

THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF  
 SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR Thanksgiving Mehta Family  
 SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR Mary McGovern RIP

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 – 23rd November 2025**

Gift Aid £187.15 Standing Order £261.00  
 Non-Gift Aid £237.72 Second Collection £188.85  
 Total £424.87 for Catholic Youth Service.

**Lucky Number Draw**  
 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> November  
 No. 17 - £27.50  
 Maureen L.

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.

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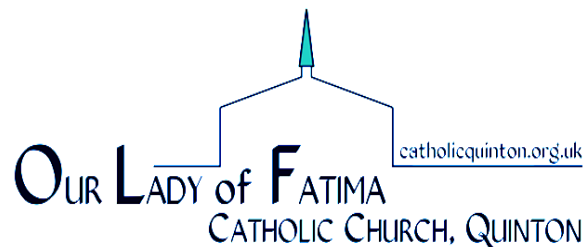
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**30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2025 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A – PSALTER WEEK I**

<b>Saturday</b>	29	6:00 p.m.	The Murphy Family RIP
<b>Sunday</b>	30	10:00 a.m.	Kevin McGuinness Retirement
Monday	01	10:00 a.m.	Brian Shaw Wedding Anniversary <i>St Edmund</i>
Tuesday	02	10:00 a.m.	Christina Patterson 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
Wednesday	03	---	No Mass
Thursday	04	10:00 a.m.	Mary Mullaney RIP
Friday	05	10:00 a.m.	<b>KS2 School Pilgrimage to OLF Church</b>
		6:30 p.m.	<b>Thanksgiving Mass for Parish Volunteers</b>
Saturday	06	10:00 a.m.	Holy Souls
		10:30 a.m.	<i>Exposition &amp; Confessions</i>



**7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2025 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR A – PSALTER WEEK II**

<b>Saturday</b>	06	6:00 p.m.	Joseph Carty RIP Anniversary
<b>Sunday</b>	07	10:00 a.m.	Fr Mark Minihane RIP
		11:15 a.m.	Baptism for Cian John Burke

**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, Shellie Kerr, 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:

**Margaret Ann Barrett** who died on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025, aged 94. Her Funeral Mass will take place on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 11am.

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

**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK**

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec, we welcome the children and staff from Our Lady of Fatima School who will celebrate Mass at 10am. This will be a wonderful celebration and an opportunity for the parishioners to see the children from school. We look forward to welcoming you on Friday.

## THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Dear sisters, brothers and young parishioners, we are now in the season of Advent, the four weeks leading up to the celebration of Christmas. While many of us will be busy buying gifts, planning Christmas parties and seeking that prime parking space at the shops, we need to remember the *real reason* for the season. Advent is a time of preparation during which we direct our hearts and minds to our Lord's birth while also awaiting with joyful anticipation His second coming at the end of time. In this season of waiting, we see as part of the decoration in church the Advent wreath with one white, one pink and three purple candles. The three purple candles, – a liturgical colour for a time of penance, prayer and sacrifice – and which are each lit on the first, and subsequent second and fourth Sundays, symbolise hope, faith and peace. The pink candle, lit on the third Sunday symbolises joy. While the white candle, which is lit on the eve of or Christmas day symbolises Jesus Christ, our sinless and pure Saviour. Amid the many distractions in these next few weeks, it is important that we focus and prepare personally, as families, and as faith community. We need to worship, to reflect, and to act charitably, so that when Christmas morning arrives, we are ready to welcome our Lord with joy into our homes, our hearts and every aspect of our lives. I pray that you and your family take part in this spiritual journey, leading to the coming of our Saviour on Christmas morning. And I pray that you will be inspired by the Lord who desires to be in our hearts and minds now, and forever. A Blessed Advent to you all - Fr Long.

### A WARM WELCOME TO DEACON JITHIN

I am delighted to inform you that we are very lucky to be having Deacon Jithin Titto join us here at Our Lady of Fatima Parish after Christmas, for 6 months. Deacon Jithin will be supporting me here at the Church, as well as with my Chaplaincy at the Hospital, and also in our Parish schools. So children, look out for him at your school, Our Lady of Fatima, St Pauls school for Girls and Hagley High school. Make sure that you give him a very warm welcome if you see him in your school.

*This is a short letter from Deacon Jithin introducing himself to you:*

Dear Parishioners of Our Lady of Fatima's Quinton,  
My name is Jithin Thomas Titto. My family and I are originally from Kerala, India and have been in the UK for most of my life now. We belong to the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church within the 24 Churches that make up the Catholic Church across the globe. The liturgical and spiritual patrimony of the Syro-Malankara Catholic Church is that of the Antiochene Rite. Although I belong to this Rite, in my journey, the Archdiocese has been my support, and I am ordained to render service in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. I have done several placements in our diocese and have gotten to know parishes in nearly all the corners of the diocese! I am very much looking forward to beginning my ministry as a deacon in Quinton and to getting to know everyone.

I have been studying at St. Mary's College, Oscott, for the past 6 years. In terms of hobbies, I enjoy sports, especially Badminton and occasionally play chess until I get too competitive! Having been introduced to Vietnamese cuisine, I am excited to be with Fr. Long! I look forward to meeting you. Deacon Jithin!

### CHRISTMAS FAYRE 2025

Thank you to everyone who helped and worked so hard organising and helping to make the Christmas Fayre such a wonderful success. This is the biggest fundraiser for our Parish and a very special way for all the parishioners to come together. The atmosphere in the hall is so

warm and friendly with parishioners manning the stalls and making so many visitors feel welcome. We thank you for supporting the Fayre and joining in with the fun and fundraising. Also, over the year, you have very kindly donated bottles, gifts sets, fancy goods, and many unwanted presents; your generosity enabled the Christmas Fayre to provide many quality prizes and goods for each stall. Thank you for buying raffle tickets - a list of prize-winners from the Grand Raffle is in the porch. The planning of such an important event is crucial, and this planning takes place many months before. Our Social committee meet and plan from very early in the year to ensure that this event runs smoothly and I would like to thank them for their time and commitment. They give up a lot of their personal time and we are so lucky to have such a dedicated committee in our Parish. Well done to our Parish Social Committee.

### THANKSGIVING MASS FOR PARISH VOLUNTEERS

I am delighted to invite all Parish volunteers and their partners to a celebration Mass of Thanksgiving on Friday 5th December at 6.30pm. This will be followed by a celebration supper in the hall. This is my way to say 'Thank you' to all of the volunteers for their dedication and time that they give to ensure the smooth running of Our Lady of Fatima Parish. We have so many volunteers who work behind the scenes, giving up their free time for which I am so grateful. This invitation also includes our wonderful Altar servers and their parents.

### 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 CAROL SERVICE LEAD BY OUR SCHOOL

The children of Our Lady of Fatima school will be performing a Carol concert here at Church at 7:00pm on Monday 15th December - everyone welcome. This is a wonderful way to celebrate the end of their school term and spread some Christmas joy. There will be a collection during the service for the school PTA who work very hard to support and provide extra activities and funds for the children. Please come along and hear the children sing so beautifully and support our Parish school.

### CHRISTMAS NATIVITY [Family Mass at 5:30pm]

We will be holding our annual Christmas Eve service *from 5.30pm* where the children will be preparing readings and dressing up to create a Nativity tableau reminding us of the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. The children will be busy preparing for this over the next 3 weeks during children's liturgy. Parents, please try to continue to bring your children every week so that they can continue to prepare for this special evening.

### 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.

### AND FINALLY...

Every prayer and blessing for the coming week!

Fr Long Nguyen