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THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR B 14th December 2014

Dear Parishioners,

'Be happy at all times! Happiness is our birthright as Christians. We give thanks to God for His Spirit who lives in us and makes us aware of our wonderful mission in spreading the Gospel, the good news of our redemption. The Spirit brings us deep peace because the God who called us will not fail us.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The second of December's Baptismal Preparation evenings will take place on Wednesday 17th December at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

We will be having an Advent Penance Service on Monday 15th December at 7pm. The Service will include Readings, Hymns, a Public Examination of Conscience and Individual Confession. We hope to have 4 Priests available. There will be free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. The Legion of Mary have a beautiful statue of Mary and the child. They are making it available for the families of the Parish to have in their homes for a week at a time. If there are any families who would like to have the statue in their homes and to use it as a focus for family prayer please would you speak with Father Andrew. There is a list in the Sacristy for Special Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers to sign indicating their availability for the Christmas Masses.

Our thanks to Father Jim Fleming for leading us on our 'Journeying Together In Faith' Meetings. We will finish now and recommence on Thursday 15th January 2015.

Thank you for your most generous and kind support of our Christmas Fayre. We have received some delightful gifts and have reached a record return on our Raffle Tickets. Thanks to all organisers.

Next Friday evening the 6.30pm Mass will be for all whose loved ones have died during the last 12 months and whose funerals have been conducted by the Priests of the Parish. For this Mass there will be free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car -Park.

There are details of the forthcoming Exhibition of the Shroud of Turin on the Notice Board in front porch.

Congratulations to St Peter's, following on from the very good award of St Augustine's Ofsted Inspection; I am now able to tell you that St Peter's Secondary School have also been graded 'Outstanding' in both the RE Department and the School as a whole. We thank God for all the hard work that has made this possible and for the contribution of Pupils, Parents, Teachers and Ancillary Staff.

We welcome Years 12 and 13 from St Peter's to next Thursday morning's Mass in Church. The final Mass this year at St Augustine's School will be on Wednesday at 9.30am.

<p>Saturday 13th December St Lucy Patron Saint of the blind Father Sean Turley</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 48:1-4,9-11 Matthew 17:10-13 9.00am Celebrant's Intention Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28 12.30pm Jim Reynolds-RIP 6.00pm Pauline Gallagher-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p> <p>Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass CAFOD FAYRE 1.00pm-4.00pm</p>
<p>Sunday 14th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Father John Tynan</p> 	<p>Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8, 19-28</p> <p>9.00am Peter Tickell-Intention 11.00am Paddy O'Grady-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p>Monday 15th December Advent Feria Canon John Udris</p>	<p>Numbers 24:2-7,15-17 Matthew 21:23-27 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Kath Clark-Birthday Elizabeth & John Morgan-RIP</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm Talks on the Faith after 10am Mass Penance Service 7.00pm</p>
<p>Tuesday 16th December Advent Feria</p> <p>Father Augustus Domingo Umanah</p>	<p>Zephaniah 3:1-2, 9-13 Matthew 21:28-32 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Marie Gavney-Intention Mark Thomas-Poorly 12.30pm No Mass</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm Legion of Mary 6.30pm Youth Club 7.00pm</p>
<p>Wednesday 17th December Advent Feria 'O Sapientia' (Wisdom) Father Michael Vaughan</p>	<p>Genesis 49:2,8-10 Matthew 1:1-17 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Helena Oldfield-RIP Baptismal Preparation Evening 8pm-Presbytery</p>	<p>Moms & Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.15am Rainbows 4.30pm-5.50pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm</p>
<p>Thursday 18th December Advent Feria 'O Adonai' (Lord) Father Jonathan Veasey</p>	<p>Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-24 10.00am Ann McNally-Intention Holy Souls 12.30pm Deirdre & Mark Butler</p>	<p>Pre School 9.00am-12.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10am Mass until 12.30pm</p>
<p>Friday 19th December Advent Feria 'O Radix Jesse' (O Root of Jesse) Father Joseph Vu-Duc-Yen</p>	<p>Judges 13:2-7,24-25 Luke 1:5-25 9.35am The Rosary 11.15am Requiem Jack Peace 6.30pm Remembrance Mass</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 20th December Advent Feria 'O Clavis David' (O Key of David) Father Jozef Waclawik</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38 9.00am Paul Killeen-RIP 2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14-16 Romans 16:25-27 Luke 1:26-38 12.30pm Deceased Members of O'Callaghan Family 6.00pm Christine Worthington-Sick</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p> <p>Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 21st December Fourth Sunday of Advent Father Richard Walker</p>  <p>'O Oriens' (O Rising Sun)</p>	<p>2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14-16 Luke 1:26-38 Romans 16:25-27</p> <p>9.00am Norah Brennan-RIP 11.00am Kath Clark-Birthday</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week : £1,027:86 (Gift Aid £267:92 Loose £759:94)

Second Collection last week: Poor Parishes of the Diocese- £696:74

Standing Orders for the month of October: £1,377:00

ALTAR SERVERS- There will be a training session for new Altar Servers on Saturday 20th December at 9.30am. Servers who attend this session will be eligible to receive the St Stephen's medal on Saturday 3rd January at 9am Mass.

