

***SAINT AUGUSTINE
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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C Sunday 2nd December 2018

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.)

Please pray for Oliver Waite who is to be baptized into the family of the Church this Sunday. **You are welcome to join us** for the Blessing of the Crib this Sunday afternoon at 3pm in Mell Square. It is the annual Blessing which we share with our brothers and sisters from the local Christian Churches.

Saint Augustine's School Choir will be Singing at Touchwood Centre and Solihull Hospital on Wednesday 5th December, beginning at 11am.

This Monday will see the start of repairs to the Church roof, which will include refelting the flat roof over the new porch. We hope that, weather permitting, the work will be finished by Christmas. Please use the old (Pugin) porch entrance for the time being and **please be careful of the step from the porch into the Church.**

Thursday 6th December we have a Holy Hour by Candlelight from 6.15pm-7.15pm. This will be followed by the to which you are welcome.

Thursday 13th December at 7pm, Father Dominic will give a presentation of his holiday in China. Refreshments will be served. **Thursday 20th December** we will have Carols by candlelight; more details to follow.



Penance Service Monday 17th December at 7pm.

The **'Walk With Me'** Booklets and Calendars for Advent are now available in both porches.

On Friday 14th December, we will be joined by Saint Peter's Sixth Form for the 10am Mass. This is their annual Advent Mass.

On Wednesday 19th December at 7pm the Children from Saint Augustines will be performing a Christmas Concert in Church. All are welcome.

Please note, Mass on Tuesday morning, 4th December will begin at 9.50am.

<p>1st December</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>St Edmund Campion</p>	<p>Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28,34-36</p> <p>12.30pm Inga Wilcox-RIP Emer McDonnell-Birthday Tony Hayde-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p> <p>St Augustine's Christmas Fayre. 1.00pm-3.00pm</p>
<p>2nd December</p> <p><i>FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i></p> 	<p>Jeremiah 33:14-16 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2 Luke 21:25-28,34-36</p> <p>9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Intentions of Peter Tickell</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses</p>
<p>3rd December</p> <p>Monday</p> <p>St Francis Xavier Migrants' Day</p>	<p>Isaiah 2:1-5 Matthew 8:5-11</p> <p>9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Una Fahy-RIP</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm Journey in Faith-after 10am Mass-Presbytery</p>
<p>4th December</p> <p>Tuesday</p> <p>Advent Feria St John Damascene</p>	<p>Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24</p> <p>9.25am The Rosary 9.50am Mary Gallagher Founders Day-CWL</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm</p> <p>Legion of Mary 6.15pm Youth Group 6.30pm-8.30pm</p>
<p>5th December</p> <p>Wednesday</p> <p>FEAST St John Birinus</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Matthew 9:35-37</p> <p>9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Bernard Flanagan-RIP Pat Cettler-RIP</p>	<p>Parents & Toddlers Group</p> <p>Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm</p>
<p>6th December</p> <p>Thursday</p> <p>Advent Feria St Nicholas</p>	<p>Isaiah 26:1-6 Matthew 7:21,24-27</p> <p>12.05am The Rosary 12.30pm Donald Reavey-Special Intention John Carrebin-Private Intention Raymond Reidy-Birthday</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm</p> <p>Exposition 12.00pm-12.30pm 6.15pm-7.15pm Holy Hour by Candlelight- Followed by Meeting on Evangelisation at 7.30pm</p>
<p>7th December</p> <p>Friday</p> <p>St Ambrose</p>	<p>Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31</p> <p>9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Carl Bishop Sheila Downes & Family -RIP 6.30pm Greta(Margaret) Naylor-RIP Latin Mass with Anointing of the Sick</p>	<p>Exposition after 10am Mass until 12.30pm</p> <p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>8th December</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p>	<p>Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6</p> <p>12.30pm Frederick Law- RIP Holy Souls-Novena Margaret Spangler-Intention</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon</p> <p>Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>9th December</p> <p><i>Second Sunday of Advent</i></p> 	<p>Baruch 5:1-9 Philippians 1:3-6,8-11 Luke 3:1-6</p> <p>9.00am Gerard O'Sullivan-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Rose-Birthday</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week: £1,158:30 (Gift Aid £322:03 Loose £836:27)

