

THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR Wagg Families	SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR John O'Shea
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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 –		Lucky Number Draw	
Gift Aid	£	Standing Order £261.00	Last Week Winner
Non-Gift Aid	£	Second Collection	Nb. 34 - £22
Total	£		..Joan T.
Thanks for your generous offerings!			

THE 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

◊ **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.

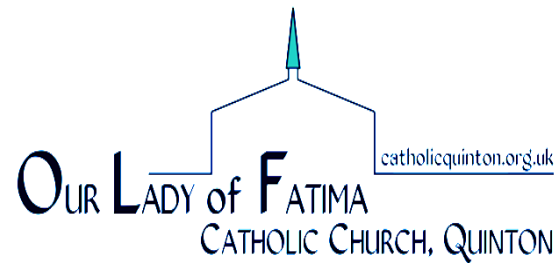
Parish Administrator: Mrs Jackie McGuinness
Office Hours: Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 9.00 – 11.00 a.m.
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Email: olf.quinton.bham@rcaob.org.uk

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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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29TH DECEMBER 2024 & NEW YEAR 2025 – FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Saturday	28	6:00 p.m.	Simon Deakin RIP
Sunday	29	10.00 a.m.	Sean & Rosaleen Connolly RIP
Monday	30	---	No Mass
Tuesday	31	---	No Mass
Wednesday	01	10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish Nathalia Pinto's Birthday
NEW YEAR 2025			SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD
Thursday	02	10:00 a.m.	Funeral Mass - Mrs Jeanette Molloy
Friday	03	6:00 p.m.	<i>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</i>
		6:30 p.m.	Hoy Souls
Saturday	04	10:00 a.m.	Marion Murtagh & Family
		10:30 a.m.	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>



5TH JANUARY 2025 – THE SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday	04	6:00 p.m.	Steven Cemm RIP	John Egan RIP
Sunday	05	10:00 a.m.	Kevin Goggins RIP	Holy Souls [M.P.]

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

John Kirby, John Jennings, Delia Stewart, Janet Jones, Mary Basterfield, John McCallion, Mary Davitt, Donna Walsh, Bridie Kinsella, Mali Piggott, Issac Justin, Robert Kirby, Shellie Kerr, Dean Evans, Angela Kinsella, Anne Madden, Kay Hegarty, Pat & Len Mills, Rona Gibson, Helen Taggart, Pat Davis, Bernie Earls, Kathleen Cook.

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:

Mrs Jeanette Molloy who died peacefully on 28th November 2024, aged 67 years. Her Funeral Mass will take place at OLF on Thursday 2nd January at 10am.

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

***** CHANGE MASS TIMES THIS WEEK *****

There will be No Mass on Monday morning and Tuesday morning.

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 it 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 2025.**

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

Archbishop Bernard Longley is inviting everyone to participate in the *Jubilee Year 2025*. The theme of the Jubilee Year 2025 is "Pilgrims of Hope." The Jubilee of Hope begins this December and runs until the end of the Feast of The Epiphany in 2026. It is a year of hope and trust for a world suffering the impacts of war, the ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the increased threats to the climate. It is a time of conversion and emphasis on God's mercy and forgiveness of sins. Archbishop Bernard will celebrate Mass for the Solemn Opening of the Year in our Archdiocese at St Chad's Cathedral on Sunday 29 December.

**A Pastoral letter from Archbishop Bernard Longley will be read
at all Masses this weekend.**

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 2025 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 2024 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 2024, we raised \$21,500.00 including £1,983.00 from our parish. We are currently providing scholarships to 274 pupils, 41 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.

FOOD BANK - Urgent Request

Please bring along something for our local foodbank this Christmas and New Year - demand for food is very high - place into the basket in the porch - thank you for your support.

TINY EXPLORERS – DISCOVER, PLAY, THRIVE. A WORLD OF WONDER.

Looking for a magical place for you and your toddler to learn, play, and connect? Join us at Tiny Explorers, where every session is packed with fun activities designed to ignite curiosity and creativity in your little one!

- When: Starting January 13th. Every Monday morning 10am to 11am
- Where: Our Lady of Fatima Church Hall, Higgins Lane, Quinton.
- Cost: £5 block booking discount available for 3+ sessions booked.
- Please visit our Instagram account or email to book your space:

 Email: tinyexplorers1@hotmail.com and  Instagram: [tiny_explorers_](https://www.instagram.com/tiny_explorers_)