



THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF  
 SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR **Christine Alan RIP**  
 SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR **Margaret Hopkins**



**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 – 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Gift Aid** £207.55  
**Non-Gift Aid** £211.91  
**Total** £419.46

**Standing Order** £261.00  
**Second Collection** £206.70  
*for Poor Parishes.*

**Lucky Number Draw**  
 Last Week Winner  
 No. 20 - £32.00  
**Libby Conway**

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** 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](mailto: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](mailto:sg.olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 / [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.

**Parish Administrator:** Mrs Kathy Carter

**Office Hours:** Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.

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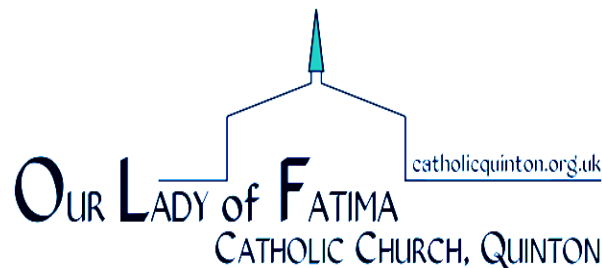
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**24<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2023 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B – PSALTER WEEK IV**

Saturday	23	6:00 p.m.	Chris Jennings	
Sunday	24	9:00 a.m.	John Lynch RIP	
		11:00 a.m.	Peter Edge RIP	

**SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

<b>Sunday</b> <b>CHRISTMAS EVE</b>	24	5:30 p.m.	<b>Nativity &amp; Vigil Mass</b>	Richard & Chritina Donnelly
		8:00 p.m.	<b>Service of Readings &amp; Carols</b>	
		8:30 p.m.	<b>Mass during the Night</b>	Nathalia's Birthday
<b>Monday</b> <b>CHRISTMAS DAY</b>	25	9:00 a.m.	<b>Mass at Dawn</b>	Thanksgiving (G.M)
		11:00 a.m.	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>	People of the Parish
Tuesday	26	10:00 a.m.	<b>Enrolment into the Guild of Stephen</b>	Deceased Altar Servers
Wednesday	27	---	No Mass	
Thursday	28	---	No Mass	
Friday	29	---	No Mass	
Saturday	30	10:00 a.m.	Eileen Moloney	

**31<sup>ST</sup> DECEMBER 2023 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY - YEAR B – PSALTER WEEK I**

Saturday	30	6:00 p.m.	Dell Sheppard RIP
Sunday	31	9:00 a.m.	Christine Alan RIP
		11:00 a.m.	Helen & Thomas McCourt 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, 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 Patrick Bailey** who died peacefully on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023, aged 68 years. His funeral service will take place at Lodge Hill Crematorium on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm.

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER LONG

Dear parishioners,

Well, it's truly amazing to think that this is my fifth Christmas at Our Lady of Fatima! As we celebrate the beautiful Feast of Christmas, I would like to thank all parishioners for the kindness, support and generosity shown to me in so many ways over the past year. I would also like to extend my gratitude to all who worked so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. Thanks to all who were involved in decorating our church and setting up for the different liturgies, this season and throughout the liturgical year. And a special thank you to the devoted members of the various ministry's in our parish and especially to those few who work quietly, behind the scenes. Your giving of your time ensures that our parish is a vibrant one where the message of Jesus Christ is witnessed to in a whole variety of ways. Your input makes such a huge difference to the parish.

Congratulations to all in the parish who celebrated Baptisms, First Holy Communion and Confirmation during the year. As we come to Christmas let us spare a thought for those who have lost a loved one during the year as Christmas can be a very difficult time for all who were bereaved during 2023. Let us keep them and indeed all who are sick or facing any challenge in our prayers at this time. Likewise let us think of those who are far away from home. Miles may separate us, but you are in our thoughts and prayers. May God fill our hearts with peace and hope. May you all experience His presence during this Christmas time and throughout 2024.

**Happy Christmas to all in the parish  
and to former parishioners wherever you are now!**

### CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

Please note that the collections at all our Christmas Masses are your kind gifts to Fr Long's ministry amongst us. Christmas and Easter are the most substantial part of a priest's yearly income. Please use the envelope provided & give generously.

Thank you!

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.



## CRIB OFFERINGS

**for Poor Children in Fr Long's Hometown, Ben Tre, Vietnam.**

### Fr Long's Charity

The success of our children's future is embedded in their education. For these children, having a sufficient education could lead them to escape poverty.

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*'.

Thank you!

### PRAYING FOR THE SICK

We are happy to add names to the list of prayers for those who are sick and housebound. However, consent needs to be obtained from the person themselves.

A form is available from Fr Long for this purpose.

### 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 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 3.00 p.m. on ways to pray.

### THANK YOU!

This year, for the very first time, the children from Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Primary School performed the most beautiful Carol Service and Nativity play for the parishioners. It was very well attended, and we would like to thank the children, Mr Simmons and all the staff for their exceptional hard work at the end of a very busy term. A big thank you to parents for supporting their children so that they could take part and making this such a memorable occasion for everyone.

### CHURCH CAR PARK

When using the Church car park, as we do not have designated spaces, please try to be mindful of other car users needing a space to park.

### WE ARE ON TWITTER & FACEBOOK

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