

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

Second Sunday of Advent Year B 10th December 2023

Dear Parishioners, 'Prepare a way for the Lord! We prepare each day of our lives for the coming of the Lord. We have to straighten out those things in our behaviour which prevent us from living holy and saintly lives. The new heavens and the new earth where God reigns are what is promised to us and that is why we should always try to be joyful.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I pray that the prayers and readings of this second Sunday of Advent may make you steadfast in faith, joyful in hope and untiring in love.

Please pray for Cathalia Yumang who is to be baptized into the family of the Church this weekend.

A rota for Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion for the Christmas Masses is available in the sacristy for you to sign. In respect of the Christmas Masses, we have decided on the following: Christmas Eve-Sunday 24th- 4.00pm Mass. 8.00pm carols and Readings followed by Mass at 8.30pm. Christmas Day-Monday 25th Mass at 9am and 11am.

A Penance Service will be held at Our Lady of the Wayside on Tuesday 19th December at 7pm. All are welcome.



Our congratulations and thanks for your generous support of the Christmas Fayre, and for the funds you have raised for Aid to the Church in Need and for CAFOD. A sum of £3,360:08 has been raised and will be shared between these two charities. May God make a harvest of your good deeds a larger one. **We look forward** to welcoming our junior pupils from St Augustine's to Church on Wednesday 20th December. The pupils will perform their Nativity Play.

'Come and enjoy the story of the First Christmas told in a beautiful way by the makers of the popular series 'The Chosen' on Saturday 23rd December at 4pm in the Conference Room at St George and St Teresa Church Hall., Dorridge.

Our sincere thanks to the SVP for last Monday's Christmas entertainment for the elderly.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SVP 'FRIENDS IN NEED CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023'....Thank you for all your generosity so far this year. Please can you help us once more? (The following can be delivered to the church porch): Chocolates, Christmas puddings, UHT Fruit juice, UHT milk, Tinned fruit, Selection boxes, Tea, Coffee, Biscuits for Cheese, Tinned meat meals, tinned veg, Biscuits, Ladies' toiletry Sets, Men's toiletry sets. Also gifts for 2-year-old boy, 6-year-old girl, 9 year old boy, and 12 year old boy. Further details: Libby on 07568 508271. Thank you

Please note that on Monday and Tuesday of this week, Mass will begin at 9.45am.

<p>9th December Saturday</p> <p>St Juan Diego</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm John Noone-RIP John Ownsworth-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>10th December</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> 	<p>Isaiah 40:1-5,9-11 2 Peter 3:8-14 Mark 1:1-8 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am Julie Hanley-RIP For all the people of the parish 11.00am Susan & Ben McKiernan-RIP Holy Souls-Novena of Masses</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>11th December Monday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>St Damasus 1</p>	<p>Isaiah 35:1-10 Luke 5:17-26 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.45am Gerry Lacey-RIP McNamara Family</p>	
<p>12th December Tuesday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>Our Lady of Guadalupe</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.45am John Isaacs-Intention Tony & Paul Mahon-RIP</p>	<p>Parent & Toddlers Group- Parish Hall 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>13th December Wednesday</p> <p>St Lucy</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30am Stephen & Sean Smith-RIP Lali Ratnaraja-Intention</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45-11.15am</p>
<p>14th December Thursday</p> <p>St John of the Cross</p>	<p>Isaiah 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Val Burgess-RIP Sean & Julia Finnegan-RIP</p>	
<p>15th December Friday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 48:17-31 Public & Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Nathan De Jesus-21st Birthday 6.30pm Manorina Family-Intentions</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>16th December Saturday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm John McCaffery-RIP Reverend Ernie Titchmarsh & Anne White-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>17th December</p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>O Sapientia (Wisdom)</p> 	<p>Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am Deceased Members of Mila's Family All People of the Parish 11.00am David & Marion Cox-45th Wedding Anniversary Peter Tickell-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

Mass readers: New rotas are being prepared for January, February and March. If you would like to be a reader at Saturday or Sunday Mass, please leave your name and Mass time with Fr Dominic.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 14th April 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 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 & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

Learning Hub and Librarian Fulltime – term time - hours negotiable £23,194 The Governing Body of St Paul's School for Girls is seeking to appoint a Sixth Form Learning Mentor and Librarian for January 2024. If you are interested you can contact us on 0121 454 0895 or you can download an application pack from our website, www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk

Application deadline: 18 December 2023 at noon Interview: 19 December 2023

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S COMMUNITY DROP-IN CAFÉ – meeting Monday 18th December 11.30-1.30pm. All are welcome for mince pies and Christmas songs.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE-Patron Saint of the unborn child- Mass to celebrate on Tuesday 12th December 12.15pm St Chads Cathedral. Archbishop Bernard to officiate at Service.

