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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C 15th DECEMBER 2024

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 want 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.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish you continued Blessings as we enter the third week of Advent and take to heart the words of Saint Paul on this Gaudete Sunday: 'Rejoice in the Lord always, again, I say, rejoice. Indeed, the Lord is near.'

We look forward to several events this week which will help us rejoice. On Monday 16th December, St Augustine's Community Café will take place between 11.30am-1.30pm. Penance Service on Tuesday 17th December, at Our Lady of the Wayside Church, at 7pm. Wednesday 18th December, the junior pupils of St Augustine's School will be performing a Christmas Tableaux in Church at 6.30pm. We have requested the free use of the lower level of the Dominion Car Park, Herbert Road. **THE**

MESSENGERS- told by the makers of The Chosen. Sunday 15th December 3pm; Conference Room St George & St Teresa Church Hall. Mulled wine/mince pies served; tea/coffee biscuits. All welcome.

We will have Anointing of the Sick after the 11.30am Mass this Wednesday, 18th December.

On Monday 16th December, we will welcome the pupils of St Peter's to 3 Masses in the course of the day. 9.30am Mass for Year 8 11.00am Mass for Year 7 2.00pm Mass for Sixth Form.

Please note that we have a separate yellow coloured sheet with the main Services over the Christmas period. These are available in both porches. (The Newsletter will contain more detail.) Our Readers and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are invited to sign a list in the Sacristy, indicating your availability for the Christmas Masses. We require 5 Readers for the Carol Service and Mass on Christmas Eve, starting at 8.00pm.

Pope Francis will open the Jubilee Year of 2025 on December 24th in Rome. We have some special Jubilee Booklets available in both porches. Do please take one.

The Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary have forwarded a Certificate of Appreciation for the amount received from last week's sale of raffle tickets and bucket collection; a total of £769:06.

Please pray for those who are to be Confirmed and Received into Full Communion on Sunday 5th January at the 11am Mass. Sunday 5th January will be celebrated as the Solemnity of the Epiphany.

They are Carol Ann Jones, Tracey Washbrooke, Adam Jones and Keith Shing-Kam Yip. For those of our young Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Meetings will take place on Tuesdays 5pm-6pm beginning Tuesday 25th February 2025.

Saturday 14 th Dec 12.30pm Bernard	Sunday 15 th Dec 9am M Coburn	Sunday 15 th Dec 11am J Hickey
Saturday 21 st Dec 12.30pm T Duffy		
Saturday 28 th Dec 12.30pm T Cund		
Sunday 15 th Dec 9am Aditi	Sunday 22 nd December 9am M Hallissey	Sunday 22 nd December 11am B Ngala
Sunday 15 th Dec 11am H Cettler		
Sunday 22 nd Dec 9am M Coburn		
Sunday 22 nd Dec 11am R Noronha		

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Kevin McDaid	Jonathan Williams	Michael	Eve
Patricia Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans
Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Paulina Samathar	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes
James Brown	John McCarthy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Roger Cox	Fr Gerard Kelly
Christopher Edmund Poole		Liam Lewis	Joseph Wong	Briege Williams	Angela Hyland
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Molly Saunders	Mike Sassano	Mary & Amanda	Aoife Cook
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Delbert Manorina	Breda Fleming	Pat Hurst
Father Michael White	Father Tony Rohan		Benjamin Wort	Father Gerard Kelly	

Season 4 of the Chosen starting every Wednesday at St George and St Teresa 7.30pm. Conference Room Church Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

For news and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

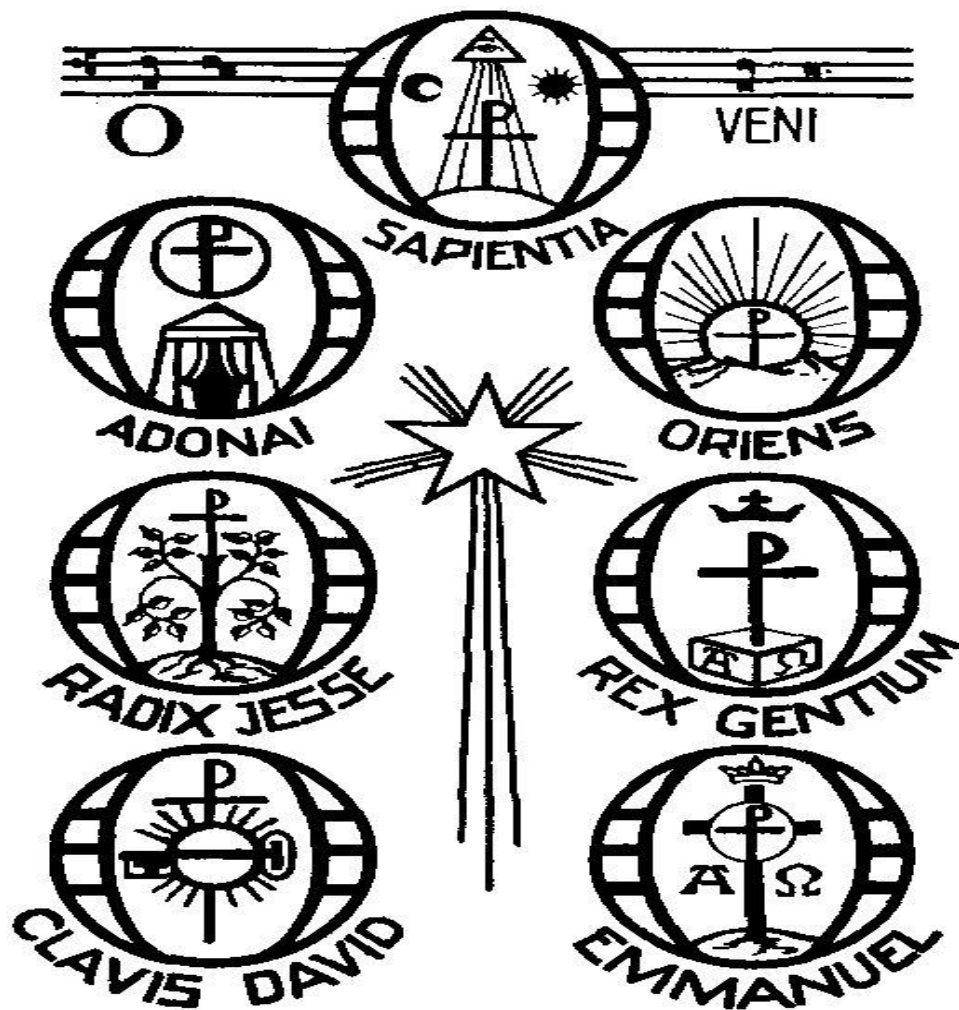
Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£250:88 Loose £846:06 Total £1,096:94 Second Collection this weekend; Poor Parishes of the Diocese . Collection for Sister Sebastian last weekend: £769:06

