

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C 1st DECEMBER 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'Your liberation is near at hand. We have no reason to fear the second coming of Christ if we allow God to teach us how to grow in holiness. We ask him to help us to love one another with generosity and integrity. In this way we will be able to hold our heads high and have the strength necessary to survive all that will happen in our lives so that when the time comes, we will stand in confidence before Christ and his saints.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I are grateful for your generous support of our Parish events as we enter into this joyful season of Advent-'waiting in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour.' As we listen to the Word of God from the new translation of the scriptures may this same Word of God inspire and strengthen us in all our daily endeavours.

Thank you for your generous support of our Christmas Fayre; for the gifts you have donated for the Raffle and the Stalls, for the tickets you have purchased and for all the ways you have helped. We do look forward to your participation in the Fayre, this Saturday, November 30th, between 1.30-4.00pm and after the Masses on the Sunday.

The Blessing of the Graves at Robin Hood takes place this Sunday, December 1st, at 2.00pm.

Please remember in your prayers our pupils from Year 3 of St Augustine's who will be celebrating their First Confession on Thursday 5th December at 5.30pm. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

On Saturday 7th December at 7pm you are invited to a Charity Carol Concert in St Augustine's Church. The booking forms are available in the main porch. Tickets are £5.00, 50% of which, goes to Birmingham Children's Hospital. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion car park. We would like 9 Readers for the Readings for this Concert. Please see Fr Dominic.

The Blessing of the Crib-will take place on Sunday 8th December at 3pm. The Crib is positioned opposite Boots the Chemist.

Advance notice of Penance Service on Tuesday 17th December at 7pm at Our Lady of the Wayside.

Next Sunday Sister Sebastian will be present at the Masses selling Raffle Tickets for the Sister's work with the Homeless. The following weekend 3rd Sunday of Advent there will be a Second Collection for the poor parishes of the Diocese.

On Wednesday 18th December, the junior pupils of St Augustine's will be performing a Christmas Tableaux in Church at 6.30pm.'

Helen Brookes would like to thank everyone for the Masses and prayers offered; for the kind messages and cards she received during her time of illness. They all helped so much at the time and still do as she continues to progress well.

Friends of the Holy Land: Many thanks for the absolutely fantastic response to our appeal. A total of £2,816.96 was raised. This is just simply tremendous. Do keep us in your prayers.

MEDITATION- Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Parish Meeting Room: 1.pm 9th December.

Season 4 of the Chosen starting every Wednesday at St George and St Teresa 7.30pm. Conference Room Church Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

For news and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£113:55 Loose £1,181:44 Total £ 1,294:99 Second Collection last weekend: Catholic

Youth Service: £530:96 Second Collection next weekend; Poor Parishes of the Diocese

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 30 th Nov	12.30pm T Duffy	Sunday 1 st December	9am	Sunday 1 st December	11am
Saturday 7 th Dec	12.30pm T Cund	M Hallissey		E.Duffy	
Saturday 14 th Dec	12.30pm Bernard				
Sunday 1 st Dec	9am Finbar Joe Cormac	Sunday 8 th December	9am	Sunday 8 th December	11am
Sunday 1 st Dec	11am M Watts	J Powers		A Kelly	
Sunday 8 th Dec	9am C Ramsey				
Sunday 8 th Dec	11am E Young				

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Kevin McDaid	Jonathan Williams	Michael	Eve
Patricia Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans
Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Paulina Samathar	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes
James Brown	John McCarthy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Roger Cox	
Christopher Edmund Poole		Liam Lewis	Joseph Wong	Briege Williams	Angela Hyland
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Molly Saunders	Mike Sassano	Mary & Amanda	Aoife Cook
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Delbert Manorina	Breda Fleming	Pat Hurst

Anne, Aidan, Patrick and Michael O'Donnell.

SVP 'FRIENDS IN NEED' CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL 2024


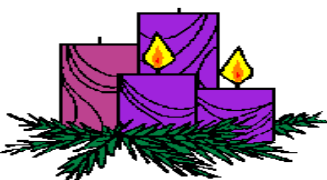
Huge appreciation to everyone who has contributed items during the year- they have been invaluable! We wondered if you could help with any of the following? Christmas puddings, chocolate biscuits, chocolates, selection boxes, Crisps, packet and tinned soups, pot noodles, instant rice/ mash, tinned potatoes and tinned mixed veg, UHT meals, UHT milk, UHT fruit juice, tinned meals, tinned meat and fish, cereals- especially children's favourites. Please leave items under either porch table at weekends, labelled 'SVP' or call SVP (Saint Vincent de Paul Society) on: 07568 508271 Thank you.

