

**SAINT AUGUSTINE  
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FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY Year B 31st December 2023

**Dear Parishioners,** 'Christ in the human family. God sets before us the Holy Family of Nazareth as the model for all families. The family unit is the basic structure on which human society is built. A good Christian family life is a most powerful witness to our world of God's love for us revealed in Christ.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish each of our families and our Parish family God's special Blessings on this Feast of the Holy family.

**We are so very grateful** for such good attendance at the Christmas Masses and for your prayerful, loving, participation. Thank you for your beautiful cards, words of encouragement, for the Masses you have requested for us, for your gifts and very generous Christmas Offerings. We feel so privileged to be part of such a devoted and caring family.

**Our thanks to those** of you who have beautified the Church with the flower arrangements, the Christmas trees, the Cribs and decorations.

**Our thanks** to our Church wardens, Altar Servers, Readers, Special Ministers of Holy Communion, to our Choirs, Choir Mistress and Organists, Church Cleaners and those responsible for the Altar linen. Our thanks to my housekeeper Annette and her husband Franc, to our Secretary, Bernadette, to Annetta, Beata and Geraldine and to each of you for contributing to the joy of our Saviour's birth.

**The next baptismal preparation** evening will take place on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome. Please inform Mary Clark or one of the Clergy if you wish to attend.

**Please note that** the Christian Unity Service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will take place here at St Augustine's on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 5pm. All are welcome.

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

<http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk>.

**The Parents and babies,** toddlers and pre-school children recommence on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 9.30-11.30am. All are welcome- just come along!

**The Christ Crib Offerings** will be shared between 'Friends of the Holy land' and 'Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness' and the 'Life Organisation.'

**My friend, Canon Tom Farrell,** has been made a Monsignor in recognition of his significant contribution to the life of the diocese, especially for his time as Diocesan Treasurer and Episcopal Vicar for Coventry and Oxfordshire.

**Please note,** a Requiem on Thursday for Mary Ryan, Mass will start at 10.30am

<p>30th December Saturday</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40 Public &amp; Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Eamonn Priestley-RIP Mary Alden</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>31st December <b>FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY &amp; JOSEPH</b></p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 3:2-6,12-14 Colossians 3:12-21 Luke 2:22-40 Public &amp; Live Streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish  11.00am Tom Gill-RIP Stephano Park-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>1st January Monday <b>Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God</b></p>	<p>Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Gerald Francis Kelly- RIP Living &amp; Deceased Benefactors of St Augustines</p>	
<p>2nd January Tuesday <b>St Basil the Great &amp; St Gregory Nazianzen</b></p>	<p>1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Pat &amp; Anne McGowan-RIP Tony &amp; Mary Quinn-RIP</p>	<p>The Parents and babies, Toddlers and Pre-School Children 9.30-11.30am.</p>
<p>3rd January Wednesday <b>Christmas Feria The Most Holy Name of Jesus</b></p>	<p>1 John 2:29-3:6 John 1:29-34 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30am Lena Gallagher &amp; Family-Intention Kathleen Bevis-Intention</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45-11.15am</p>
<p>4th January Thursday <b>Christmas Feria</b></p>	<p>1 John 3:7-10 John 1:35-42 Public &amp; Live streamed Masses 10.30am Requiem Mary Ryan  John O'Malley-RIP</p>	
<p>5th January Friday <b>Christmas Feria St Charles of St Andrew</b></p>	<p>1 John 3:11-21 John 1:43-51 Public &amp; Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Jimmy McCabe-RIP  6.30pm Brendan Byrne-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>6th January Saturday</p>	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 Public &amp; Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Jack &amp; Dolores Barrett &amp; Family-Int  John &amp; Elizabeth Ward &amp; Sean Ward-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm  Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>7th January Sunday <b>Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord</b></p>	<p>Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 Public &amp; Live Streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish  11.00am Chris St Leger  Living &amp; Deceased Members of Callanan Family</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

**Mass readers:** New rotas are now available in both porches and the website.

**Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo**, 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:knockpilgrimages@gmail.com).

The latest monthly edition of the Catholic Herald newspaper is available-price £5- a very good read.

**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. Next meeting Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

**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.

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£130 Loose :£750:95 Total:£880:95

**READERS**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec 12.30pm ???	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December 9am	Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> December 11am
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 12.30pm T Duffy	M Hallissey	B Ngala
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan 12.30pm T Cund		
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 9am Finbar Joe Cormac	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 9am	Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> January 11am
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec 11am M Keating	D Nettikkadan	A Kelly
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9am C Ramsey	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 9am	Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> January 11am
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11am H Cettler	T Nettikkadan	E Duffy
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9am M C Barbour		
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11am R Noronha		

**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

“I believe  
That I enter a glorious new year  
To be filled with prayer and praise.  
With service to God and mankind,  
With inspired creative activity.  
I believe That God’s presence goes with me  
Wherever I shall go this year,  
By train or car or boat,  
Slowly paced on foot, or high in the air.  
I believe His love is shining in my body,  
His wisdom guides my mind,  
His peace fills me with poise,  
His strength is ever at my call.  
Oh I believe That this is God’s new year.” — Elizabeth Searle Lamb

Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others.” — Mother Theresa

Please pray for: Mary Geraldine Ryan(Requiem Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 10.30am; Reception Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 6.30pm) Maria Arlete Ferreira Gomes Rodrigues(Requiem 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 12.00pm), Ellen Teresa Farrelly (Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 10am), Father Paul Lomas, Joseph Naughton( Requiem Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 11am) who died recently.

Also, Patrick Joseph Rooney, Kathleen(Kay) Margaret Perry, George Thomas Bicknell, Francis Gerard Kelly, Hilda (Ann) Hammond, Irène Elizabeth Whitehouse, Alice DeVaney, Thomas Coyle, Reg Breakwell, John Francis McCabe, Audrey Williams, Thomas Christopher Houghton, Marian Agnes Kelly, James Joseph Dunleavy, Margaret Priestley, Catherine Donnelly, Archibald Ruddock, Daniel Anthony Devlin, Pauline Anne Freeman, Thomas Kennedy 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](mailto:sg.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.