

THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF
 SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR Terence Wilson
 SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR Ellen & Joe Joyce

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 – 14th December 2025

Gift Aid £160.00 Standing Order £261.00
 Non-Gift Aid £183.19 Second Collection £131.47
 Total £343.19 for the Parish Maintenance.

Lucky Number Draw
 13th/14th December
 No. 27 - £22
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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

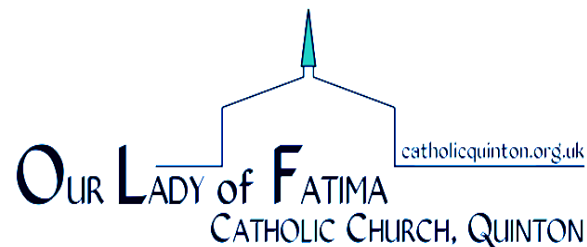
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Parish Treasurer: Peter Lanni **Email:** pt.olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk

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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
Monday	22	10:00 a.m.	Valerie Hatcher RIP
Tuesday	23	10:00 a.m.	Funeral Mass for Patricia Millicent Mills



SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD



Wednesday 24 CHRISTMAS EVE	5:30 p.m.	Nativity & Vigil Mass (Family Mass) Mary Bateman RIP
	8:00 p.m.	Service of Readings & Carols
	8:30 p.m.	Mass during the Night John Royce RIP
Thursday 25 CHRISTMAS DAY	10:00 a.m.	Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord People of the Parish
Friday 26 ST STEPHEN'S DAY	10:00 p.m.	Enrolment into the Guild of Stephen Young Parishioners and their Families
Saturday 27	10:00 a.m.	Mary McGovern RIP

28TH DECEMBER 2025 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

Saturday	27	6:00 p.m.	Murphy Family RIP
Sunday	28	10:00 a.m.	Mary O'Sullivan

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.

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

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER LONG

Dear parishioners,

It is truly amazing to think that this is my seventh Christmas here 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 thanks to those who work so hard to make our Christmas celebrations truly wonderful. My gratitude goes also to all who were involved in decorating and cleaning our church and setting up for the different liturgies, not only for this season, but throughout the liturgical year.

A very special thank you to the devoted members of the various ministries in our parish, and to those few who work quietly, behind the scenes. The giving of your time ensures that our parish is a vibrant one where the message of Jesus Christ is witnessed in a variety of ways. Please know that your input makes a significant difference to the parish.

Congratulations to all in the parish who celebrated Baptisms, First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation during the year of 2025.

As we approach Christmas let us spare a thought for those who have lost a loved one during the year. Christmas can be a very difficult time for all who are bereaved, especially during 2025. Let us keep them and all and those 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 they are always 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 2026.

**I wish you all in the Parish, as well as former parishioners,
wherever they may be, a blessed and Happy Christmas.**

THANK YOU

We would like to thank the children from Our Lady of Fatima School for their beautiful Carol and Nativity Service last Monday. Special thanks to Mr. Shanahan and all the staff for their wonderful work at the end of a busy term. We are also very grateful to the parents for their support, which helped make this a joyful and memorable occasion for everyone.

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.

SAINT STEPHEN'S DAY

On Friday 26th December, we celebrate the Feast of St Stephen, patron saint of altar servers. Mass will be at 10.00 am, during which servers will renew their commitment and new members will receive the Guild of St Stephen Medals. After Mass, KFC refreshments will follow in the parish hall. All parishioners are warmly invited to join us as we thank and pray for our young servers and celebrate their faithful service.



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.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES

The Offertory Collection at all Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses will be your traditional annual gift to the priest of the parish. This is the main source of income to our priest, and we very much appreciate your generosity and kindness. Please use the envelopes provided at the back of church for this purpose. Alternatively, you may also give your offering through our Digital Collection Plates at the back of church. Thank you.

CRIB OFFERINGS 2025

This year's Crib Offerings will support poor children in Fr Long's hometown of Ben Tre, Vietnam, through his charity "A Little Love Scholarship" (Học Bổng Một Chút Thương). The charity provides education for underprivileged children who would otherwise have no access to schooling. In 2025, we raised \$22,735 (including £2,202.87 from our parish), supporting 253 pupils, with 44 scholarships funded by Our Lady of Fatima parishioners. Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity in giving these children hope for a brighter future.

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.

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.

CAR PARKING

Cars that are parked in the car park must be parked around the perimeter of the car park ONLY. Cars must NOT be blocked in and the centre of the car park must be left free for emergency vehicles. This will be closely monitored. Should the car park be full - please park along the roadside - thank you.

AND FINALLY

The days ahead are special as we prepare to celebrate the Nativity of the Lord. Please welcome family and friends to our Christmas Masses. This might be a wonderful opportunity for people to reconnect to our parish and to their faith. We look forward to celebrating Christmas with you and your families.

With my prayers and good wishes in these final days of Advent and for the joyful feasts of Christmas that are ahead of us.

Fr Long Nguyen