

THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF
 SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR **Nora O'Shea**
 SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR **John O'Shea**

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 – 7th December 2025

Gift Aid £242.00 **Standing Order** £261.00
Non-Gift Aid £228.30 **Second Collection** £316.84
Total £470.30 *for the Poor Parishes.*

Lucky Number Draw
 6th/7th December
 No. 52 - £20.00
 Anne W.

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 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 – 11.00 a.m.
 Wednesday 9.30 a.m. – 12.30 p.m.

Email: olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk

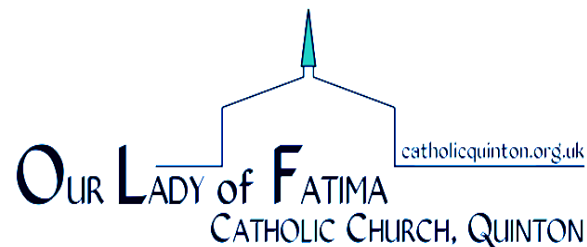
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Parish Treasurer: Peter Lanni **Email:** pt.olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk

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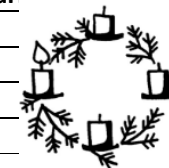
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Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Long Nguyen

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14TH DECEMBER 2025 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A – PSALTER WEEK III

Saturday	13	6:00 p.m.	The Sick of the Parish
Sunday	14	10:00 a.m.	Liberato Albanese RIP
Monday	15	10:00 a.m.	Judy Howell & Family
		7:00 p.m.	Christmas Carol Concert lead by our School
Tuesday	16	11:00 a.m.	Funeral Mass for Margaret Anne Barrett
Wednesday	17	---	No Mass
Thursday	18	10:00 a.m.	John Court RIP
		7:30 p.m.	Advent Penitential Service
Friday	19	9:15 a.m.	Mass at OLF School
		6:00 p.m.	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		6:30 p.m.	Holy Souls
Saturday	20	10:00 a.m.	No Morning Mass & Confessions
		11:00 a.m.	Baptism for Anastazia Lian Ongo Malabanan



21ST DECEMBER 2025 - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A – PSALTER WEEK IV

Saturday	20	6:00 p.m.	Mary Angela Kinsella RIP
Sunday	21	10:00 a.m.	Anna & Neil Reilly

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

John Jennings, Delia Stewart, Mary Basterfield, John McCallion, Mary Davitt, Donna Walsh, Bridie Kinsella, Mali Piggott, Issac Justin, Robert Kirby, Dean Evans, Anne Madden, Kay Hegarty, Pat Mills, 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 particularly for:

Patricia Millicent Mills who died on 30th November 2025, aged 90. Her Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 23rd December at 10am, followed by the cremation at Lodge Hill Crematorium at 11.30am.

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

GAUDETE

A very warm welcome to everyone participating in Mass at Our Lady of Fatima this weekend as we celebrate the Third Sunday of Advent, we rejoice that the coming of Christ is ever closer and the time to celebrate His Nativity is near at hand. The rose / pink colours for this Sunday remind us of the joy we find in watching and waiting for the coming of the Lord. Well done everyone who remembered to wear something rose.

CAROL SERVICE LED BY THE CHILDREN OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER AT 7PM.

There will be a Christmas Carol Service led by the children of Our Lady of Fatima school this coming Monday 15th December at 7pm. Please come along and support our children and hear their beautiful singing. There will be a collection during the service for the PTA association of the school, who work very hard to provide many extra activities and experiences for the children.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

On Thursday, 18th December at 7:30pm. Some of our deanery priests will be with us to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation by hearing our confessions. An opportunity to prepare ourselves for the celebrations of Our Lord's Nativity at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS EVE - NATIVITY & VIGIL MASS (FAMILY MASS)

The children who attend Children's liturgy will be carrying out readings and creating a tableau of the traditional Nativity scene. If you wish your child to take part, please make sure that they are in the Church Hall *no later than* 5.10pm as the service will begin promptly at 5.30pm - thank you.

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

10.00 a.m.

Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord

SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY

On Friday, 26th December we will have our special Mass with all of our altar servers at 10am and some of our servers will be enrolled into the Guild of Saint Stephen. All altar servers and their parents are expected to attend this Mass. This will be followed by KFC's refreshments in the parish hall.

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.

★★★ CHRISTMAS STARS ★★★

Christmas stars along with envelopes for your donation are now available in the porch - please take some home, write your prayer on the back of the stars - then return with a donation of £2.00 for one star or £5.00 for three. Your loved one's prayers will remain in the Church and prayed for throughout the season of Christmas. A beautiful way to decorate the tree and remember those you love and have lost, or a family member/friend you wish to pray for, or for family overseas.

POINSETTIAS

You are invited to bring red poinsettias to church to be placed around the crib and church in memory of a loved one who is not with us this Christmas. Please bring them to the porch or parish office by weekend 21st/22nd December. Thank you!

PIETY SHOP

We have a new range of Christmas and Holy gifts in our Piety shop. There are also Christmas cards as well as Christmas Mass Bouquets available. Please take a look at the wonderful range of items.

RED MISSIO BOX

The End of year count will be taking place at the end of December - therefore, please bring in your red boxes *no later than 20th/21st December* if you wish them to be included in the End of year count. Thank you.

HEATING COST

The autumn & winter heating season has now opened! The cost of heating our church and other properties has increased. We are very grateful for your support with heating cost through your weekly collections. Please continue to be generous so we can keep the church warm for our beautiful celebrations.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with the church cleaning and brass cleaning on Monday 22nd December after the morning Mass.

RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION

I would like to bring to your notice that Ministering Holy Communion by intinction is not recommended in the Dioceses of England and Wales. May I kindly request all communicants to consume the precious Body of Christ as soon as you respond "Amen" when the Clergy/Extraordinary Minister says, "The Body of Christ" and then proceed to receive the Precious Blood of Christ if you choose to receive it. Thank you.

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.

Pope's Prayer Intention for December: For Christians in areas of conflict

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.

AND FINALLY ...

Please note that there will be No Morning Mass and Confessions on Saturday 20th December. Advent is once again a time for us to be surprised by God's mercy and love for us. As we prepare now in the second half of Advent for Christmas, we long for that loving relationship with the Lord to be renewed in us and to be ready for Jesus to come again. Our Penitential Service and Confession on Thursday at 7.30pm will be a great opportunity.

Thank you for all your help this week in preparing for Christmas. May you be filled with joy on this Gaudete Sunday as we recognise the coming of Christ is ever closer.

Every prayer and blessing for this second week of Advent!

Fr Long Nguyen