



THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF

 SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR Private Intention	 SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR Peggy Dargan RIP
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - Saturday 10.30–11am & 5.15–5.45pm & *by appointment*
EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - Friday 6.00 - 6.30pm & Saturday 10.30 - 11am.
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET - Sunday at 3.00 p.m.
PRAYER GROUP – Wednesday at 10.00 a.m. *Everyone welcome!*

FINANCIAL MATTERS – 26th November 2023			Lucky Number Draw
Gift Aid	£191.00	Standing Order	£261.00
Non-Gift Aid	£219.44	Second Collection	£189.12
Total	£410.44	<i>for Catholic Youth Service.</i>	
Thanks for your generous offerings!			107 Jan

THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL

PARISH GIVING

The best way you can support the parish financially is by setting up a **Standing Order** using the following bank details:

NatWest Bank - Account No: 02272016 - Sort Code: 60 - 07 – 41
 or you may contact the Parish Office for a set of **Gift Aid** envelopes.

Useful Information

♦ **Sick List** - If you would like to add yourself, a relative or friend to the sick list you must complete a consent form, you can find them in the porch, and return it to the office.

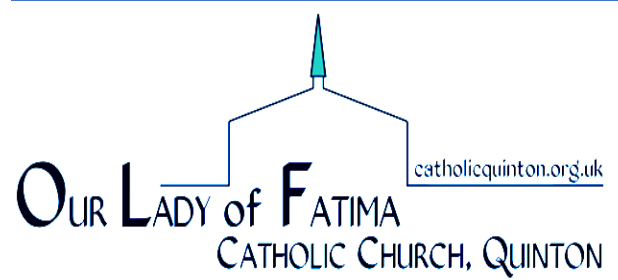
♦ **Baptisms**: Please complete the request forms and send to the office. You will be contacted to book a date.

♦ **Parish Hall** – Please contact the parish office via email olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk or telephone 0121 422 4865 to make an enquiry.

♦ **Safeguarding** - The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Irene Byrne & Georgina Wakeman. They can be contacted at: sg.olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.

Parish Administrator: Mrs Kathy Carter
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3RD DECEMBER 2023 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B – PSALTER WEEK I

Saturday	02	6:00 p.m.	Joseph Carty RIP	Sheila O'Donnell 80 th Birthday
Sunday	03	9:00 a.m.	A Petition [G.M]	
		11:00 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Monday	04	10:00 a.m.	Frances Ruane	
Tuesday	05	10:00 a.m.	Mike Coen	
Wednesday	06	---	No Mass	
Thursday	07	10:00 a.m.	Josie Heffernan RIP	
		11.30 a.m.	Funeral Service: Robert Bancroft Creary	
Friday	08	9:15 a.m.	Private Intention (OLF School) <i>Mass at OLF School</i>	
		6:00 p.m.	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		6:30 p.m.	Holy Souls <i>Immaculate Conception of the BVM</i>	
Saturday	09	10:00 a.m.	Jim Taggart RIP	
		10:30 a.m.	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>	

12TH DECEMBER 2023 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B – PSALTER WEEK II

Saturday	09	6:00 p.m.	Mollie Roberts 26 th Anniversary	
Sunday	10	9:00 a.m.	Liberato Albanese Anniversary	
		11:00 a.m.	Christine Lloyd	

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

John Kirby, Janet Jones, John Jennings, Delia Stewart, Mary Basterfield, John McCallion, Mary Davitt, Donna Walsh, Bridie Kinsella, Mali Piggott (child), Issac Justin (Child), Robert Kirby, Linda Stephenson, Dell Sheppard, Shellie Kerr, Dean Evans, Angela Kinsella, Anne Madden, Kun Cheong Leung, Kay Hegarty.

PRAY FOR THE DEAD

Please keep in your prayers all those that have died at this time. We pray also for those in whose anniversaries occur at this time. We pray especially for:

Mr Robert Bancroft Creary who died peacefully on 1st November. His funeral service will take place at OLF on Thursday 7th Dec. at 11.30am, followed by cremation at Lodge Hill.

Mrs Linda Theresa Walker who died on 23rd November. Her funeral service will take place at Our Lady of Fatima on Tuesday 19th December at 11am.

