



THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF

 <p>SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR Mckenzie, Deakin & Moloney Families</p>	 <p>SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR Mckenzie, Deakin & Moloney Families</p>
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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 – 31st December 2023		Lucky Number Draw	
Gift Aid	£190.00	Standing Order	£261.00
Non-Gift Aid	£223.10		Last Week Winner
Total	£413.10	Second Collection	£177.06
		<i>for the Parish Maintenance.</i>	
			Robert W
			No. 97 - £25.00
		Thanks for your generous offerings!	

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR THE PARISH MAINTENANCE

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.

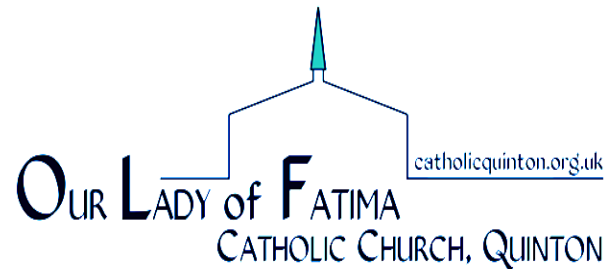
◊ **Baptisms**: Please complete the request forms and send to the office. You will be contacted to book a date.

◊ **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 Jackie McGuinness
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 9.00 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.
 Wednesday 9.30 a.m. - 12.30p.m.
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Parish Treasurer: Peter Lanni **Email:** pt.olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk

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7 TH JANUARY 2024 – SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B				
Saturday	06	6:00 p.m.	Sheila O'Donnell	Peggy Breen
		9:00 a.m.	Marcella Henessy	Sr Martina Counihan
Sunday	07	11:00 a.m.	Kathy Carter	Anitha Puthenpurackal Anni
		12:15 p.m.	Baptisms	<i>Ariella-Rae Rose Sheaf</i> <i>Greyson-Jae Junior Sheaf</i>
Monday	08	---	No Mass	
Tuesday	09	---	No Mass	
Wednesday	10	---	No Mass	
Thursday	11	10:00 a.m.	Regina Swan	
Friday	12	6:00 a.m.	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>	
		6:30 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Saturday	13	10:00 a.m.	Miriam & John Cairns	
		10:30 a.m.	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>	



14 TH JANUARY 2024 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B				
Saturday	13	6:00 p.m.	John Lynch RIP	
		9:00 a.m.	Tom, Mike & Paddy Neilan	
Sunday	14	11:00 a.m.	Private Intention (M.P)	
		12:15 p.m.	Baptism - <i>Loro John Tiffen</i>	
		*3:00 p.m.	A Workshop leads by Mgr. Patrick Kilgarrieff	

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, Shellie Kerr, Dean Evans, Angela Kinsella, Anne Madden, Kun Cheong Leung, Kay Hegarty, Hermenegilda Binayug.

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 Patrick Bailey who died peacefully on 3rd December 2023, aged 68 years. His funeral service will take place at Lodge Hill Crematorium on Friday 19th January at 2.30pm.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

WELCOME TO MASS

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO ANYONE VISITING THE PARISH TODAY.

The first newsletter of the New Year. A happy new year to you all.
Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany – the visit of the three wise men to the Holy family bringing their gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. The feast is transferred to the Sunday from 6th January.

This year we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord on Monday 8th January.
Next Sunday will be the second Sunday of the Church's year.

CHANGE MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

There will be No Morning Mass on Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th.

THE YEAR OF PRAYER

The first Sunday of Advent marked 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 Kilgarriff will lead an afternoon workshop on next Sunday 14th January 2024 from 3.00 until 5.00pm in the parish Hall.

I hope you will come to hear new and old ways of refreshing your prayer.

NEW TO THE PARISH?

In recent months we have welcomed many new parishioners.

If you are new here, we would be grateful if you could complete a parish census form and return it to Fr Long as soon as possible. This enables us to keep in contact with as many parishioners as possible.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY AT 11AM SUNDAY MASS

Enables children to engage with the Gospel of Jesus in a way that is appropriate to their age. Children gather with their families in church for the beginning of Mass. After the opening song the children and their catechists go into the hall next door for some teaching, activities and prayer. The group then re-join their families in church later in the Mass. More volunteers needed, please.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS

Children from year 4 and above are most welcome to be altar servers for weekend Masses. Parents, please encourage your children to take part in the life of the parish and to serve the Church in this beautiful way. This is a wonderful way to nurture our children's faith, they are the future of the Church and this parish.

FAMILY VISITS

Families of Children who are preparing for their Sacraments, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, will be visited by Fr Long in February and March. The purpose of these visits is to create a connection between parish and families in order to nurture and support our children to grow in faith. The visit will be arranged between Fr Long and the family in advance. We hope to receive a warm welcome from you all.

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

As many of you already are aware, Mrs Kathy Carter is stepping down as our parish administrator. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kathy for her longstanding dedication and commitment to the parish. She has shared her knowledge and expertise in the office and has been a major support to both myself and the people of Our Lady of Fatima church. Kathy has given her time most generously and I really appreciate the assistance she has given; not only to me, but to us all in the parish. I'm sure everyone agrees that her dedication and commitment has made a real difference to the smooth running of our parish office and we are all so grateful to you Kathy..... especially me!

WELCOME TO OUR NEW PARISH ADMINISTRATOR

Please join me in welcoming our new Parish Administrator, Jackie McGuinness. Jackie was a RE teacher at our parish school and she is a catechist of our parish. She will be working voluntary in the Parish Office every Wednesday 9.30am to 12.30pm. Jackie will be responsible for a variety of administrative functions crucial to the ministry of Our Lady of Fatima Church, preparing liturgical bulletins, and managing the parish calendar... She started with us on last Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

SHRINE OF OUR LADY & THE SACRED HEART

If you would like to have one of these candles burning for a week for your intentions, or for your loved ones. We are currently short of Shrine intentions, so please continue to request. It is £5 for the week. Envelopes are available from the back of the Church.

BOOK THE PARISH HALL

Please remember to consider using our Parish Hall for your family events, other family celebrations, gatherings and do recommend us to other people. All of this will help the parish to flourish into the future. Please contact parish office to discuss booking arrangements.

CRIB OFFERING FOR FR LONG'S CHARITY

Once again, I would like to introduce you to my charity: '*Học Bổng Một Chút Thương*' (A Little Love Scholarship). I have been running this charity since I became priest. The purpose of this charity is to develop an educational program. Specifically targeted to underprivileged children. The children in Ben Tre, my hometown live in extreme poverty and harsh living conditions, they lack any opportunity for an education. We aspire to provide education to these underprivileged children in Ben Tre to ensure that they have a brighter future. To also give them hope. This school year 2023- 2024, we raised \$20.500, including £1.550 from our parish. We are currently providing scholarships to 273 pupils, 31 of which were paid for by us. I hope that you will support for "A Little Love Scholarship" in the future. Please contact me or find out more on my Facebook page: '*Học Bổng Một Chút Thương*'.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH ANY UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?

Toiletry sets, gift sets, gloves, scarves, bottles? Please donate them to the Church bazaar! There is a box in the porch from this week to place any unwanted gifts so that we can store them in readiness for the next Christmas bazaar. Thank you!