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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 8th December 2019

Dear Parishioners,

'Prepare a way for the Lord! We prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ through repentance. We need to change the pattern of our lives in order to be ready when indeed He does come. In the next few weeks we must straighten out our lives so that the Lord will have no obstacle in His path.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The next baptismal preparation evenings will take place on Thursday 9th and Thursday 16th January at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Thank you to each and every one for your generous support of the Christmas Fayre; for purchasing the Raffle Tickets and for your gifts and donations for the Stalls and Raffles. This year the monies from the Raffles will go, as usual, to CAFOD and the sale of produce from the Stalls will go to St Augustine's School, some of which will be used for a new Altar in School. The Altar is being made by a former pupil of St Augustine's, Mr Matthew Wakenham.

Thank you very much for your contributions towards last week's second collection for LEPR. It was a very generous response.

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. It is known also as Bambinelli Sunday this is when all the children bring their figure of baby Jesus (known in Italy as Bambinelli) from their Nativity scenes to be blessed in Church.


Pope Francis said of Bambinelli Sunday: 'When you gather in your homes before the manger, looking at the Child Jesus, you will feel amazement at the great mystery of God made man, and the Holy Spirit will give your heart the humility, tenderness and goodness of Jesus. This is the true Christmas! May this be so for you and for your families.'

A Penance Service will take place at St Thomas More's Church on Tuesday 17th December at 7pm; and a Penance Service will take place here at St Augustine's on Friday 20th December at 7pm (immediately following the 6.30pm Mass).

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception has been transferred from Sunday 8th December to Monday 9th December.

Mass on Tuesday morning, 10th December, will start at 9.45am

A list for Readers will soon be available in the Sacristy for you to sign, indicating your availability for the Christmas Masses.

<p>14th December Saturday St Ambrose</p>	<p>Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12 12.30pm Fredrick Law-RIP John Cameron-RIP Annie Murtagh-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Christmas Fayre 1pm-3.30pm</p>
<p>8th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> 	<p>Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12 9.00am Jenny McHale-RIP 11.00am Susan & Ben McKiernan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses</p>
<p>9th December Monday SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY <i>Patroness of the Archdiocese of Birmingham</i></p>	<p>Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Kay Maybin-RIP</p>	<p>Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm</p>
<p>10th December Tuesday Advent Feria St Edmund Gennings</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14 9.20am The Rosary 9.45am Maura Murray-RIP Gerard McNally</p>	<p>Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm Legion of Mary 6.15pm</p>
<p>11th December Wednesday Advent Feria St Damasus 1</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Mary Baines-RIP John Paul Cassidy-RIP</p>	<p>Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm</p>
<p>12th December Thursday Advent Feria Our Lady of Guadalupe</p>	<p>Isaiah 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15 12.00pm The Rosary 12.30pm Val Burgess-RIP Anne Mulrennan-RIP Tony Hayde-RIP 6.30pm Deceased of the Parish & their Families & Friends</p>	<p>Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm Exposition 12.00 noon until 12.30pm Memory Cafe 2pm-4pm Parish Hall</p>
<p>13th December Friday St Lucy</p>	<p>Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Kathleen Beale-Intentions 6.30pm Tom Healy RIP & Deceased members of Paulger & Healy Families</p>	<p>Exposition after 10.00am Mass Until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>14th December Saturday St John of the Cross</p>	<p>Isaiah 35:1-6 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 12.30pm John McCaffrey-RIP Sonny Nash-RIP Joseph (Joe) Fogarty-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Lunches available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>15th December Third Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>Isaiah 35:1-6 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 9.00am Julie Hanly-RIP 11.00am Kath Clark-Birthday</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week: £1,122:21 (Gift Aid £306:60 Loose £815:61)

Appeal last weekend for: Lepra £1,095:69

Second Collection this weekend for the Poor Parishes of the Diocese

MEMORY CAFÉ- Thursday 12th December 2019. Parish Hall. 2pm-4pm This is especially for those experiencing dementia and for carers and family members. All are welcome.

The Children from Key Stage 2 of St Augustine's will be performing their Nativity Play and Carol Service on Thursday 19th December at 7pm You are welcome to attend. We have requested free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

Newsletter Continued:

Deacon Kevin has prepared some Advent reflections for the Third Week of Advent and they will be delivered after the morning Masses.

Monday 16th December- 'In the Beginning'

Tuesday 17th December- 'Adam, where are you?'

Thursday 19th December- 'And the Angel Left Her.'

Friday 20th December- 'Merry Christmas everyone.'

HEARTLANDS HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS- Ecumenical Carols round the wards. December 16th 6.30pm-8.00pm Meet at Café One in main entrance at 6.30pm Refreshments afterwards at 8pm City of Birmingham Brass Band to support. Please let Chaplains know if you are coming.

ChaplaincyHGS@heartofengland.nhs.uk or telephone Fr Roger Raven 0121 424 1369

With the cold nights setting in, Tabor House night shelter is providing a safe place for people experiencing homelessness in Birmingham. To support their work, you can buy a beautiful 2020 calendar online at <http://bit.ly/WASPSCalendar2020>. At £10 each, the calendars make excellent Christmas gifts and all proceeds go to the project

Readers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Gerry Coburn

Madeleine Coburn

Keating

11.00am Mary Clark

Marie Watts

Eucharistic Ministers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Joan & Dan Doyle

Mary Deneny & Angela

11.00am Beatrice Ngala

Eilish Duffy

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 9th for Services December 14th/15th December-A

A.Ryder, M.Clark, Annie Fuller, Teresa Donovan

Flowers Rota: – for week beginning December 9th –No Flowers in Advent

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish:

Keith Frettsome Martin Yates Virginia Gregory, Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy
Margaret Kelly Joan Kennedy Roberto Cordora Kevin Fahy Sandy Simia
June Elspeth Hoefkens Trevor Windle Colette Hickey Danny Meadows
Kathleen Beale Bridget Bishop

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

LOVE

John the Baptist appeared: he proclaimed this message. 'Repent, for the kingdom of Heaven is close at hand.'

Merciful God,

You sent John the Baptist to

Preach repentance.

Forgive us for the times when we have done wrong,

When we have hurt other people

And damaged our earth.

Lead us to make a change

To live differently,

Preparing a way

And making your paths straight. Amen.



Please pray for: Lucy McGinnell (Reception Abbey Erdington Wednesday 11th December 5.30pm; Requiem Thursday 12th December 11.15am) Siobhan Keogan and John Doyle (Requiem Thursday 2nd January 12.30pm) who died recently. Also, John West, Robert Wolfe, Malcolm Kelly, Tony Quinn, Raymond John Nicholson, Ernest Edwin Phipps, Bob Morgan, Gordon Sutton, James McGettigan, Frank Norton, Julie Margaret Hanly, Mary Eileen Lunn, Hugh Hegarty, Simon Andrew Roche and Timothy O'Shea and all with anniversaries at this time.

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