

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD Year C Sunday 6th January 2019

Dear Parishioners,

'Christ is revealed to all peoples. Wise men from the east guided by a star came to worship Christ. In them, we see the homage of all the nations to Christ who is forever the light of the world. We too can become an epiphany- a revealing- of God if we live full Christian lives.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The Baptismal preparation evenings for January will take place on Thursday 10th and Thursday 17th January 2019 at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

The Christmas Crib Offerings will be shared among the following Charities: The 'LIFE' organisation; 'Origins' which is run by Father Hudson's Care and helps adopted children and parents; and 'Friends of the Holy Land.'

On Sunday 20th January at 6.30pm at St Helen's Church, St Helen's Road, B91 2DA, the Christian Unity Service will take place. All are welcome. The guest speaker is Mrs Alison McGrory, Head Stronger Communities, S.M.B.C. Also on Tuesday 15th January from 12.30pm at Christ Church, 741 Warwick Road, there will be a United Prayer/Bring & Share Lunch. All are welcome.


We would welcome 2 or 3 Parishioners who would be willing to become involved in a Deanery Vocations' promotion group. The first Meeting will take place at St Thomas Mores Church on Tuesday 29th January at 7.30pm. Please speak with Fr Dominic if interested.

We will soon begin preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will include a Meeting for the Parents and Children of those who wish to be prepared and who do not attend a Catholic School; and a Meeting for those who are in Year 6 at Saint Augustine's School. Dates to follow.

Two Meetings have been arranged for the Parents of our First Holy Communion Children. They will take place on Wednesday 30th January and Wednesday 6th February at 8pm in the Parish Hall.

We are hoping to arrange a Parish Meeting for Thursday 21st February at 7.15pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

Father Paul will be on holiday for the next couple of weeks- a timely and well-deserved annual holiday.

<p>5th January Saturday St Charles of St Andrew</p>	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 12.30pm Catherine Smith & Mark Green John & Elizabeth Ward-RIP Josephine Colette McAuley-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>6th January SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD </p>	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 9.00am Brian Mc Daid-RIP 11.00am Michael Kiely-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses</p>
<p>7th January Monday Christmas Feria St Raymond of Penyafort</p>	<p>1 John 3:22-4:6 Matthew 4:12-17,23-25 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Patrick Fahy-RIP</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm</p>
<p>8th January Tuesday Christmas Feria</p>	<p>1 John 4:7-10 Mark 6:34-44 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Dorothy Hall/Jackie Lemmon-RIP</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm Legion of Mary 6.15pm</p>
<p>9th January Wednesday Christmas Feria</p>	<p>1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6:45-52 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Raymond Nicholson-RIP</p>	<p>Parents & Toddlers Group Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm</p>
<p>10th January Thursday Christmas Feria</p>	<p>1 John 4:19-5:4 Luke 4:14-22 12.05pm The Rosary 12.30pm Maureen Seager-RIP Francis, Martin & Dunlea Family-Thanksgiving</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm Exposition between 12.00pm- 12.30pm Baptism Preparation 8pm -In Presbytery</p>
<p>11th January Friday Christmas Feria</p>	<p>1 John 5:5-13 Luke 5: 12-16 9.35am The Rosary 10.am Thanksgiving Rose, Frank & Sisk Family 6.30pm Tom Healy RIP & Deceased Members of Paulger & Healy Families</p>	<p>Exposition after 10am Mass until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>12th January Saturday</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 12.30pm Betty Hyland-Intention Mary & John Edge-RIP Natasha Natnaraja-Special Intention</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>13th January Feast of the Baptism of The Lord</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 9.00am Stephen Troth-RIP 11.00am John & Anna McGurk-Intentions</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week: £1,017:18 (Gift Aid £208:50 Loose £808:68)

Young Adults and the Church of the Future: A session for young Adults (18 to 30) to share their hopes for the Church and involvement of young people will take place Sunday 13 January 4 pm at the Columbans Fathers, Widney Manor Road, and Knowle. The Convenor is Thomas Hogan who attended sessions on preparation for the Synod on youth in Rome in October. Thomas can be contacted on 07913 623465 or thomas.hogan@jdxconsulting.com . Mgr McHugh can also provide further information on 07812 110640 or mgrmchugh@icloud.com

THE PARISH MEETING- which took place in September, the Minutes are available on the Parish website. There are also copies available in the side porch.

The 115th Father Hudson's Care Annual Charity Ball is on **Saturday 26th January 2019 at the National Conference Centre**. Tickets are £40 per person to include a 3-course dinner and evening entertainment provided, by the live band The Marmites. Fr Hudson's Care is the Social Care Agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Birmingham To purchase tickets please email fundraising@fatherhudsons.org.uk or call 01675 434 015 or Anne Ryder at anne_ryder@blueyonder.co.uk or call 0121 705 3067

MARYVALE INSTITUTE- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy & Catholic Traditions; Scholarship offered. See poster in porch for details.

A Day for Practising Catholics Aspiring for Leadership Positions in Catholic Schools across the Archdiocese of Birmingham 8.30am – 3.30pm (no cost for this course) Don Bosco House Coventry Road Coleshill B46 3EA Saturday 19th January 2019 Please use the link to book a place on this course: <http://w.pfrms.co/2ltp>

St Paul's School for Girls, Vernon Rd, Edgbaston, B16 9SL. Tel : 0121 454 0895 email: enquiry@stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk website: www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk Pastoral Administrator - Required for January 2019 Hours: 36.5 plus banked hours Salary: £19,446 - £20,074 depending on experience.

CATHOLIC BICESTER PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - PARISH YOUTH WORKER

Full-time (35 hours per week) See poster in porch for details.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage that His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, will celebrate on Sunday 3rd February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral. We are encouraging couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) to attend as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019. If you know of any couples celebrating a milestone anniversary please ask them to contact me via email – lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marking the email 'Marriage Mass'. I am also trying to find the longest married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies.

Readers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Bernard McHale
Michael Keating

11.00am Marie Watts
Chris Hodrien

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning January 7th for Services 12th/13th January – B

Monica Green, Maureen Casey, Bernadette Rourke

Flowers Rota: – for week beginning January 7th for Services 12th/13th January – Stephanie Withers/Pauline R

Eucharistic Ministers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Madeleine & Gerry Coburn
Mary Deneny & Angela Keating

11.00am Helen Brookes
Annette Kelly

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Virginia Gregory, Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy Margaret Kelly Joan Kennedy Roberto Cordora
Keith Frettsome Martin Yates Chris Clapham



The Epiphany

**O God,
by your heavenly star,**

you guided those who were wise

to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ

**May your blessing come to rest on our home and all of us.
Make our lives wise with your wisdom,
true to your teaching,
and enlivened by your love.
May your Word made flesh
make his home among us. Amen.**



Please pray for: Paul Simpson (Requiem Olton Friary Thursday 10th January 10.15am; Reception Wednesday 9th January 5pm); Norman Hart,(Requiem Monday 14th January, 11am; Reception Sunday 13th January 6pm), Tim Hanly, Mary Pilley and William French who died recently. Also John Preston, Margaret Priestley, Patrick McCann, Patrick Joseph O'Reilly, Dorothy Hall, Pasqualina Di Prizio, John Murphy, Bernard Shenlock, Lily Park, Thomas Kennedy, Joan Applin, Elizabeth Dickinson, and Cary Paul Charlton and all with anniversaries at this time.

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