New Year's Resolution - Volunteer for CAFOD- Do you have good public speaking skills and want to help tackle poverty and injustice? CAFOD needs volunteers to speak in parishes and/or schools about its work in the developing world. To find out more and book a place on our next "Understanding CAFOD" training day on Saturday, 31 January call CAFOD on 01922 722944 or email birmingham@cafod.org.uk

ST PAUL'S SCHOOL FOR GIRLS- will be holding their Annual 'Pauline Ball' on Friday, 30 January 2015 at The Irish Centre, Digbeth, Birmingham from 7:30pm for a 3-Course Meal followed by dancing till late. Tickets £30. Please call school on 0121 454 0895 to order your tickets or for further details.

TEACHING SCHOOL BISHOP CHALLONER- As part of a national initiative to improve the participation and skills of primary pupils in PE a new school-led teacher training programme has been developed to train PE teachers to work in primary schools. If you or any of your friends and family who are graduates, between jobs or who are thinking maybe of a career change and have a keen interest in primary teaching and physical education please contact us for more information. The training is full time starting at the end of January 2015 until December 2015. The deadline for applications is the 12th January 2015 Any further information please get in touch: e.oconnor@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk or primarypeadmissions@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk

CHRISTMAS MASSES- There is a list in the Sacristy for Special Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers to sign indicating their availability for the Christmas Masses.

Readers this week

Saturday

6pm Gerry Coburn
David Bixby

Sunday

9.00am Anthony Killeen
Don Deneny

11.00am Maria Marsay
Marie Watts

Eucharistic Ministers this week

Saturday

6pm Bob Ryder & Richard Bird
Madeleine & Gerry Coburn

Sunday

9.00am Mary Deneny & Angela Keating
Caroline & Ken Bolton

11.00am Eilish Duffy & Tessa Nettikkadan
Dasan Nettikkadan & Helen Brookes

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 15th for Services December 20th/21st -F

Mary Congdon, Geraldine Saunders, Philip Saunders, Bob Ashman

Flower Rota: – Advent No Flowers

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming

Peter Griffin

Irene Sutton

Katie Kelly

Felicite Dormer

Christopher Browne

Ann Marie Boyd

Maureen McLoughlin

Angela D'Arcy

Baby Lily Day

Andrew Simpson

Bernadette Day

Ray Nicholson

Anthony McCann

Brian Jones

Clare Farmer

Kathleen McLoughlin

Agnes Carroll

Mick Green

Kate McAvinney

Kathy Stead

Louisa and Nick

Joseph Farmer

Aidan, Michael and Patrick O'Donnell

John Keane

Norman Hart

Michael Cassidy

Mark Thomas

Anne White

Gary Phipps

Eileen Phipps

Patricia Jones

Rose Walsh

Sarah Maloney

Amando Tenorio

Chris Lawton

Peggy Roper

Xiu Ping Chen

Sally & Maddy

Glen Hughes

John Farrelly

Joseph Lockington

James Farmer

Martha Sheridan

Eilish Duffy

Philip Docker

John Balder

Heath Balder

Margaret Kelly

Therese Coulton

Bernard Naylor

Raymond Shenstone

Cornelius Callanan

Finbarr Herron

The 'O' Antiphons

In the week before Christmas Mary's Magnificat is accompanied by special verses called the great 'O' antiphons. These seven ancient prayers use Old Testament titles for the Messiah. They all begin with invocative 'O' indicating praise and adoration.

'O Sapientia' (Wisdom) sent forth from the Most high, who fills creation and holds sway over all the earth. O come, teach us the way of truth.

'O Adonai' (Lord and Leader) who appeared to Moses as fire and gave him the Law on Sinai. O come, save us with your mighty power.

'O Radix Jesse' (O Root of Jesse) sign for the nations; acclaimed by the peoples. O come, make haste to deliver us.

'O Clavis David' (O Key of David) and Sceptre of Israel. O come, set free the captives; unlock the door for those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

'O Oriens' (O Rising Sun) splendour of eternal light and sun of justice. O come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

'O Rex Gentium' (O King of All) longed-for ruler, the cornerstone which holds everything together. O come, save us whom you made from nothing.

'O Emmanuel' (God is with us) hope of the nations, Saviour. O come, save us, Lord, our God. Amen.

The Magnificat My soul doth magnify the Lord:

And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour

Because He hath regarded the lowliness of His handmaid: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For He that is mighty hath done great things to me: and holy is His Name. And His mercy is from generation until generations, to them that fear Him. He hath showed might with His arm: He hath scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the lowly. He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away. He hath received Israel His servant, being mindful of His mercy: As He spoke to our fathers, to Abraham and to his sons for ever.



Please pray for: Mary Leach who died recently. Also Mary Eileen Lunn, Hugh Hegarty,

Simon Andrew Roche, Maureen Anne Bernadette Seager, Lilian Powell, Joan Gorman, Renee Goddard, Ellen Dickinson, Patrick Brennan, Patrick Thomas Kelly and Sheila Downes whose anniversaries are at this time.

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