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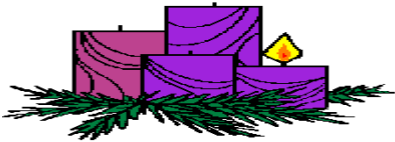

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT YEAR C 27th November 2016

**Dear Parishioners,
'Be prepared!'**

During Advent, we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ. We make ourselves ready as the new homes into which He will come. The long hours of waiting are nearly over and the dawn of our salvation is about to break. Soon we will walk in the light of the Lord.' (Pope saint John Sunday Missal.)

Please pray for Phoebe Stanton who is to be baptized in to the family of the Church. There will only be one Baptismal Preparation Evening for December and it will take place on Thursday 8th December at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Our prayerful congratulations we offer to Robert Philip Monvoisin and Cara Ann Bernadette Weaver who celebrate their marriage here at Saint Augustine's this Saturday afternoon, November 26th. **The Blessing of the Crib** will take place in Mell Square this Sunday afternoon 27th November, at 3pm; all are very welcome to join in for the singing of Carols. The Crib is positioned next to the Christmas Tree. **Do please take one of the 'Walk With Me' Booklets** for Advent which are available in both porches. You may also take one for a neighbour or friend to encourage them. **On Saturday 10th December, we are holding our annual Christmas Fayre.** **Please** see inside for all the donations and gifts we require. There are a few remaining books of Raffle Tickets which we would be grateful if you would purchase. The proceeds from the Fayre will be divided among two charities-CAFOD and Aid To The Church In Need. Thank you in anticipation of your help and support for our Christmas Fayre. **Thank you for your most generous** response to last week's Second Collection for the Kenelm Trust-the Archdiocese of B.ham's Youth Service. **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 will request free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. **The Confirmation preparation for those who wish to** receive this Sacrament and who are not in Year 6 at St Augustine's School, will begin on Saturday 3rd December at 4pm in the Presbytery. **This Saturday, November 26th, the Pre-School Christmas Fayre** will take place in the Parish Hall between 1pm-3pm. All are very welcome to attend. There will be lots of items to purchase and a tasty Saturday afternoon lunch.

<p>26th November Saturday Feria in Ordinary Time Our Lady on Saturday</p>	<p>Apocalypse 22:1-7 Luke 21:34-36 9.00am No Mass Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44 12.30pm Daphne Finnis –RIP Deceased Members of the Mullen Family 2.30pm Wedding- Robert Philip Monvoisin And Cara Ann Weaver</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon <i>Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</i></p>
<p>27th November THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT</p> 	<p>Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Patricia Adams-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses 3.00pm Blessing of the Crib Mell Square</p>
<p>28th November Monday Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 4:2-6 Matthew 8:5-11 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Alan Bibby-RIP</p>	<p>Pre-School -9.00am-12.45pm Journeying in Faith after 10.00am Mass-in Presbytery</p>
<p>29th November Tuesday Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Joseph Marshall-RIP Holy Souls Novena of Masses</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.00am-12.45pm Legion of Mary 6.30pm Youth Group 7.00pm</p>
<p>30th November Wednesday FEAST ST Andrew Patron Saint of Scotland</p>	<p>Romans 10:9-18 Matthew 4:18-22 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Catherine Newman-RIP</p>	<p>Mothers & Toddlers Group 9.30am-11.15am Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm- 7.30pm</p>
<p>1st December Thursday FEAST ST Edmund Campion</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 4:9-13 Luke 9:23-26 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Holy Souls-Novena of Masses 12.30pm Michael Evans-Intention 6.15pm-7.15pm Holy Hour-By Candlelight-</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.00am-12.45pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00am Mass Until 12.30pm Holy Hour-By Candlelight-will be followed by a Meeting with Mr Paul Northam, the Diocesan Field Evangelisation Worker</p>
<p>2nd December Friday Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Frederick Law-RIP 6.30pm Deceased members of the Parish</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>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 3:1-2 12.30pm Eugene McDonnell William Jack Woodhurst-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00- 12.00 Noon</p>
<p>4th December Second Sunday of Advent</p> 	<p>Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-2 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Mary Cassidy-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week: £1,017:94 (Gift Aid £225:71 Loose £792:23)

Collection last Sunday : Catholic Youth Service-£91795

Collection next weekend: Poor Parishes of the Diocese

BLESSING OF GRAVES- Wythall & St Nicholas 27th November; Yardley 27th November. All at 2pm

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 9th 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

Please help! Have you got something to share? Then the Augustinian needs you! The next edition of the Augustinian is due around Mid-December so now's your opportunity to send in articles, comments, stories and of course lots of photos. For example; we will look back to the wonderful summer we have had, did you take part in a pilgrimage or perhaps you visited a wonderful religious site or event on your holiday? What was it all about, what did it mean to you? Of course, we also need seasonal material and stories from closer to home and parish news; so get weaving! Please remember that without your contributions there is no magazine. You can send material to me by e-mail at; gerard.burgess1@gmail.com or material can be handed in at the Presbytery. Gerard Burgess

This Friday, 2nd December, there will be mass (6.30pm) for the families of those who have died this past year.

VIP PARTY AT ST EDMUND CAMPION CATHOLIC SCHOOL ON THE AFTERNOON OF TUESDAY 13 DECEMBER 2016. Invitations are open to very important pensioners who would like to attend our annual Christmas luncheon and entertainment event. If you would like to attend please contact Mrs Trinder/Mrs Turner on 0121 675 6331 to reserve a place by 2 December 2016.

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
Sunday	Sunday
9am Brownies & Cubs <i>Richard Bird</i>	9.00am Madeleine & Gerry Coburn <i>Madeleine & Gerry Coburn</i>
11am Maria Marsay <i>Marie Watts</i>	11.00am Dasan Nettikkadan <i>Dasan Nettikkadan</i>
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning November 28th for Services December 3rd/4th –D	
Mary Murray, Pat Ferris, Veronica Naughton	
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			

Lord Jesus Christ

You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

'If you knew the gift of God'

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy.

Let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error;

Let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.

Please pray for: Sean Breakwell, Alan Leslie Bibby, Bridget Mary Cronin, Eileen Marie Kenny, Margaret French, Kevin William Geary, Gertrude Ann Horsburgh, John Alfred Peace and Patricia Bridget Bank whose anniversaries are at this time.

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