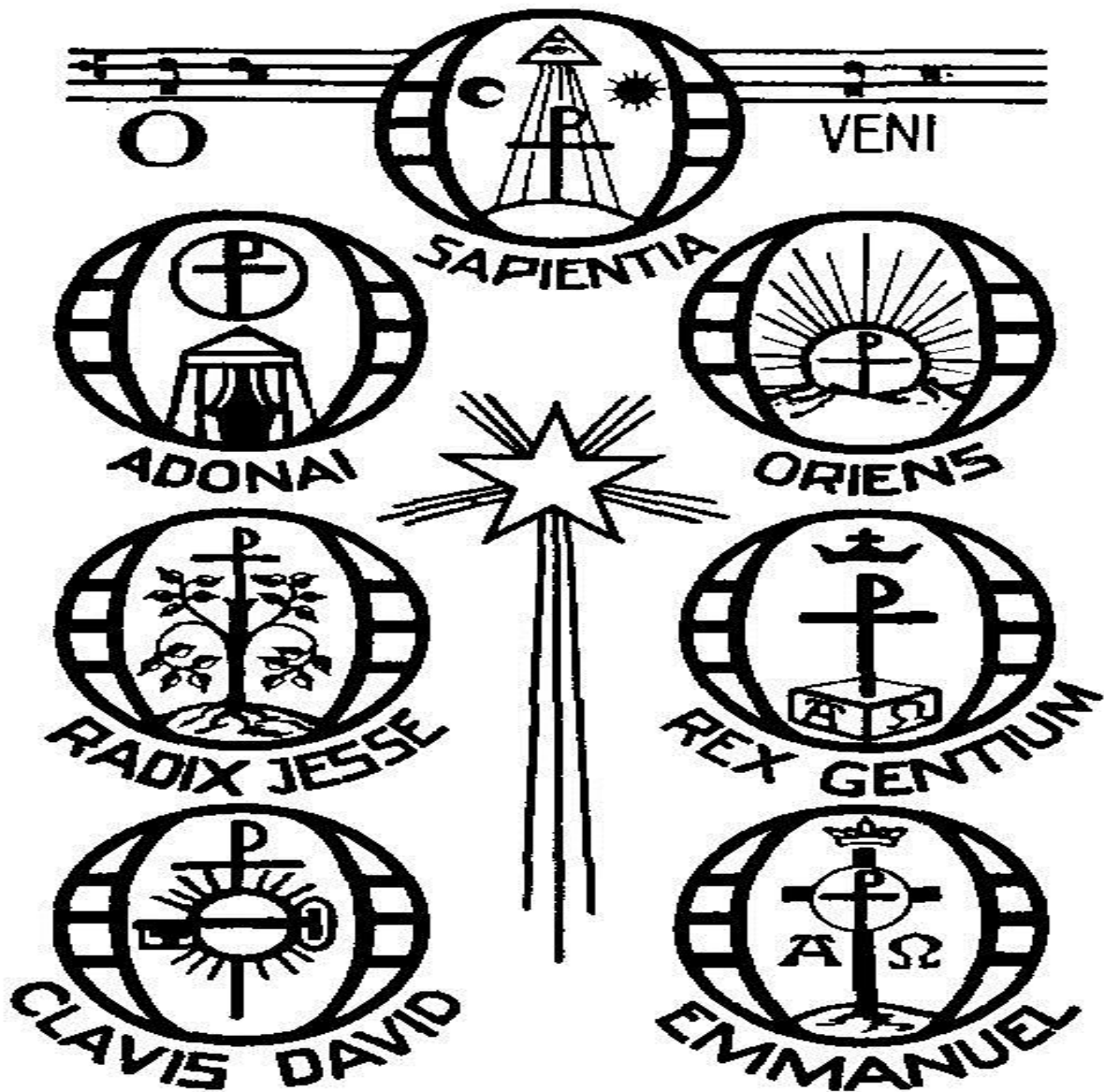
11.00am Annette Kelly
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Next week's rota in italics.

**Cleaning Rota: for week beginning 14th December Services, December 19th/20th- C
Marguerite Pearsall, Anne Hallissey, Julia McGovern, Katrina Hicken
Flower Rota for week beginning 14th December Services, December 19th/20th- No Flowers Advent**

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming	Brian Jones	Anne White	Joseph Lockington
Peter Griffin	Clare Farmer	Gary Phipps	James Farmer
Kathleen McLoughlin	Martha Sheridan	Katie Kelly	Agnes Carroll
Patricia Jones	Eilish Duffy	Mick Green	Rose Walsh
Janet Dodman	Susanna Gordon	Kim Poole	Megan Jean Zarebski
Christopher Browne	Kate McAvinney	Sarah Maloney	John Balder
Ann Marie Boyd	Kathy Stead	Amando Tenorio	Heath Balder
Maureen McLoughlin	Louisa and Nick	Chris Lawton	Margaret Kelly
Angela D'Arcy	Joseph Farmer	Peggy Roper	Therese Coulton
Baby Lily Day	Aidan, Michael and Patrick O'Donnell	Martin & Rita McDonnell	
Andrew Simpson	John Keane	Sally & Maddy	Raymond Shenstone
Bernadette Day	Norman Hart	Glen Hughes	Cornelius Callanan
Ray Nicholson	Michael Cassidy	Doreen Shirley	Finbarr Herron



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: Gerard Robinson (Requiem Monday 14th December 12.00pm) who died recently. Also Mary Eileen Lunn, Hugh Hegarty, Simon Andrew Roche, Timothy O'Shea, Maureen Anne Bernadette Seager, Lilian Powell, Joan Gorman and Renee Goddard whose anniversaries are at this time.

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