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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C 8th DECEMBER 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'Christ is the joy we await. God will bring to completion the work he has begun in us. Our love for one another will help us to be blameless when Christ will come again. Our lives on earth are a preparation for the day when the Lord comes and so we should be full of joy and expectancy.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I welcome, on your behalf, Sister Sebastian to our Sunday Masses. Sister will be selling Raffle Tickets on behalf of her Community's work with the homeless. There will also be a bucket collection at all of the Masses.

We offer our sincere thanks to each and every one who helped to make our Christmas fayre such a rewarding and joyful occasion. The amount raised came to £2,667:97 and will be divided between CAFOD and Aid to the Church in Need. May Our Lord bless and reward your generosity.

Next weekend there will be a second collection for the poor parishes of the Diocese.

A list will be placed in the Sacristy requesting our Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion to indicate your availability for the Christmas Masses.

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.

On Wednesday 18th December, the junior pupils of St Augustine's will be performing a Christmas Tableaux in Church at 6.30pm. We have requested the free use of the lower level of the Dominion Car Park on Herbert Road.

On Tuesday, December 10th, we have a Deanery Meeting here at St Augustine's. there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30-11.00am. **Mass will start at 9.50am.**

On Monday 9th December, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, transferred from December 8th, as this is a Sunday.

On Monday 16th December St Augustine's Community Café will take place between 11.30am-1.30pm.

Thank you to the members of the St Vincent de Paul Society and their helpers for providing a Christmas Lunch on Thursday last. Everyone who attended thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

THE MESSENGERS- told by the makers of The Chosen. Sunday 15th December 3pm; Conference Room St George & St Teresa Church Hall. Mulled wine/mince pies served; tea/coffee biscuits. All welcome

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:£207:23 Loose £1,015:73 Total £1,222:96 Second Collection next weekend; Poor Parishes of the Diocese .

| Readers | | Eucharistic Ministers | |
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| Saturday 7 th Dec | 12.30pm T Cund | Sunday 8 th December | 9am |
| Saturday 14 th Dec | 12.30pm Bernard | J Powers | |
| Saturday 21 st Dec | 12.30pm T Duffy | | |
| Sunday 8 th Dec | 9am C Ramsey | | Sunday 8 th December 11am |
| Sunday 8 th Dec | 11am E Young | | A Kelly |
| Sunday 15 th Dec | 9am Aditi | Sunday 15 th December 9am | |
| Sunday 15 th Dec | 11am H Cettler | M Coburn | Sunday 15 th December 11am |
| | | | J Hickey |

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH



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| 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 |
| Cornelius Callanan, | | Juliana Bejamin | Raphael Lee | Father Tony Rohan | |
| Father Gerard Kelly, | | Father Michael White | | | |

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

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

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| <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><i>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon</i> <i>Confession 11am-12 noon</i> <i>Carol Concert 7.00pm</i></p> |
| <p>8th December</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</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><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p> <p>3.00pm Blessing of Crib-Mell Square</p> |
| <p>9th December Monday</p> <p>SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p> | <p>Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Patrick Cullen-RIP Myra Martin-Intention</p> | |
| <p>10th December Tuesday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>St Edmund Gennings/ Our Lady of Loreto</p> | <p>Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.50am Joan & Daniel Brosnan-RIP Holy Souls- Novena</p> | <p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p> <p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am-11.00am</p> |
| <p>11th December Wednesday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>St Damasus 1</p> | <p>Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.30am John Henry Lee- RIP Kathleen Elizabeth Bevis-Intention</p> | <p>Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p> |
| <p>12th December Thursday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>Our Lady of Guadalupe</p> | <p>Isaiah 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Zuster Kea-RIP PJ Docherty-RIP</p> | |
| <p>13th December Friday</p> <p>St Lucy</p> | <p>Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Holy Souls-Novena</p> <p>6.30pm Concepcion Manorina-RIP</p> | <p>Holy Hour 5,15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass</p> |
| <p>14th December Saturday</p> <p>St John of the Cross</p> | <p>Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Ben & Susan McKiernan-RIP John McCaffrey-RIP</p> | <p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p> |
| <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>15th December</p>  | <p>Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18 Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am Julie Hanly-RIP</p> <p>11.00am All People of the Parish Chris St Leger-RIP</p> | <p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p> |

Second Week of Advent

When John the Baptizer made his appearance as a preacher in the desert of Judea, this was his theme: "Reform your lives. The reign of God is at hand!" Mt. 3:1 *Second Sunday of Advent* O Jesus, in an empty desert your prophet John proclaimed: God is here, at your side. God has come to bring about a kingdom where injustice and suffering will be no more, where tears will be wiped away, and where those who turn to God will feast at a banquet.

"Turn now, your God is standing at your side. Reform your lives, God's kingdom is at hand." In an empty desert John said these things.

Give me faith like John's, O Lord, strong enough to believe even in a desert that you and your kingdom are no farther from me than my hand. Make my heart strong like his, not swayed by trials or snared by false pleasures. Give me courage to be faithful until your promises are fulfilled.

**O King of all nations, Jesus Christ,
only joy of every heart,
come and save your people.**



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Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; He will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness; Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.'

Please pray for: David Wenlock, Eileen Doyle, Monsignor Graham Wilkinson, Keith Mercer, Gerard Owen Courtney (Robin Hood 9th December 12.45pm); Terence Patrick Wright (Robin Hood 10th January 9.30am), Agatha Sant and Michael Murtagh who died recently.

Also, Stephano Parks, John West, Robert Wolfe, Malcolm Kelly, Tony Quinn, Raymond John Nicholson, Margaret Anne Byrne, Ernest Edwin Phipps, Maureen Casey, Gervaise McMahon, Bob Morgan, Janet Dodman, Gordon Sutton, James McGettigan, Frank Norton, Julie Margaret Hanly, Margaret Kelly, Mary Eileen Lunn, Hugh Hegarty, Simon Andrew Roche, Timothy O'Shea 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 Representatives are 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.

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