



THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF

SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR
Thanksgiving (Fernandes Family)

SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR
Patrick 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 – 10th December 2023

Gift Aid £145.00
Non-Gift Aid £263.16
Total £408.16

Standing Order £261.00
Second Collection £205.27
for Poor Parishes.

Lucky Number Draw
 Last Week Winner
 No. 16 - £30.00
Nuala Slaven

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 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

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

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

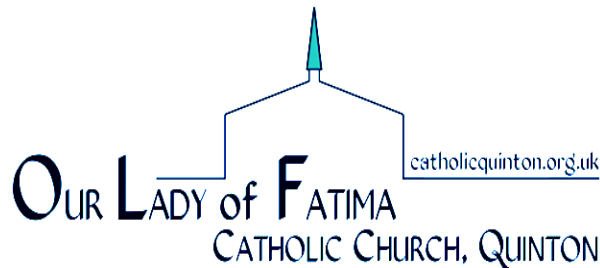
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Parish Gift Aid: Maria Albanese **Email:** ga.olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk

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

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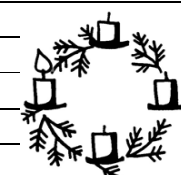
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Parish Priest: Rev. Fr Long Nguyen

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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
Monday	18	10:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
Tuesday	19	10:00 a.m.	Martin Jennings (Birthday)
		11:00 a.m.	Funeral Service - Linda Theresa Walker
Wednesday	20	2:00 p.m.	Funeral Service - Gerard Synnott (Graveside)
		7:00 p.m.	Advent Penitential Service
Thursday	21	10:00 a.m.	John & Miriam Cairns
		7:00 p.m.	Carol Service leads by Our Lady of Fatima School
Friday	22	9:15 a.m.	People of the Parish <i>Mass at OLF School</i>
		11:00 a.m.	Funeral Mass - Deliah Frances Sheppard [Dell]
		6:30 p.m.	No Evening Mass
Saturday	22	10:00 a.m.	Evelyn Kenny
		10.30 a.m.	<i>Adoration & Confessions</i>



24TH 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

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:

Mrs Deliah Frances Sheppard [Dell] who died peacefully on 11th December 2023 at Ashgrove Care Home Netherton, aged 91 years.

Mr Patrick Bailey who died peacefully on 3rd December 2023, aged 68 years.

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

GAUDETE SUNDAY!

On this 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.

MASSES NEXT WEEKEND

The Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00 p.m. and the Sunday morning Masses at 9.00am and 11.00am are all Masses of the 4th Sunday of Advent.

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

BLESSING OF BAMBINELLI & CHRISTMAS CRIBS

Thank you for bringing your figures of the child Jesus and cribs to Mass this weekend to be blessed. We remember that our homes are holy places where Christ dwells.

PARISH ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Wednesday 20th December at 7.00 p.m.

There will be a number of priests available for confession.

Please take the opportunity to come to Confession in preparation for Christmas. Pope Francis reminds the whole Church that, *“going to confession is an act of “abandoning oneself to Love, allowing the God of love to heal and transform one’s heart.”* This Advent let us allow the Lord to do this for 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 this Thursday 21st December at 7.00 p.m.** Mr Simmons

★★★ CHRISTMAS STARS OF REMEMBRANCE AND HOPE ★★★

We will once again be decorating our trees with stars in remembrance and hope and invite you to purchase stars for loved ones. Forms can be found at the back of church. 1 star for £3 or 2 for £5. Please deliver by next Sunday morning 24th December.

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 OFFERINGS

This is your traditional annual gift to the parish priest. Please feel free to use the special envelopes that are being given with the bulletin this weekend. Alternatively, you may give your offering via the contactless card machine which is in the front porch of the Church. Thank you.

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 sacristy or parish office by Friday 22nd December. Thank you!

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.



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.

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.

WE ARE ON TWITTER & FACEBOOK

Like and follow our page to find out more about what is happening at church and the parish hall. Twitter: @OLFQuinton and Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/OLFQuinton/>

FINALLY...

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 Wednesday will be a great opportunity. Thank you for all your help this week in preparing for Christmas especially with the music & the liturgy. May you be filled with joy on this Gaudete Sunday as we recognise the coming of Christ is ever closer.

May you and your families have a wonderful week ahead.

Fr Long Nguyen