

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Third Sunday of Advent Year B 17th December 2023

Dear Parishioners, 'Be happy at all times! Happiness is our birthright as Christians. We give thanks to God for his Spirit who lives in us and makes us aware of our wonderful mission in spreading the good news of man's redemption. The Spirit brings us deep peace because the God who called us will not fail us.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I celebrate with you this Gaudete Sunday when the Liturgy strikes a note of joy. The cause of our joy is the faithfulness of God who 'has called you and He will not fail you.'

This weekend we will bless any baby Jesus from your crib, which you wish to bring to Church.

On Monday 18th December we welcome St Peter's Sixth Form to the 10am Mass, along with staff members and the choir and musicians.

You are invited to St Augustine's Community Drop-in Café this Monday morning between 11.30am to 1.30pm, for a pre-Christmas social, with Deacon Kevin performing a repertoire of Christmas songs.


A Penance Service will be held at Our Lady of the Wayside on Tuesday 19th December at 7pm. All are welcome.

We look forward to welcoming our junior pupils from St Augustine's to Church on Wednesday 20th December. The pupils will perform their Nativity Play, 6.30pm in the Church. Free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park, Herbert Road has been requested.

Please note that for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we will have the usual Saturday Mass, however on Sunday 24th, we will combine the 9am and the 11am Masses and celebrate **Mass at 10am only**. This will allow a period of time before celebrating the Christmas Masses, which are as follows: Christmas Eve 4pm; 8pm Carols and Readings followed by an 8.30pm Mass. On Christmas Day, Mass will be celebrated at 9am and 11am. Please take one of the specially produced newsletters for Christmas, with times of Services.

A rota for Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion for the Christmas Masses is available in the sacristy for you to sign.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SVP 'FRIENDS IN NEED CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023'....Thank you for all your generosity so far this year. Please can you help us once more? (The following can be delivered to the church porch): Chocolates, Christmas puddings, UHT Fruit juice, UHT milk, Tinned fruit, Selection boxes, Tea, Coffee, Biscuits for Cheese, Tinned meat meals, tinned veg, Biscuits, Ladies' toiletry Sets, Men's toiletry sets. Also gifts for 2-year-old boy, 6-year-old girl, 9-year-old boy, and 12-year-old boy. Further details: Libby on 07568 508271. Thank you.

<p>16th December Saturday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm John McCaffery-RIP Reverend Ernie Titchmarsh & Anne White-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>17th December</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT</p> <p>Gaudete Sunday</p> <p>O Sapientia (Wisdom)</p>	<p>Isaiah 61:1-2,10-11 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 John 1:6-8,19-28 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am Deceased Members of Mila's Family All People of the Parish 11.00am David & Marion Cox-45th Wedding Anniversary Peter Tickell-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p> 
<p>18th December Monday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>O Adonai (Lord)</p>	<p>Jeremiah 23:5-8 Matthew 1:18-24 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Dominic Noronha-Thanksgiving James Turner-RIP</p>	<p>St Augustine's Community Drop-in Café 11.30am-1.30pm</p>
<p>19th December Tuesday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>O Radix Jesse (Root of Jesse)</p>	<p>Judges 13:2-7,24-25 Luke 1:5-25 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Valerio Albuquerque-RIP Helen Brookes-Intention</p>	<p>Parent & Toddlers Group- Parish Hall 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>20th December Wednesday</p> <p>O Clavis David (Key of David)</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Luke 1:26-38 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30am Deceased members of O'Donnell Family Edward Deery-RIP</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45-11.15am</p>
<p>21st December Thursday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>O Oriens (Day Spring)</p>	<p>Song of Songs 2:8-14 OR Zephaniah 3:14-18 Luke 1:39-45 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Requiem Kiera Alexis Devine Christian Morris-RIP</p>	
<p>22nd December Friday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>O Rex Gentium (King of Nations)</p>	<p>1 Samuel 1:24-28 Luke 1:46-56 Public & Live Streamed Mass 8.15am Requiem John Gerard Brosnan 10.00am Zygfird & Wanda Cettler-RIP 6.30pm Mary Cusack-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>23rd December Saturday</p> <p>O Emmanuel (God-With-Us)</p>	<p>2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 Luke 1:26-38 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Margaret Carroll-Intention Charlie Jones-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>24th December</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</p>	<p>2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 Luke 1:26-38 Public & Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Annette Kelly-Intention All People of the Parish 4.00pm Thomas, Catherine & Frances Kelly- RIP & Kinnaird Family Seamus Manley-Intentions 8.30pm Mr Smallwood Wilfred Wooton-RIP</p>	

Mass readers: New rotas are being prepared for January, February and March. If you would like to be a reader at Saturday or Sunday Mass, please leave your name and Mass time with Fr Dominic.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 14th April 2024. £899.00 pps. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 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 & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email knockpilgrimages@gmail.com.

The Messengers-Saturday 23rd December Conference Room St George & St Teresa Church Hall. 4pm Refreshments available.

Advent Preparation Prayer Reflection Evenings: the Prayer & Life Workshop Circle of Prayer group will be leading a prayer reflection event on the Thursday 21st December in the Blue Meeting Room. We would love you to join us as we prepare for the coming of Our Lord and Saviour.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS AND BENEDICTION - for three weeks, starting Sunday 3rd December we will have a short Reflection and Benediction after the 11am Mass. We look forward to sharing these periods of Adoration with you.

The Parents and Toddlers' Group have expanded to include babies, toddlers and pre-school children. Meeting on a Tuesday morning between 9.30am-11.30am

First 5 Saturday devotion : St George and St Therese A devotion recommended by Our Lady of Fatima Confession 9:15 Rosary 9:30 Mass 10am See leaflet in porch for more details.

