

THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR Noreen Winhall	SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR Margaret Hopkins
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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 – 3rd December 2023			
Gift Aid	£216.00	Standing Order £261.00	Lucky Number Draw
Non-Gift Aid	£200.56	Second Collection £246.10	Last Week Winner
Total	£416.56	<i>for Aid to the Church in Need.</i>	No. 52 - £24.00
Thanks for your generous offerings!			Anne Wood

2ND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR THE ARCHDIOCESAN POOR PARISH FUND

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 For the Archdiocesan Poor Parish Fund

♦ **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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10TH 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
Monday	11	10:00 a.m.	Felice Taddeo RIP
Tuesday	12	10:00 a.m.	Henry Leung
Wednesday	13	---	<i>No Mass</i>
Thursday	14	10:00 a.m.	Bill Barrett RIP
Friday	15	6:00 p.m.	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		6:30 p.m.	Holy Souls
Saturday	16	10:00 a.m.	Eileen Poolton RIP
		10:30 noon	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>
		12:00 noon	Baptism – Jenelle Akpofure



17TH DECEMBER 2023 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B – PSALTER WEEK III

Saturday	16	6:00 p.m.	Peggy Breen
Sunday	17	9:00 a.m.	Luningning Panis RIP
		11:00 a.m.	Mick McGuinness RIP

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:

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.

Mr Gerard Synnott who died peacefully at home on 3rd Nov. His funeral service will take place at Quinton Cemetery on Wednesday 20th December at 2pm for a graveside service.

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Dear parishioners, as we begin the Second week of Advent, the season is rapidly moving forward. Its pace reminds us of the urgency always to be alert and ready for the coming of the Lord in glory and make sure that our spiritual preparation for Christmas does not go astray. It is important that we focus and prepare personally, as families, and as faith communities. 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. Fr Long

BLESSING OF BAMBINELLI & CHRISTMAS CRIBS

This year marks the 800th anniversary of the first Christmas Crib being erected by St Francis. Next Sunday 17th December, please bring the Bambinelli or family crib to Mass to be blessed, having a crib in every family home is a reminder that our homes are holy places where Jesus dwells with us.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

We are delighted this year to welcome you to a very special Carol Service led by children from Our Lady of Fatima School. We will be celebrating the story of the birth of Jesus through a range of carol reflecting the Christmas story. We hope it will be a magical way to finish the school term and spread some Christmas joy. Please come and join in this celebration on Thursday 21st December at 7.00 p.m. Mr Simmons

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Wednesday 20th December at 7.00 p.m.

There will be a number of priests available for confession.

Come and prepare yourself spiritually for Christmas and receive Our Lord's forgiveness in the Sacrament of Penance.

ADVANCED NOTICE – CHRISTMAS 2023

This year, the Fourth Sunday of Advent falls on Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve. That means that as Catholics, we are obliged to keep the Sunday Obligation on the Fourth Sunday of Advent and then on Christmas Day as well.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

6.00 p.m. (Vigil Mass) & 9.00 a.m. & 11.00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve

5.30 p.m. Nativity & Vigil Mass (Family Mass)

8.00 p.m. Readings and Carols

8.30 p.m. Mass during the night

Christmas Day

9.00 a.m. Mass at Dawn

11.00 a.m. Mass during the Day

★★★ 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 for you buy at a suggested donation £3.00 each or 2 stars for £5. Please return them by next Sunday.

MAKE A BIRTHDAY CARD FOR JESUS

I would like to invite all of the children to think about a Birthday Card for Jesus. It is a wonderful way for them to think about the Christmas story and how much Jesus loves us. There will be a basket by the Nativity Scene from Christmas Eve for you to put them in.

ST STEPHEN'S DAY

On Tuesday 26th December we will have our special Mass at 10.00 a.m. with all of our altar servers and some of our servers will be enrolled into the Guild of St Stephen. This will be followed by KFC's refreshments in the hall.



THE YEAR OF PRAYER

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 be giving us some reflections on Sunday 14th January 2024 at 3.00 p.m. on ways to pray.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the church cleaning and brass cleaning on Monday 18th Dec. after the morning Mass.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION

For the Poor Parishes of the Diocese this weekend.

UNCLAIMED LUCKY NUMBER

Please could the following names contact the parish office.

19th August - Ben Conway - No. 25 - £22.00

3rd December – 107 Jone – No. 35 - £31.00

WEAR SOMETHING ROSE TO MASS NEXT SUNDAY

To mark Gaudete Sunday, please wear something of the rose / pink colour as an expression of joy in the coming of our Saviour as it draws near.

LEARNING HUB AND LIBRARIAN

The Governing Body of St Paul's School for Girls is seeking to appoint a Sixth Form Learning Mentor and Librarian for January 2024. If you are interested you can contact us on 0121 454 0895 or you can download an application pack from our website, www.stpaulgl.bham.sch.uk. Application deadline: 18 December 2023 at noon

FINALLY...

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