SVP 'GIVING TREE' 2024 We have been asked for items this year by Sunday 14th December. Can you help? Individual shower gels and toiletries for ladies and men, family toiletries, gift for a 3-year-old boy, gift for 8- 9-year-old girls, gift for 9-year-old boy, gift for 12-year-old boy and for a young man aged 13. Gift for a busy Mum. Call us on 07568 508271 to donate items or bring to weekend Masses. Thank you

CHRISTMAS COMFORT LUNCH Would you like a Christmas dinner with friendly people? Perhaps you know someone else who would like some social time? Maybe you enjoy delicious home-cooked food, a festive atmosphere and bottomless hot drinks? You're invited to a Christmas Comfort Lunch on THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER 12- 2PM, ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH HALL. To book a place, please call or text the SVP on 07568 508271 no later than 30th November.

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Family Advent Rosary in the City Saturday 14th December - Chamberlain Square (by the Chamberlain Memorial fountain) In the season of Advent we are calling all men, women and children to come together and publicly witness to their faith by praying a rosary in the city and singing some Carols. For more information contact Ben - 07885505116

<p>30th November</p> <p>FEAST St Andrew</p>	<p>Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28,34-36 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Andrew Duffy-RIP John Lennon-RIP</p>	<p><i>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon</i> <i>Confession 11am-12 noon</i></p> <p>Christmas Fayre 1.30pm-4.00pm</p>
<p>1st December</p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p>	<p>Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28,34-36 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Charlie Jones-RIP All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Mary Ryan-RIP Thanksgiving Dominic Savio Noronha</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p> 
<p>2nd Dember Monday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Ted & Mary Deery-RIP Special Intention</p>	
<p>3rd December Tuesday</p> <p>St Francis Xavier</p> <p><i>Migrants' Day</i></p>	<p>Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Mrs Lyn Johnson-Intention John's Son</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>4th December Wednesday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>St John Damascene</p>	<p>Isaiah 25:6-10 Matthew 15:29-37 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.30am Sheila Ward, Martin Ward-Intention Anna & Eugene O'Donnell-RIP</p>	<p>Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p>
<p>5th December Thursday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>St Birinus</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Matthew 9:35-38 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Krztysttof Gawlik-RIP David Cahill-RIP</p>	
<p>6th December Friday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>St Nicholas</p>	<p>Apocalypse 20:1-4,11-21:2 Luke 21:29-33 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Greta Shalrey-RIP</p> <p>6.30pm Ellen Hanrahan-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5,15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass</p>
<p>7th December Saturday</p> <p>St Ambrose</p>	<p>Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm John Noone-RIP Mick Kennedy & Family-Intentions</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>8th December</p> 	<p>Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am Graham Heeley-RIP All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Holy Souls- Novena Thomas Desmond Collins-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

First Sunday of Advent

Blessed God,
You will come when we do not expect you.
Help us to welcome you now
In one another
To reach out
To our sisters and brothers
In need of care and support
And in this way
May we be found ready
When you come again in glory. Amen



Please pray for: David Wenlock, Eileen Doyle, Monsignor Graham Wilkinson, Keith Mercer, Gerard Owen Courtney who died recently.

Also, Stephano Parks, Margaret French, Kevin William Geary, Gertrude Ann Horsburgh, John Alfred Peace, Kath Clark, Mary Ryan, Patricia Bridget Banks, Michael Murphy, Zofia Lozinski, Catherine Newman, David Barrett, Joseph Marshall, Westley John Taylor, Alexander Joseph McGarry, Ellen Teresa Farrelly, Dorothy Phillips, Kathleen Hurdman and all with anniversaries at this time.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Anne Ryder and Sue Wakeham. They can be contacted at sg.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

This Church live streams Mass and other events. Please see notices in Church for more details.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Robin Hood

1ST December

2.00pm