Mary's Meals: Thank you so much for your support and donations to our Gospel Concert. It is much appreciated. Mary's Meals feeding the next hungry child in a place of education for £19.15 per school year.

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£190 Loose :£864:94 Total:£1,057:94 Second Collection last week: Poor Parishes £480;41

READERS

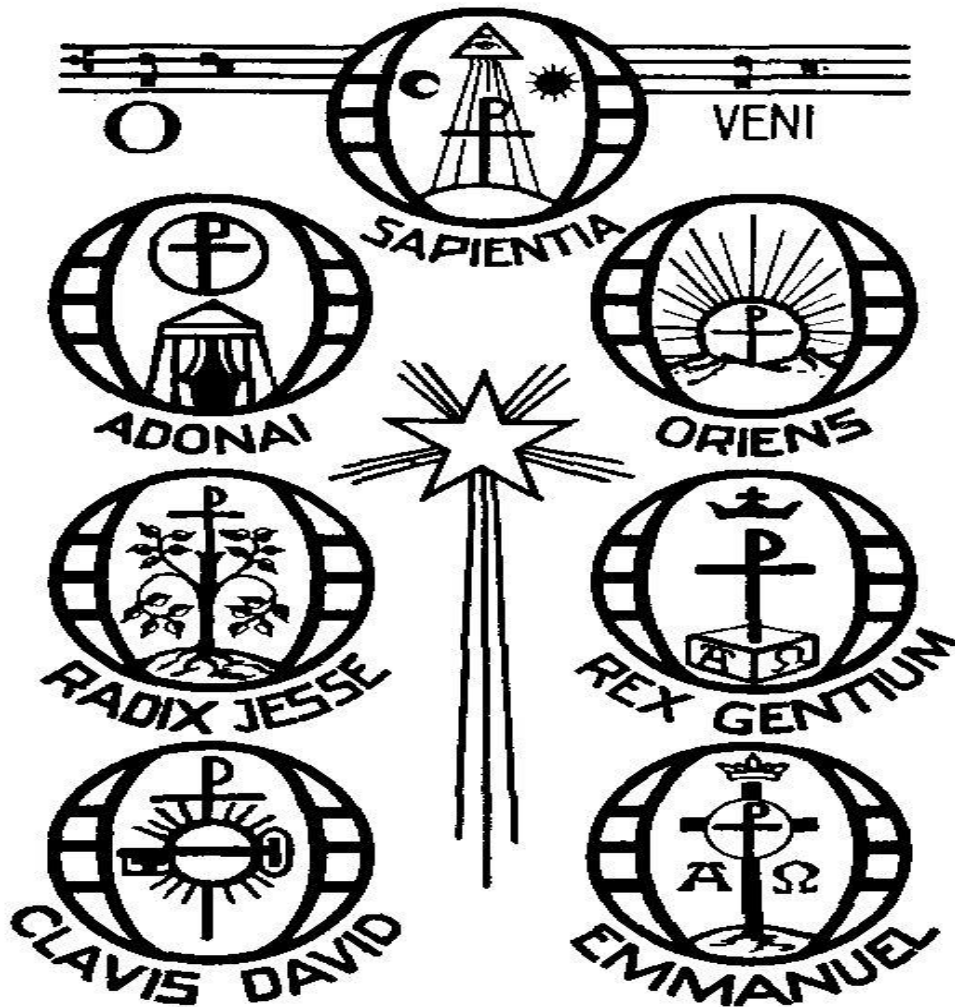
Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 16 th Dec	12.30pm T Duffy	Sunday 17 th December	9am	Sunday 17 th December	11am
Saturday 23 rd Dec	12.30pm T Cund	J Powers		A Keating	
Saturday 30 th Dec	12.30pm ???				
Sunday 17 th Dec	9am M Coburn	Sunday 24 th December	10am	Sunday 24 th December	10am
Sunday 17 th Dec	11am C Hodrien	M Coburn		E Duffy	
Sunday 24 th Dec	10am M Watts	Sunday 24 th December	4pm		
Sunday 24 th Dec	4pm T Duffy				
Sunday 24 th Dec	8pm	Sunday 24 th December	8pm		
Sunday 25 th Dec	9am	A Kelly			
	C Ramsey	Sunday 25 th December	9am	Sunday 25 th December	11am
		M.Hallissey		E.Duffy	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Anne Deary
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Eileen Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien	Don Deneny
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer
Sandra Evans	Gillian Jones	Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Jennifer O'Donnell
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Eileen Keaton
Christopher Edmund Poole		Eve	Roger Cox	Liam Lewis	
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Mike Sassano
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Angela Hyland	Mary & Amanda	Helen Brookes

THE O ANTIPHONS



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: Kiera Alexis Devine(Requiem Thursday 21st December 10am),Jack Brosnan (Requiem Friday 22nd December 8.15am),Mary Geraldine Ryan(Requiem Thursday 4th January 2024,10.30am) Maria Arlete Ferreira Gomes Rodrigues(Requiem 9th January 2024 12.00pm) Father Sean Turley , Ellen Teresa Farrelly (Friday 19th January 2024, 10am) who died recently.

Also,Betty Violet Grealey, Ellen Dickinson, Patrick Brennan, Patrick Thomas Kelly, Ann Teresa white, Elizabeth Morgan, Damian Peter Crow, John Groark, Dymphna McDermott, Ronald William Manton, Mary Bernadette Theresa Turner, Norman Lawrence Hart,Tonino Polidori 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 Teresa Cund. 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.