

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Fr Paul Devaney Deacon Kevin O'Connor

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C Sunday 16th December 2018

Dear Parishioners,

'The Lord is very near.

The Lord is very near and this thought should make us happy. We have no need to worry and if we ask God for anything we need He will not refuse us. We look forward confident and unafraid to the future with hope because the Lord is with us. He is the cause of our happiness. We are a people of hope and joy.'(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The Baptismal preparation evenings for January will take place on Thursday 10th and Thursday 17th January 2019 at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Penance Service Monday 17th December at 7pm. There will be free car parking in the Lower level Dominion Car Park, from 6.30pm-8.30pm.



There will be a whole School Mass at St Augustine's Primary School on Wednesday 19th December at 2.15pm.

You are welcome to the Nativity Play performed by the older children of St Augustine's here in the Church on Wednesday 19th December at 7pm. There will be free car parking in the Lower level Dominion Car Park, from 6pm- 9.30pm

A specially prepared pamphlet has been prepared detailing all the times of the Christmas Services. Please collect one from either porch.

Congratulations and thanks to all who helped and supported our Christmas Fayre. It was such a very enjoyable afternoon and just over £3,000 has been raised to help the flood victims in Indonesia and elsewhere. Thank you to our Stall Holders and to those who prepared the Hall and tidied up afterwards. Thank you to Mary Cassidy for organising the attractive decorations, making the Hall look like a winter-wonderland. Our thanks also to Michael and Elspeth Sullivan for providing music and song. May the good Lord bless and reward each and every one.

This Wednesday, December 19th, we are having a Christmas lunch for those who live on their own. It will take place in the Parish Hall between 12-00pm-3.00pm The food has been provided by Waitrose, our local supermarket. The Mayor will be in attendance and there will be music from 1.00pm onwards. If any Parishioner would like to attend, please speak with Father Dominic, as there are a few places left.

<p>15th December Saturday</p>	<p>Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18 12.30pm Ian Thornley-RIP Special Intention Paul Casey-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>16th December <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</i> <i>Gaudete Sunday</i></p>	<p>Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18 9.00am Thanksgiving-Frank Miller 85th Birthday John McCaffrey-RIP 11.00am Susan & Ben McKiernan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses </p>
<p>17th December Monday Advent Feria <i>O SAPIENTIA (WISDOM)</i></p>	<p>Genesis 49:2,8-10 Matthew 1:1-17 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am John & Elizabeth Morgan-RIP</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm 7.00pm Penance Service</p>
<p>18th December Tuesday Advent Feria 'O Adonai' (Lord)</p>	<p>Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-24 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Larry Toal-RIP Jim Dodd-RIP</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm Legion of Mary 6.15pm</p>
<p>19th December Wednesday Advent Feria <i>O RADIX JESSE</i></p>	<p>Judges 13:2-7 Luke 1:5-25 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am David John O'Leary-RIP O'Sullivan Family-Intentions</p>	<p>Parents & Toddlers Group</p>
<p>20th December Thursday <i>O CLAVIS DAVID</i></p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38 12.05am The Rosary 12.30pm Annie Smith-RIP Robbie Cullen-RIP Patrick, Maureen & Martin O'Donnell-RIP</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.30am-12.30pm Exposition 12.00pm-12.30pm</p>
<p>21st December Friday St Peter Canisius <i>O ORIENS</i></p>	<p>Zephaniah 3:14-18 Luke 1:39-45 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Charlie Moore-RIP 6.30pm Marjorie Birch-RIP</p>	<p>Exposition after 10am Mass until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>22nd December Saturday <i>O REX GENTIUM</i></p>	<p>Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-44 12.30pm Eugene McDonnell-RIP Deceased Members of O'Callaghan Family Hayde & Purcell Families-Deceased</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>23rd December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i> <i>Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</i> <i>O EMMANUEL</i></p>	<p>Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-44 9.00am Margaret Owen-RIP & John Paul-RIP Zygfryd & Wanda Cettler-RIP 11.00am Patrick & Peggy Smythe- RIP & Ken & Nora Lancaster-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses </p>

Offertory Collection last week: £1,143:69 (Gift Aid £388:14 Loose £755:55)
Second Collection last weekend: Poor Parishes of the Diocese-£513:08

PEACH COLOURED RAFFLE TICKETS-THE WINNERS ARE: 119 Bottle of Sherry
165 Bottle of Semi Secco 251 Bottle of Tia Maria 284 M&S Belgian Biscuits
333 Gold Bow Hamper 340 Bottle of Prosecco 363 Jasmine Soap Set
396 Bottle of Prosecco- Please take your ticket to the Presbytery to collect your prize. Thank you for your support.

CAROLS AROUND THE WARDS-HEARTLANDS HOSPITAL- Monday 17th December 6.30pm. See poster in porch.
MARYVALE INSTITUTE- Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy & Catholic Traditions; Scholarship offered. See poster in porch for details.

THE CHRISTMAS POSTERS from the Knights of St Columba are available as you leave Church. Please take one and display it during the Christmas season. 'Proclaiming Christ as the True Reason for the Season.'