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
 May they rest in peace. Amen.*

SEASON OF ADVENT

Dear brothers and sisters, we are now in the season of Advent, the four weeks leading up to the celebration of Christmas. While many of us will be busy buying gifts, planning Christmas parties and seeking that prime parking space at the market, we need to remember the real reason for the season. Advent is a time of preparation during which we direct our hearts and minds to our Lord's birth while also awaiting with joyful anticipation His second coming at the end of time. In this season of waiting, we see as part of the decoration in church the Advent wreath with one white, one pink and three purple candles. The three purple candles, – a liturgical colour for a time of penance, prayer and sacrifice – and which are each lit on the first, and subsequent second and fourth Sundays, symbolise hope, faith and peace. The pink candle, lit on the third Sunday symbolises joy. While the white candle, which is lit on the eve of or Christmas day symbolises Jesus Christ, our sinless and pure Saviour. Amid the many distractions in these next few weeks, it is important that we focus and prepare personally, as families, and as faith community. We need to worship, to reflect, and to act charitably, so that when Christmas morning arrives, we are ready to welcome our Lord with joy into our homes, our hearts and every aspect of our lives. I pray that you and your family take part in this spiritual journey, leading to the coming of our Saviour on Christmas morning. And I pray that you would be inspired by the Lord who desires to be in our hearts and minds now, and forever. Blessed Advent to all. Fr Long.

THE YEAR OF PRAYER

This Sunday marks the beginning of the *Year of Prayer* in preparation for the Holy Year of 2025, '*Pilgrims of Hope*'. As part of the year, we are encouraged to look at our lives of prayer and commit ourselves anew to the practice of daily prayer: what we pray, how we pray and why we pray. To help us, Monsignor Patrick Kilgarraff will be giving us some reflections on Sunday 14th January 2024 at 3pm on ways to pray. Please save the date.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Advent is a really important time to go to confession as part of our spiritual preparation for Christmas. It is never an outdated Sacrament but always the vehicle of God's mercy which we all need. If you have not been for a long time, now is the time to come. Saturday mornings 10.30 - 11.00 and afternoons 5.00 - 5.45pm. Our Penance Service is Wednesday 20th December from 7.00pm onwards.

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS AND CALENDARS

Walk with me booklets and advent calendars are an excellent accompaniment for your Advent Journey. They are available at the back of Church, please take one.

World Gift Booklets: Please accept a copy of the booklet from Cafod. You may wish to purchase a world gift for somebody for Christmas and in doing so help a member of our global family.

SECOND COLLECTION FOR AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED APPEAL

This weekend we welcome to Teresa Kehoe from Aid to the Church in Need. Teresa will be at all Masses to tell us more about some of the work they have been doing around the world supporting the Catholic faithful, and other Christians, where they are persecuted, oppressed or in pastoral need.

MASS INTENTIONS

If you would like a Mass to be offered for an intention on a specific date, please fill out an envelope at the back of Church and hand it to Fr Long. Please request this well in advance and check the bulletin to see when your Intention is being included. Thank you!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you have a baby or young child in your family who requires Baptism, please get in touch with Fr Long as soon as possible.

SHRINES TO OUR LADY & THE SACRED HEART

If you would like to have one of these candles burning for a week for your intentions and your loved ones, please ask Fr Long. It is £5 for the week. Envelopes are available at the back of Church. Lots of dates are still available!

JOURNEY IN FAITH

If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or wish to find out about the Catholic Faith. Please speak with Fr Long.

**** CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2023 ****

Many thanks go to all who donated goods or supported the Fayre in any way, especially our valiant helpers, who worked so hard to make it all happen. Thank you everyone who came along. A fantastic **£4130.00** was raised for the church funds.

★★★ CHRISTMAS STARS ★★★

This year, we will, once again, be decorating the Christmas tree in church with silver and gold stars. You can purchase a star and write your message on the back - perhaps in memory of a loved one who has died, to pray for a particular intention or to wish someone a Happy Christmas! The stars are available at the porch. Stars are available for you buy at a suggested donation £3.00 each or 2 stars for £5. Please fill in and return them by Sunday 17th December.

HEATING COST

The autumn & winter heating season has now opened! The cost of heating our church and other properties has increased fourfold. We are very grateful for your support with heating cost through the weekly collections. Please continue to be generous so we can keep the church warm for celebrations.

PIETY STALL

Christmas Cards on sale at the back of the church only £4.50 a box.
We also have a selection of Christmas gifts.

FINALLY...

On Friday we celebrate this great feast of Our Lady recognised as the most blessed of the human race being kept free of the stain of sin from the first moment of her life. Masses at 9.15am at Our Lady of Fatima School & 6.30pm at church to celebrate this great feast.

May you enjoy these Advent days. Make sure you live this season with a time of daily prayer, praying for the Lord's Kingdom to come and spiritually preparing for Christmas.

May you and your families have a wonderful week ahead.

Fr Long Nguyen