

THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF  
 SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR **Mary Roza** | SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR **Brian Bank**

**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 – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2026**

<b>Gift Aid</b>	<b>£462.00</b>	<b>Standing Order £261.00</b>
<b>Non-Gift Aid</b>	<b>£236.95</b>	<b>Second Collection £517.12</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>£698.95</b>	<i>for the Parish Maintenance.</i>

**Lucky Number Draw**  
 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> January  
 No. 44 £14  
 Carl G.

**Thanks for your generous offerings!**

**THE SECOND COLLECTION TODAY 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.

**Donation by QR Code**



**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](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 Jackie McGuinness

**Office Hours:** Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.  
 Wednesday 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

**Email:** [olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

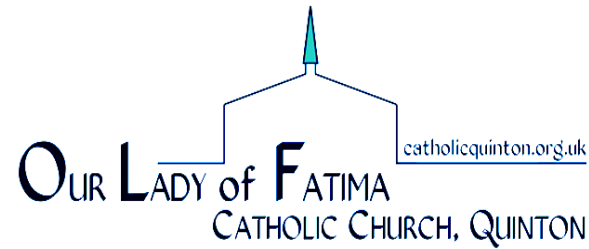
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**11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 - FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD- YEAR A - PSALTER WEEK I**

<b>Saturday</b>	10	6:00 p.m.	Richard Kinsella RIP Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b>	11	10:00 a.m.	John Lynch RIP
Monday	12	10:00 a.m.	Rosaleen Creaven
Tuesday	13	10:00 a.m.	Marion Muragh & Family
Wednesday	14	---	No Mass
Thursday	15	10:00 a.m.	Margaret O'Looney
Friday	16	6:00 p.m.	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		6:30 p.m.	Holy Souls
Saturday	17	10:00 a.m.	Mona Riley & Family
		10:30 a.m.	<i>Exposition &amp; Confessions</i>

**18<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR A – PSALTER WEEK II**

<b>Saturday</b>	17	6:00 p.m.	Linda Stephenson RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	18	10:00 a.m.	Evan Evans RIP Anniversary

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK**

John Jennings, Delia Stewart, Mary Basterfield, John McCallion, Mary Davitt, Donna Walsh, Bridie Kinsella, Mali Piggott, Robert Kirby, Dean Evans, Anne Madden, Kay Hegarty, Rona Gibson, Pat Davis, Bernie Earl, Kathleen Cook, Edward Bonner, Christine McGovern, Margaret O'Connor, Mary O'Sullivan.

*May the Lord grant them consolation, peace and healing. May God give all involved in health care in hospital or in the community, grace, strength and perseverance.*

**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:

**Maureen Edmonds** who died on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025, aged 88. Her Funeral Service will take place at Our Lady of Fatima Church on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 12.30 p.m. The reception into the church will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 5.00 p.m.

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

**POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY - For Prayer with the Word of God:**

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### THE FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A warm welcome to all, especially if this is your first time or you are visiting! As Christmas draws to a close with the Feast of Christ's Baptism and the beginning of His public ministry, it is a time for new beginnings. The story of the Baptism of Jesus is a lesson on what baptism means for us. What happened at the baptism of Jesus happens at our baptism too. God calls us by name, we are identified as his children. He says to each one of us, 'you are my beloved daughter, you are my beloved son'. The Holy Spirit descends on us, because we too are given a mission, that is, to participate in the work of Jesus, in the life of our parish, our family and in the world around us. Please continue to pray for our parish. In the year ahead may we grow in holiness and faith and be a living sign of Christ's presence in our families, schools, the community and wider world. May the Lord bless you all and your loved ones and richly reward you all and give you a healthy, peaceful, prosperous and blessed New Year 2026. May his Mother Mary be with our Parish always!

### WELCOME DEACON JITHIN TITTO

This weekend we give a very warm welcome to Deacon Jithin Titto who will be joining our ministry here at Our Lady of Fatima Parish. Deacon Titto is very much looking forward to meeting everyone and getting to know both the parish and school community. Please say hello to him when you get the chance and introduce yourself. I feel sure that he will very quickly settle into our warm and welcoming community. I know that you will wish him well during his stay here at Our Lady of Fatima.

### THINKING AHEAD

Christmastide is often a time for making plans for the coming year. For some this might be the Baptism of their little ones or celebrating the sacrament of Marriage. For parishioners considering Marriage here in the coming year and who wish to consider booking a date, please contact the parish office as soon as possible.

### 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 the parish office as soon as possible. This enables us to keep in contact with as many parishioners as possible.

### 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.

### RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

Please travel up the middle isle and return after communion along the sides. If you are seated at the rear of the church or in the porch – please travel along the middle isle and return to your place using the middle isle.

### 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.

### CHRISTMAS CRIB OFFERINGS 2025 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 developing this charity since I first became a priest. The purpose of this charity is to develop an educational programme 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 and to give them hope. This school year 2025-26, we raised \$22,735 including £2,202.87 from our parish. We are currently providing scholarships to 253 pupils, 44 of which were paid for by the parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima Church. I do hope that you will support for "A Little Love Scholarship" on this Christmas and in the future. If you would like to find out more about my charity, please contact me or find out more on my Facebook page: '*Học Bổng Một Chút Thương*'. Thank you so much for your generosity.

### QUIZ NIGHT

Friday 6th Feb at 7.00pm

We will be holding a Quiz Night in the Parish Hall. Entry £3 per person. Drinks and snacks available and a bingo & a raffle. Please come along and support our 'Parish Fund Raising Event', they are always great fun. Please bring your family and friends.

### LUCKY NUMBER DRAW

It is £1 a go and there will be 100 numbers to choose from so you could possibly win £50. You will just need to print your name clearly next to the number of your choice and hope your number is pulled out! The numbers will be on sale after each Mass and the draw will be made after the 10am Mass on each Sunday. The winner will receive half of the takings each week and the other half will go to Church funds. The winner will be announced in the Newsletter on the following Sunday and the Cheque for the winnings will be available for collection then. Good luck!

### 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.

### WHAT DO YOU DO WITH ANY UNWANTED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS?

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.

### SILENCE IN CHURCH

May I remind everyone to be mindful of other people who are praying in Church before and after Mass. Please silence your mobile phone and also not to speak during Mass itself.

### AND FINALLY ...

Tomorrow, we commence the first part of Ordinary Time until Ash Wednesday which begins the season of Lent on 18<sup>th</sup> February. In Ordinary Time (Year A) we hear from the Gospel of Mark where Jesus journeys from Galilee to Jerusalem. May part one of this season encourage us to growth and to hope in God's plan for each of us.

**Good wishes for a blessed Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**Fr Long Nguyen**