SVP 'FRIENDS IN NEED' CHRISTMAS FOOD APPEAL 2024 Huge appreciation to everyone who has contributed items during the year- they have been invaluable! We wondered if you could help with any of the following? Christmas puddings, chocolate biscuits, chocolates, selection boxes, Crisps, packet and tinned soups, pot noodles, instant rice/ mash, tinned potatoes and tinned mixed veg, UHT meals, UHT milk, UHT fruit juice, tinned meals, tinned meat and fish, cereals- especially children's favourites. Please leave items under either porch table at weekends, labelled 'SVP' or call SVP (Saint Vincent de Paul Society) on: 07568 508271 Thank you.

SVP 'GIVING TREE' 2024 We have been asked for items this year by Sunday 15th December. Can you help? Individual shower gels and toiletries for ladies and men, family toiletries, gift for a 3-year-old boy, gift for 8- 9-year-old girls, gift for 9-year-old boy, gift for 12-year-old boy and for a young man aged 13. Gift for a busy Mum. Call us on 07568 508271 to donate items or bring to weekend Masses. Thank you

Escorted Tour to Westport, Knock & Co Mayo, 10th March 2025. £799.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 4 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, Ballintubber Abbey, Quiet Man Museum. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

<p>14th December Saturday</p> <p>St John of the Cross</p>	<p>Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Ben & Susan McKiernan-RIP John McCaffrey-RIP</p>	<p><i>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon Confession 11am-12 noon Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i></p>
<p>15th December</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> 	<p>Zephaniah 3:14-18 Philippians 4:4-7 Luke 3:10-18 Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am Julie Hanley-RIP All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am John Rice-RIP Chris St Leger-RIP</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p>
<p>16th December Monday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p>	<p>Numbers 24:2-7 15-17 Matthew 21:23-27 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Keira Devine-RIP Eugene Gormley-RIP</p>	<p>St Augustine's Community Café 11.30am-1.30pm</p>
<p>17th December Tuesday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>O Sapientia</p>	<p>Genesis 49:2,8-10 Matthew 1:1-17 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Chris Lambe-Intention Val & Mary O'Neil-Intention</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>18th December Wednesday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>O Adonai</p>	<p>Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-24 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.30am Rita Hall-RIP Deceased Members of Mullens & McNamara Families</p>	<p>Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p>
<p>19th December Thursday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>O Radix Jesse</p>	<p>Judges 13:2-7,24-25 Luke 1:5-25 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Vale Corrigan-RIP Holy Souls-Novena</p>	
<p>20th December Friday</p> <p>O Clavis David</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Kathleen Evans- RIP 6.30pm Aloysious Aseervatham-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5,15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass -6.30pm</p>
<p>21st December Saturday</p> <p>St Peter Canisius</p> <p>O Oriens</p>	<p>Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Mark & Breda Fleming & Family Ellen Bolger-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>22nd December</p> <p>O Rex Gentium</p> <p>Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</p>	<p>Micah 5:1-4 Hebrews 10:5-10 Luke 1:39-45 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish Robert William Bennison- RIP 11.00am Fiona & Martin Smith & Family- Intentions Mary Tighe-Intentions</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p>



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: Gerard Owen Courtney, Terence Patrick Wright (Robin Hood 10th January 9.30am), Raphael Lee who died recently.

Also, Maureen Anne Bernadete Seager, Bridget Mary Bishop, Lilian Powell, Joan Gorman, Renee Goddard, June Elspeth Hoefkens, James Thomas Conway, Betty Violet Grealey, Ellen Dickinson, Patrick Brennan, Patrick Thomas Kelly, Ann Teresa White, Elizabeth Morgan, Damien Peter Crow, John Groark 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 Susan Wakeham. 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.

This Church live streams Mass and other events. Please see notices in Church for more details.