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/2ltt>

'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 Catholic Handicapped Fellowship CHF Oxford Group. Only £5 per person! Please call Maria on 0121 705 8421 to book your seat on Santa's sleigh. Free car parking in the Lower Level of the Dominion Car Park from 6.30pm-10pm

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. Also **St Paul's School for Girls, Vernon Rd, Edgbaston, B16 9SL.**

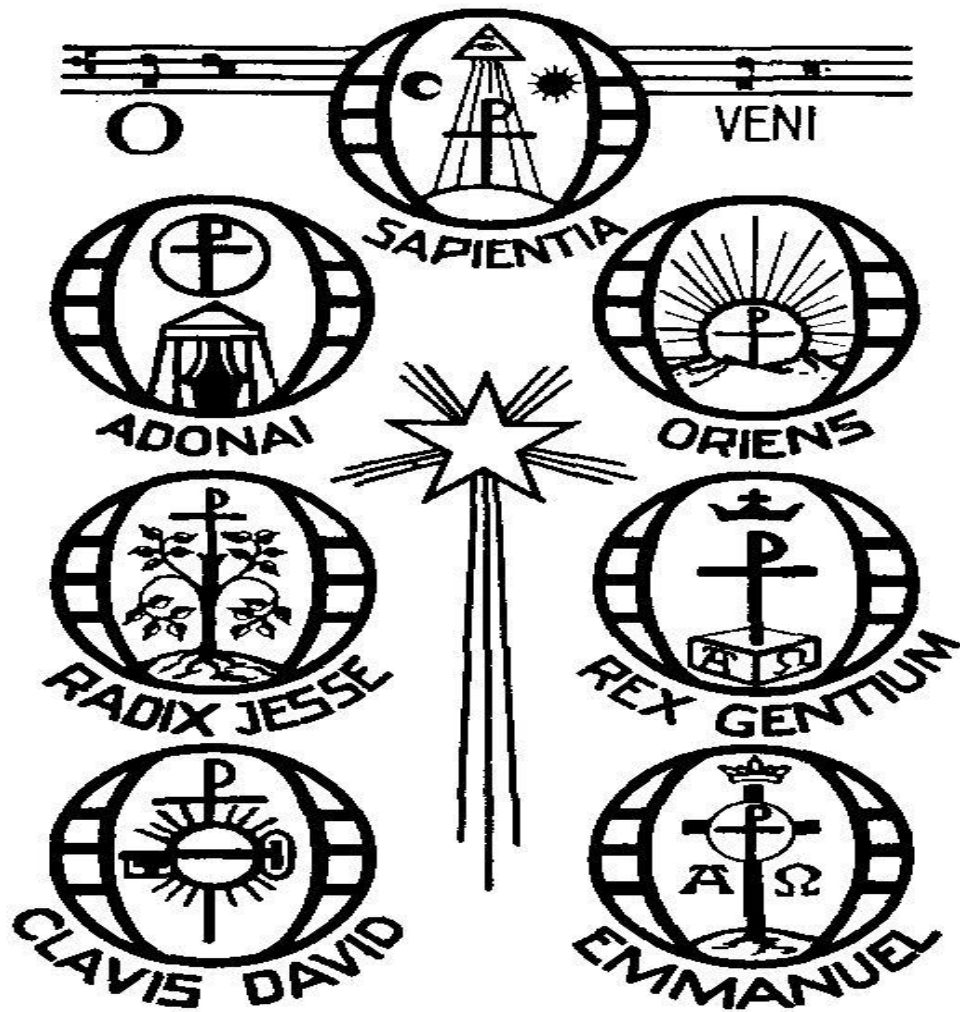
PRISONERS' SUNDAY 2018- send their thanks for the incredibly generous £563:92 raised by the Parish for Prisoners' Sunday. Please see letter on notice board in porch.

KERALA FLOOD 2018- Please see letter of thanks from Bishop Paul Kannokadan for funds raised for flood victims in Kerala. Heartfelt thanks and prayers are sent to the Parish for their generous funds.

Readers this week SUNDAY 9.00am Gerry Coburn <i>Madeleine Coburn</i> 11.00am Chris Hodrien Juliana Benjamin Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 17th for Services 22nd/23rd December – F Mary Congdon, Geraldine Saunders, Philip Saunders, Bob Ashman Flowers Rota: – for week beginning December 17th for Services 22nd/23rd December –No Flowers Advent	Eucharistic Ministers this week SUNDAY 9.00am Joan & Dan Doyle <i>Joan & Dan Doyle</i> 11.00am Dasan Nettikkadan <i>Dasan Nettikkadan</i>
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Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

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



From December 17th to 23rd, the Church observes the ancient custom of praying each day one of the 7 'O' Antiphons, so called because each one addresses the God who comes in Christ with a different biblical title, beginning with the invocation 'O'

Please pray for: Barbara Vernon, Julie Hanly and Alexander McGarry who died recently. Also Lilian Powell, Joan Gorman, Renee Goddard, Ellen Dickinson, Patrick Brennan, Patrick Thomas Kelly, Elizabeth Morgan, Damien Peter Crow and all with anniversaries at this time.