

THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF  
 SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR **Mary Nolan RIP**  
 SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR **Thanksgiving Intention (M.O)**

**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 – 21st December 2025**

**Gift Aid** £206.00      **Standing Order** £261.00  
**Non-Gift Aid** £244.90      **Second Collection** £224.60  
**Total** £450.90      *for the Parish Maintenance.*

**Lucky Number Draw**  
 20<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> December  
 No. 37 £21.00  
 Christine K.

**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)

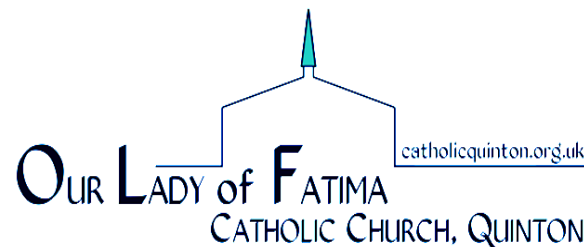
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**Parish Treasurer:** Peter Lanni **Email:** [pt.olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:pt.olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk)

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**28<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH**

<b>Saturday</b>	27	6:00 p.m.	Murphy Family RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	28	10:00 a.m.	Mary O'Sullivan
Monday	29	<b>*8:00 a.m.</b>	Monica & Family <i>St Thomas Becket, Bishop Martyr</i>
Tuesday	30	10:00 a.m.	Sr Martina Counihan
Wednesday	31	---	No Mass
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	<b>SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</b>
	<b>NEW YEAR 2026</b>		People of the Parish
Friday	02	6:00 p.m.	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		6:30 p.m.	Holy Souls <i>Ss Basil the Great &amp; Gregory Nazianzen</i>
Saturday	03	10:00 a.m.	Dicky Davis
		10:30 a.m.	<i>Exposition &amp; Confessions</i>

**4<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2025 - SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY - YEAR A - PSALTER WEEK II**

<b>Saturday</b>	03	6:00 p.m.	Fr Seamus Hetherton RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	04	10:00 a.m.	Neil and Anna Riley



**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, 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.*

**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.

## A MESSAGE FROM FATHER LONG

Dear parishioners, 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 ministries in our parish which include our dedicated sacristans, counting teams, 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, summer BBQ, the quiz nights, the skittles evenings. We are incredibly thankful for everything that you do.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parish administrator, Mrs Jackie McGuinness for her dedication and commitment to the parish. Her contributions are a gift to our parish and myself.

I am very grateful to the parish safeguarding representatives who make sure that safeguarding is there on the frontline in our parish where in needs to be, protecting all our young and vulnerable people.

As you may know the parish finance committee meets 3 times a year with the parish priest, parish treasurer and the parish gift-aid to review the parish finances and identify areas that need attention. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank them all for their hard work in helping to look after our finances in a spirit of gratitude and mission.

Apologies to anyone who has been left out, but please know of my appreciation for the contributions of so many to parish life.

**I wish you all in the Parish, as well as former parishioners,  
wherever they may be, a blessed and Happy Christmas and New Year 2026.**

## SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

On Thursday, we will celebrate New Year's Day and the Solemnity of Our Lady, the Mother of God. What better way to start 2026 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.

## 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, 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.

## 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.

## PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to the parish, have changed your address, or have not previously registered here, please complete a Parish Registration Form – which can be found on the table in the porch – and return the form to the Parish Office. If you no longer use your landline, please register your mobile number.

## 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. 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.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY (Holyday of obligation)

The Holy mother Church invites us to celebrate the feast of the Epiphany on **Tuesday 6th January**. The Mass times are as follows: 10.00 a.m. and 7.00 p.m.

## AND FINALLY ...

Mass Times This Week:

There will be a morning Mass at 8.00 a.m. on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> December.