



THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF



SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR
Deceased Members of Iuorio Family



SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR
Deceased Members of Albanese Family

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 –		Lucky Number Draw	
Gift Aid	£	Standing Order £261.00	Last Week Winner
Non-Gift Aid	£	Second Collection £	No. 88 - £29.50
Total	£		Paddy Coen

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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31st 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
Monday	01	10:00 a.m.	Thanksgiving (G.M) SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
Tuesday	02	10:00 a.m.	Annette Hughes RIP
Wednesday	03	---	No Mass
Thursday	04	10:00 a.m.	Mary Colman
Friday	05	*9:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Saturday	06	---	No morning Mass



7th JANUARY 2024 – SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR B

Saturday	06	6:00 p.m.	Sheila O'Donnell Peggy Breen
Sunday	07	9:00 a.m.	Marcella Henessy Sr Martina Counihan
		11:00 a.m.	Kathy Carter and Family
		12:15 p.m.	Baptisms Ariella-Rae Rose Sheaf Greyson-Jae Junior Sheaf

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 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.

***** CHANGE MASS TIMES THIS WEEK *****

There will be a morning Mass on Friday 5th January at 9am
 There will be No Mass on Friday evening & Saturday morning.

WELCOME

On this weekend in the Christmas Octave, we welcome all families who have come home for the Christmas weekend and all visitors alongside our parishioners. May the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, whose feast we celebrate, inspire and bless our families. A Pastoral letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley will be read at all Masses this weekend.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

Tomorrow, we will celebrate New Year's Day and the Solemnity of Our Lady, the Mother of God. What better way to start 2024 than by coming to celebrate Holy Mass!

CHRISTMAS OFFERINGS

I wish to thank you for your generous Christmas offerings and for the many cards & gifts I have received. I am truly grateful for your kindness and support.

WHAT DO YOU DO WITH ANY UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?

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

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 Kilgariff will lead an afternoon workshop on 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.

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! We wish you the very best of luck for the future.

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 starts with us on this Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

CRIB OFFERINGS 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*'.

THANK YOU FROM FR LONG!

The end of one year and the beginning of the next is a good time to reflect with gratitude and offer thanks to everyone who contributes to the life and mission of the parish. May I thank all those who come here to pray and form our parish community. In a special way we remember our sick & housebound parishioners who cannot physically join us, but whose prayers for us all make a great difference. Many times in the last year I have asked for your financial support of the parish and I do thank you for this and the way in which you will continue to help the parish in the year to come. Without this help we would be unable to function. Thanks to all who were involved in decorating our church and setting up for the different liturgies, Easter and Christmas seasons and throughout the liturgical year.

And a special thank you to the devoted members of the various ministry's in our parish which include our dedicated sacristans and altar servers, cleaners, stewards, readers, Eucharistic ministers, musicians, flower arrangers and liturgical decorators! Grateful thanks must go to our gardener who look after the grounds and those who kindly do such practical jobs as putting the church bins out! Thanks must go to all involved in pastoral outreach in the parish which involves our SVP and Eucharistic ministers who visit the sick & housebound 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.

Thanks to all those who support our young people especially the principle and vice-principle, staff and governing body of our parish school. With gratitude we remember our catechists engaged in sacramental preparation and the children's liturgy team. We are grateful for all the activities that have taken place to reach out to our families and young people.

Thanks also for those who have helped organise social events for the parish especially the Christmas Fayre, the multicultural evening, the quiz nights, the skittles evenings... Apologies to anyone who has been left out, but please know of my appreciation for the contributions of so many to parish life. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families as we continue the Christmas Season and enter into a New Year 2024.