

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C Sunday 23rd December 2018

Dear Parishioners,

'Mary, Mother of the Lord. Mary does the will of God perfectly. When God speaks to her she is prompt to obey and in her flesh God's word becomes incarnate. Of all women she is the most blessed because she believed that God's promises would be fulfilled in the humblest of His creatures. She is the servant of everyone. She was for Elizabeth the cause of her joy. She is the same for us.'(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Please pray for Hannah Beyona-Walton who is to be baptized into the family of the Church this Sunday. 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.

You may notice in Church a new Sanctuary Lamp Holder which has been donated through the generosity of Mr Ernst Doorn and his family in memory of his late wife.

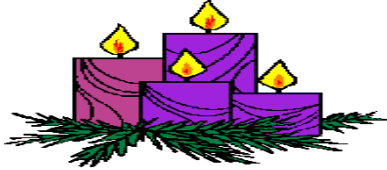


We so look forward to celebrating the Birthday of our Saviour with you and thank you in anticipation of your prayerful attendance and support for the Christmas Masses. May this Feast prepare us to radiate the light of Christ wherever we go. On St. Stephen's Day we will be enrolling into the Guild of St Stephen five of our Altar Servers. This will take place during the 10am Mass.

Please note that on Friday morning, December 28th, there will not be a morning Mass at 10am. There will be a Requiem Mass at 12.00pm for Mr Alex McGarry. Holy Hour and 6.30pm Mass as normal.

Thanks to your generosity in contributing to the Poor Box in Church, we have been able to send to six local charities a sum of money to help them at this time.

Our congratulations and thanks to the Headteacher, Staff and Pupils of St Augustine's School for their prayerful and beautiful Christmas Concert here in Church. They retold the events surrounding the birth of Christ in a clear and inspiring manner. It was also a joy to welcome St Peter's Sixth Form last week for their Christmas Mass, and again, for their prayerful and inspiring contribution to the Mass, along with Deacon Kevin's helpful sermon.

Thank you to Mrs. Maria Watts and to those who supported Carols by Candlelight. It was a very enjoyable event. The **Collection to be taken** at the Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are your traditional offering to the Clergy.

<p>22nd December Saturday O REX GENTIUM</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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers O EMMANUEL</p>	<p>Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-44 9.00am Margaret & Owen Deneny-RIP & John Paul Cassidy 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>
<p>24th December Monday </p>	<p>Isaiah 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 12.30pm Deceased members of Mullen Family Deceased Members of McNamara Family 4.00pm Thomas, Catherine, Frances Kelly & James Kinnaird-RIP Deceased Members of Reynolds Family 8.30pm O'Sullivan Family-Intentions All People of the Parish</p>	<p>8.00pm Carols & Readings</p>
<p>25th December Tuesday SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</p>	<p>Isaiah 62:11-12 Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:15-20 9.00am Bernadette O'Donnell-Birthday Isaiah 52:7-10 Hebrews 1:1-6 John 1:1-18 11.00am Bernard & Mary Concannon-RIP</p>	
<p>26th December Wednesday FEAST St Stephen</p>	<p>Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Patrick Withers-RIP Mary & Tony Quinn-RIP</p>	
<p>27th December Thursday FEAST St John</p>	<p>1 John 1:1-4 John 20:2-8 12.05am The Rosary 12.30pm Frank Woods-RIP Holy Souls</p>	<p>No Exposition between 12.00pm-12.30pm</p>
<p>28th December Friday FEAST Holy Innocents</p>	<p>1 John 1:5-2:2 Matthew 2:13-18 11.30am The Rosary 12.00pm Requiem Alexander (Alze) Joseph McGarry 6.30pm Michael & Anne Kennedy-RIP</p>	<p>No Exposition Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>29th December Saturday FEAST St Thomas Becket</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52 12.30pm Margaretta-Intention Anne & Pat McGowan-Intention Sarah Dennison-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>30th December Feast of the Holy Family of Nazareth</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:41-52 9.00am Sylvester Cotter & Mick & Lena Cahill 11.00am Dasan & Tessy 17th Wedding Anniversary</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses </p>

Offertory Collection last week: £1278:45 (Gift Aid £339:00 Loose £939:45)

CHRISTMAS EVE/ CHRISTMAS DAY

READERS

12.30pm Kate McNamara
4.00pm Anthony Killeen
8.00pm Madeleine Coburn
Chris Hodrien
Michael Keating
8.30pm Mass- Gerry Coburn

9.00am Pam Davis
11.00am Chris Hodrien

MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

12.30pm Annette Kelly Philip Saunders
4.00pm Philip Saunders-Stephanie Withers
8.30pm Madeleine Coburn Angela Keating

9.00am Ken Bolton
11.00am Annette Kelly Eilish Duffy

The Piety Stall is stocking a small selection of Olive Wood items

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/2ltp>

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.

CATHOLIC BICESTER PARISH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - PARISH YOUTH WORKER

Full-time (35 hours per week) See poster in porch for details.

Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage that His Grace, Archbishop Bernard, will celebrate on Sunday 3rd February, 11am at St Chad's Cathedral. We are encouraging couples who will be celebrating a particular milestone anniversary (10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45, 50, 60 and every year over 60) to attend as well as those newly married or preparing to marry in 2019. If you know of any couples celebrating a milestone anniversary please ask them to contact me via email – lianne.pap@rc-birmingham.org marking the email 'Marriage Mass'. I am also trying to find the longest married couple in the Diocese and the Communications Team will be interviewing couples who get in touch to gather testimonies. To date the longest married couple to get in touch is 62 years.

Readers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Madeleine Coburn
Anthony Killeen
11.00am Juliana Benjamin
Mary Clark

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 24th for Services 29th/30th December – G

Tracey Dunleavy, Dasan & Tessy Nettikkadan

Flowers Rota: – for week beginning December 24th for Services 29th/30th December –Chris Docker

Eucharistic Ministers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Joan & Dan Doyle
Madeleine & Gerry Coburn
11.00am Dasan Nettikkadan
Helen Brookes

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 Timothy Hanly

SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS SUNDAY 23rd DECEMBER

All loving God,
you created the human family
as a reflection of your own divine life
so that your [creation](#) might share in your happiness.

Hear our [prayer](#) for your daughter
who awaits the birth of her child.
She has cooperated with you in giving life.
Assist her now as she prepares to give birth
to the child in her womb.

May [Mary](#) be her guide and support,
calming her fears and strengthening her love.

May your daughter be filled with your peace and blessing
so that she may bring her child into this world
safely and in [good](#) health to the praise and
glory of your name.

Amen.



Please pray for:Alexander Joseph McGarry(Requiem Friday 28th December 12.00pm; Reception Thursday 27th December 6pm) ;Julie Margaret Hanly(Requiem Friday 4th January 11am); Paul Simpson(Requiem Olton Friary Thursday 10th January 10.15am;Reception Wednesday 9th January 5pm) and William French who died recently.Also Dymphna McDermott, Ronald William Manton, Mary Bernadette Theresa Turner, Joseph Ruhan, Lilian Josephine Roe, Gerlad Reddington, Helen Patricia Bird, Maureen Ferran, Gerard McVeigh, Kathleen Ewart, Joan Handley, Baby Eve Fox, Doreen Delaney, Doreen Mary Essex, Mary Concannon and Thomas Kennedy and all with anniversaries at this time.

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