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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT Year C 22nd DECEMBER 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'Mary, Mother of my 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.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish you and your loved ones a very blessed and happy Christmas. In these remaining days of Advent let us unite ourselves ever more closely with our Blessed Lady and with her 'treasure all these things in our hearts.'

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 16th January 2025 between 7.30-9pm. All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

Please pray for those who are to be Baptised, 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. We welcome Bishop David, our auxiliary Bishop, who will Confer these Sacraments. Bishop David will also make a presentation of the Bene Merenti Medal to Mr Frank Miller. The Papal award is in recognition of Frank's role as Parish Secretary to 'Missio' formerly APF, for over 30 years, his role as a Governor of St Augustine's Primary School and for several years as Chair of Governors and his support of the Parish. He has also held several positions in the Catenian Circle. The award also recognises the tremendous support Frank has received from his wife, Mary, in all his Parish undertakings.

We were able to send some generous donations to six local charities as a result of your continued generosity for the poor. Thank you to each and every one for enabling this support to be given. May our good Lord reward you as only He can.

Father Fred Sheldon died peacefully at the George Eliot Hospital last Saturday evening, December 14th. I was blessed to visit him in the afternoon and to anoint him and say the prayers of commendation. He was Parish Priest here at St Augustine's from 1981 to 1991, loved and respected by all of you who knew him. He was Chaplain to St Peter's School during this time. We will let you have details of his Requiem when they are known.

Please continue to pray for Raphael Lee, and his Parents, a Year 7 pupil of St Peter's School. Raphael's Requiem will take place at Our Lady of the Wayside on Tuesday 24th December at 10.15am with Reception into Church on Monday 23rd at 6pm.

Thank you to so many for the gifts of your time, relating to many aspects of Parish life. PTO

Saturday 21 st Dec 12.30pm T Duffy	Sunday 22 nd December 9am M Hallissey	Sunday 22 nd December 11am B Ngala
Saturday 28 th Dec 12.30pm T Cund	Tuesday 24 th December 12.30pm A Kelly J.Hickey	Christmas Day 11.am E. Duffy B Ngala
Sunday 22 nd Dec 9am M Coburn	Tuesday 24 th December 4.00pm S Bingham Joe Gallagher	Sunday 29 th December 11am E Duffy
Sunday 22 nd Dec 11am R Noronha	Tuesday 24 th December 8.30pm A Kelly -	
Tuesday 24 th Dec 12.30pm –	Christmas Day 9.00am Jinny M Hallissey	
Tuesday 24 th Dec 4.00pm Riyana	Sunday 29 th December 9am J Powers	
Tuesday 24 th Dec 8pm/8.30pm T.Choi/ M.Watts/ C Hodrien /C.Wan /Emmanuelle		
Christmas Day 9am M Coburn 11am C Hodrien		
Sunday 29 th Dec 9am Uchechi		
Sunday 29 th Dec 11am C Hodrien		

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	Patrick Hickey	Juliana Benjamin
Patricia Craddock	Chelsea O'Callaghan		Laura Bourke	Trish Embley	Ellen Gilmore
Ian Sanchez	Doreen and Wilson Cotton				

NEWSLETTER CONTINUED- We offer our prayerful congratulations to father Andy Franklin, who has been chosen to be the Dean of Birmingham East and North.

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:£241:24 Loose £1760:86 Total £1,002:10 Second Collection last weekend; Poor Parishes of the Diocese:£726:07



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

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. For further details and resources please see the diocesan website, www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year The theme for the Jubilee Year is "Pilgrims of Hope"

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.

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.

Diocesan Directory for 2025 on sale, price £3.50

<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><i>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon</i> <i>Confession 11am-12 noon</i></p>
<p>22nd December</p> <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT</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-Intention</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p> 
<p>23rd December Monday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>O Emmanuel</p> <p>St John of Kanty</p>	<p>Malachi 3:1-4,23-24 Luke 1:57-66 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Wanda & Zygfred Cettler-RIP Joe De Vita-RIP</p>	
<p>24th December Tuesday</p> <p>Christmas Eve-All Masses are for Christmas Day celebration</p>	<p>Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Prayer Box Intentions Patrick, Maureen & Deceased Members of O'Donnell Family- 4.00pm Thomas, Catherine & Frances Ann Kelly-RIP & Kinnard Family-RIP- 8.00pm Carols 8.30pm Kerry O'Brien-RIP All People of The Parish-</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am Confessions 10.30am-11.30am - Page 94-96 Parish Book - Page 97-99 Parish Book - Page 97-99 Parish Book</p>
<p>25th December Wednesday</p> <p>SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD</p>	<p>Public and Live streamed Mass 9.00am Bernadette O'Donnell-Birthday Ellen Shinton-RIP – Page 100-101 Parish Book 11.00am Page 102-103 Wilfred Rajanayagam Anita Donnelly-RIP</p>	<p>Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p> 
<p>26th December Thursday</p> <p>FEAST St Stephen</p>	<p>Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Matthew 10:17-22 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Joe Naughton-RIP Mary & Frank Miller 65th Wedding Anniversary</p>	
<p>27th December Friday</p> <p>FEAST St John</p>	<p>1John 1:1-4 John 20:2-8 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am McGeoghan Girls 6.30pm Holy Souls</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5,15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass -6,30pm</p>
<p>28th December Saturday</p> <p>FEAST Holy Innocents</p>	<p>1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Luke 2:41-52 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm John & Dolores Barrett & Family-Int Peter Puzyrkiewicz-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph</p> <p>29th December</p>	<p>1 Samuel 1:20-22,24-28 1 John 3:1-2,21-24 Luke 2:41-52 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish Patrick Lalor-RIP 11.00am Mary & John Edge-RIP Eilish & Tony Duffy-Intentions</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

*V6. And is it true? And is it true,
This most tremendous tale of all,
Seen in a stained-glass window's hue,
A baby in an ox's stall?
The Maker of the stars and sea
Become a Child on earth for me?*

*V7. And is it true? For if it is,
No loving fingers tying strings
Around those tissued fripperies,
The sweet and silly Christmas things,
Bath salts and inexpensive scent
And hideous tie so kindly meant,*

*V8. No love that in a family dwells,
No carolling in frosty air,
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells
Can with this single Truth compare-
That God was Man in Palestine
And lives today in bread and Wine.*



Please pray for: Father Fred Sheldon, Noel Homes, Gerard Owen Courtney, Terence Patrick Wright (Robin Hood 10th January 9.30am), Raphael Lee, Agatha Sant, Michael Murtagh, Terri Moriani , Bernadette Carbery who died recently.

Also, Elizabeth Morgan, Damien Peter Crow, John Groark, Dymphna McDermott, Ronald William Manton, Mary Bernadette Theresa Turner, Norman Lawrence Hart, Tonino Polidori, Joseph Joe Naughton, Kathleen Ewart, Joan Handley, Baby Eve Fox, Joseph Ruhan, Doreen Delaney, Lilian Josephine Roe, Doreen Mary Essex, Gerard McVeigh, Lawrence Anthony Hoefkens, Gerald Reddington, Mary Jo Byrne, Mary Concannon, Thomas Kennedy, Helen Patricia Bird, Mary Bernadette Pilley 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 Sue 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.

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