Advent Preparation Prayer Reflection Evenings: the Prayer & Life Workshop Circle of Prayer group will be leading a prayer reflection event on the Thursdays prior to Christmas; 14th December 21st December in the Blue Meeting Room. We would love you to join us as we prepare for the coming of Our Lord and Saviour.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS AND BENEDICTION - for three weeks, starting Sunday 3rd December we will have a short Reflection and Benediction after the 11am Mass. We look forward to sharing these periods of Adoration with you.

The Parents and Toddlers' Group have expanded to include babies, toddlers and pre-school children. Meeting on a Tuesday morning between 9.30am-11.30am

MARY'S MEALS (www.Marysmeals.org.uk feeding children in the world's poorest countries, for £19.15 per school year.) Presents a concert with Lichfield Gospel Choir, 9th December, St Martins the Bull Ring £10 per ticket Doors open 6.30pm for a 7.30pm start. See leaflet in porch.

BLESSING OF BAMBINI. Please bring your baby Jesus, perhaps one you have made yourself or from your Crib, to Church next weekend and we will bless them at the end of Mass.

First 5 Saturday devotion : St George and St Therese A devotion recommended by Our Lady of Fatima Confession 9:15 Rosary 9:30 Mass 10am See leaflet in porch for more details.

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£224 Loose :£872:87 Total:£1.096:87 Second Collection this week: Poor Parishes

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 9 th Dec	12.30pm ???	Sunday 10 th December	9am	Sunday 10 th December	11am
Saturday 16 th Dec	12.30pm T Duffy	D. Nettikkadan		A Kelly	
Saturday 23 rd Dec	12.30pm T Cund				
Sunday 10 th Dec	9am C Ramsey	Sunday 17 th December	9am	Sunday 17 th December	11am
Sunday 10 th Dec	11am J Benjamin	J Powers		A Keating	
Sunday 17 th Dec	9am M Coburn	Sunday 24 th December	9am	Sunday 24 th December	11am
Sunday 17 th Dec	11am C Hodrien	M Coburn		E Duffy	
Sunday 24 th Dec	9am M Pearsall	Sunday 31 st December	9am	Sunday 31 st December	11am
Sunday 24 th	11am M Watts	M Hallissey		B Ngala	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Anne Deary
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Eileen Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien	Don Deneny
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer
Sandra Evans	Gillian Jones	Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Jennifer O'Donnell
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Eileen Keaton
Christopher Edmund Poole		Eve	Roger Cox	Liam Lewis	
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Mike Sassano
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Angela Hyland	Mary & Amanda	Helen Brookes

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 the way
And making your paths straight. Amen.



Please pray for: Kiera Alexis Devine (Requiem Thursday 21st December 10am), Jack Brosnan (Requiem Friday 22nd December 8.15am) Maria Arlete Ferreira Gomes Rodrigues (Requiem 9th January 2024 12.00pm) Mary Ryan, Father Sean Turley and Father Augustine who died recently.

Also, Ernest Edwin Phipps, Maureen Casey, Gervaise McMahon, Bob Morgan, Janet Dodman, Gordon Sutton, James McGettigan, Frank Norton, Julie Margaret Hanly, Margaret Kelly, Stephano Park, Mary Eileen Lunn, Hugh Hegarty, Simon Andrew Roche, Timothy O'Shea, Maureen Anne Bernadette Seager, Bridget Mary Bishop, Lilian Powell, Joan Gorman, Renee Goddard, June Elspeth Hoefkens, James Thomas Conway 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 Teresa Cund. 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.

Retrouvaille – Do you need in your marriage? Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information about our 2024 programmes. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024 or there is a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983 or 07973 380443, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com - or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk