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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT 1st December 2019

Dear Parishioners,

'Be prepared! During Advent we prepare ourselves for the birth of Christ! We make ourselves ready as the new homes into which He will come. The long hours of waiting are nearly over and the dawn of our salvation is about to break. Soon we will walk in the light of the Lord.'(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Please pray for Joseph Lunham and James Cottle who are to be baptized into the family of the Church this Sunday afternoon. The next baptismal preparation evenings will take place on Thursday 9th and Thursday 16th December at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

This Year has been dedicated by Pope Francis as a year to deepen our love for the scriptures, for God's Word. To launch the Year Archbishop Bernard will celebrate Mass at 4.30pm in St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 30th November. All are welcome to attend.

A Holy Hour by Candle-light will take place on Thursday 5th December from 6.15pm-7.15pm. this will be followed by a Meeting on Evangelisation. All are welcome.

A Penance Service will take place at St Thomas More's Church on Tuesday 17th December at 7pm; and a Penance Service will take place here at St Augustine's on Friday 20th December at 7pm (immediately following the 6.30pm Mass).

Thank you for your very generous response to last week's appeal for Kenelm trust. The young members of the Trust spoke very well and the collection was almost £1,000.. 'Bambinelli Sunday'. The tradition follows that the third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) is Bambinelli Sunday and this is when all the children bring their figure of baby Jesus (known in Italy as Bambinelli) from their Nativity scenes to be blessed in Church.

Pope Francis said of Bambinelli Sunday: 'When you gather in your homes before the manger, looking at the Child Jesus, you will feel amazement at the great mystery of God made man, and the Holy Spirit will give your heart the humility, tenderness and goodness of Jesus. This is the true Christmas! May this be so for you and for your families.'

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception has been transferred from Sunday 8th December to Monday 9th December.

| 30th November Saturday | Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Luke 24:37-44 | Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon |
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| St Andrew | 12.30pm Maria Markey-RIP | Lunches after 12.30pm Mass |
| Patron Saint of Scotland | Peter Tickell-Intention Polly & Frank Miller-RIP | |
| 1st December | Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Luke 24:37-44 | Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses |
| FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT | Euro Etion 44 | a ram massos |
| | 9.00am Jimmy McCabe-RIP | |
| | 11.00am Jack McLoughlin-Get Well | |
| | All People of the Parish | |
| 2nd December | Isaiah 4:2-6 Matthew 8:5-11 | Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm |
| Monday Advent Feria | 9.35am The Rosary | |
| | 10.00am Mrs Margaret Moran-RIP | |
| 3rd December | Isaiah 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24 | Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm |
| Tuesday St Francis Xavier | 9.35am The Rosary | Legion of Mary 6.15pm |
| St Fidileis Adviei | 10.00am Mary O'Donnell-Intention Novena of Masses-Holy Souls | |
| 4th December | Isaiah 25:6-10 Matthew 15:29-37 | B. I |
| Wednesday St John Damascene | 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Bridie O'Connor | Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm |
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| 5th December | 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 | Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm |
| Thursday FEAST | Matthew 9:35-37 12.00pm The Rosary | Exposition 12.00 noon until 12.30pm |
| St Birinus | 12.30pm Father Pat Smythe & Parish | 6.15pm-7.15pm Holy Hour by |
| | Peter McGuire-RIP | Candle-light followed by an |
| | Novena of Masses-Holy Souls | Evangelisation meeting |
| 6th December | Isaiah 29:17-24 Matthew 9:27-31 | Exposition after 10.00am Mas |
| Friday Advent Feria | 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Hugh Hanratty-RIP | Until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm |
| St Nicholas | 10.00am riugh riamany-rim | followed by Mass 6.30pm |
| | 6.30pm Members of Moran, Nash and Morris Families | , , |
| 7th December | Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 | Confession/Exposition |
| Saturday St Ambrose | Matthew 3:1-12 | 11.00-12.00 Noon Lunches available after |
| St Ambrose | 12.30pm Fredrick Law-RIP John Cameron-RIP | Lunches available aπer 12.30pm Mass |
| | Annie Murtagh-RIP | |
| 8th December | Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 | Tea/Coffee available after 9am |
| Second Sunday of Advent | Matthew 3:1-12 | & 11am Masses |
| Second Sunday of Advent | 9.00am Jenny McHale-RIP | |
| | 11.00am Susan & Ben McKiernan-RIP | |
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Offertory Collection last week: £1,122:21 (Gift Aid £306:60 Loose £815:61) 2nd Collection lass weekend for; Catholic Youth Service- £55:95 Appeal this weekend for: Lepra

MEMORY CAFÉ- meeting on 12th December in Parish Hall. 2pm-4pm. All welcome

CHRISTMAS FAYRE- 7th December 2019 1pm-3.30pm. Donations needed-Cakes, Tombola Prizes, Raffle Prizes, Books, Toys, Bottles. No Bric-a-Brac. Help needed to set up on Friday 6th December after 4pm. Also help needed with Christmas decorations in Parish Hall 29th November 3.30pm

BLESSING OF CRIB SERVICE-Sunday 1st December 2019 3.00pm Mell Square. The Service will last for about half an hour.

HEARTLANDS HOSPITAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS- Ecumenical Carols round the wards. December 16th 6.30pm-8.00pm Meet at Café One in main entrance at 6.30pm Refreshments afterwards at 8pm City of Birmingham Brass Band to support. Please let Chaplains know if you are coming. ChaplaincyHGS@heartofengland.nhs.uk or telephone Fr Roger Raven 0121 424 1369

With the cold nights setting in, Tabor House night shelter is providing a safe place for people experiencing homelessness in Birmingham. To support their work, you can buy a beautiful 2020 calendar online at http://bit.ly/WASPSCalendar2020. At £10 each, the calendars make excellent Christmas gifts and all proceeds go to the project

Friends of the Holy Land would like to thank the parishioners for their generosity following the collection in your parish, raising £432.13. Your kind donations will help FHL to support families and individuals who are struggling with education, employment and health issues and provide ongoing family support to those who desperately need it. With your help we can continue to provide financial support and hope to the Christians in the Holy Land, showing them that they are not forgotten.

CAFOD-WORLD OF GIFTS CATALOGUE-available in both porches. Inspiring gifts; free delivery if ordered by 16th December.

Readers this week
SUNDAY
9.00am Pam Davies
SCHOOL YEAR 6
11.00am Mary Clark

Juliana Benjamin

9.00am Joan & Dan Doyle

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11.00am Beatrice Ngala

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Eucharistic Ministers this week

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning December 2nd for Services December 7th/8th December-E

Mary Congdon, Geraldine Saunders, Philip Saunders, Bob Ashman

Flowers Peter for week beginning December 2nd No Flowers in Advent

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Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish:

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

June Elspeth Hoefkens Bridget Bishop

Trevor Windle Colette Hickey Danny Meadows Kathleen Beale

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

'You must stand ready because the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' Matthew 24:44

Eternal God. You will come when we do not

Expect you.

Help us to welcome you now in one another

To reach out to our sisters and brothers

In need of care and support.

And in this way

May we be found ready,

When you come again in glory. Amen.



Please pray for: Audrey Trench, Patrick McManus and Susan Scott who died recently. Also Margaret French, Kevin William Geary, Gertrude Ann Horsburgh, John Alfred Peace, Patricia Bridget Banks, Catherine Newman, David Barrett, Joseph Marshall, Westley John Taylor, Alexander John McGarry, Dorothy Phillips, and Kathleen Hurdman and all with anniversaries at this time.

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