Second Collection last weekend: Youth Service- £505:01

Second Collection next weekend: Poor Parishes of the Diocese

St Paul School for Girls Annual OAP Christmas Party on Monday, 17th December 2018 from 1pm-3pm. We would be grateful if you could let any groups in your Parish know these details and ask that they contact school with numbers by Friday, 7th December 2018 if they wish to attend. The school telephone number is 0121 454 0895

On Friday 7th December at 7.30 pm, the Friends of the Holy Land will be holding our Second day dedicated carol service at Lichfield Cathedral, and led by the Cathedral Choir. The cost will be £10 including refreshments, with all profits going towards helping support Christians in the West Bank, Gaza, Israel and Jordan. What better time to raise awareness of the plight of Christians living in the Holy Land than Advent, when our hearts and minds turn naturally towards the little town of Bethlehem. To book tickets please call 01926 512980 or office@friendsoftheholylan.org.uk
LATIN MASS- Friday 7th December 2016; 6.30pm, all are most welcome

CAROLS AROUND THE WARDS-HEARTLANDS HOSPITAL- Monday 17th December 6.30pm. See poster in porch.

ST PETER'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL- Sixth Form Open Evening Thursday 6th December 5.30pm-7.30pm Head teacher's Address 5.40pm; 6.40pm Main Hall. For details please visit: www.st-peters.solihull.sch.uk

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

Wednesday 19th December. Charity Music Gig at the Hare & Hounds Public House Kings Heath Birmingham in aid of The Children's Hospital. Two acts will be performing namely Acoustic Sunset followed by Replay. Entry is from 19.30 hours and tickets cost £5.00 on the door or £4.00 via the Hare & Hounds on line website called skiddle. Please support us if you can, as it will be a very enjoyable evening.

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/2lttq>

'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!! So please come along and join us in the Parish Hall at 7 p.m. on Thursday, 20 December 2018 for our annual festive singalong CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT. Mulled wine and mince pies to keep you going as we amble through favourite Christmas songs. All proceeds in aid of the HCPT Oxford Fellowship. Only £5 per person!! Please call Maria on 0121 705 8421 to book your seat on Santa's sleigh.

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

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
SUNDAY	SUNDAY
9.00am Pam Davis <i>Teresa Cund</i>	9.00am Anne & Michael Hallissey <i>Anne & Michael Hallissey</i>
11.00am Mary Clark <i>Marie Watts</i>	11.00am Tessy Nettikkadan <i>Tessy Nettikkadan</i>
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 3rd for Services 8th/9th December – D Mary Murray, Pt Ferris, Veronica Norton	
Flowers Rota: – for week beginning December 3rd for Services 8th/9th December –No Flowers Advent	

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Virginia Gregory, Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy Margaret Kelly Joan Kennedy Roberto Cordora
Keith Frettsome

Prayer for the Advent Wreath

Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ, for He is Emmanuel, the Hope of all people.

He is the Wisdom that teaches and guides us.

He is the Savior of us all.

O Lord,

let your blessing come upon us as we light the first and second (purple) candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise of salvation.

May He come quickly and not delay.

We ask this in His holy name. Amen.

Waiting

We light a candle today, a small dim light against a world that often seems forbidding and dark. But we light it because we are a people of hope, a people whose faith is marked by an expectation that we should always be ready for the coming of the Master. The joy and anticipation of this season is captured beautifully in the antiphons of hope from the monastic liturgies:

See! The ruler of the earth shall come, the Lord who will take from us the heavy burden of our exile



The Lord will come soon, will not delay.
The Lord will make the darkest places bright.

We must capture that urgency today in the small flame of our candle. We light the candle because we know that the coming of Christ is tied to our building of the kingdom. Lighting the flame, feeding the hungry, comforting the sick, reconciling the divided, praying for the repentant, greeting the lonely and forgotten – doing all these works hastens His coming.

Please pray for: Patrick Gabriel Quinn (Funeral Service Monday 10th December; 1pm Robin Hood) and Patricia Stevenson (Funeral Service Yardley Crematorium, Monday 3rd December, 2.30pm) who died recently. Also Patricia Bridget Banks, Catherine Newman, David Barrett, Joseph Marshall, Westley John Taylor, Dorothy Phillips, Kathleen Hurdman, John West, Robert Wolfe and all with anniversaries at this time.

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