



**THIS WEEK, THE CANDLES ARE BURNING FOR THE INTENTIONS OF**  
 SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA FOR  
**Private Intention**



SHRINE OF THE SACRED HEART FOR  
**Private Intention**

**POPE FRANCIS PRAYER TO SAINT JOSEPH**

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
 Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
 To you God entrusted his only Son;  
 in you Mary placed her trust;  
 with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too  
 show yourself a father  
 and guide us in the path of life.  
 Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
 and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**PRAYER IN TIME OF  
 PANDEMIC**

Merciful God come to the help  
 of your people. Be our shelter in  
 this time of peril and strengthen  
 the bonds of our community.  
 Bring healing to all who suffer  
 the ravages of disease and assist  
 those whose skill and art can put  
 an end to this affliction. Through  
 Christ our Lord. Amen.

**FINANCIAL MATTERS –**

|                     |          |   |
|---------------------|----------|---|
| <b>Gift Aid</b>     | <b>£</b> | <b>Second Collection £</b>                    |
| <b>Non-Gift Aid</b> | <b>£</b> | <b>for Parish Maintenance.</b>                |
| <b>Total</b>        | <b>£</b> | <b>Thank you for your generous offerings!</b> |

**THE SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR THE PRISH MAINTENANCE!**

**FINANCE** - Thank you for continuing to assist the parish in challenging times. We are very grateful for your continued support of the offertory collection each week and for the additional donations you are giving the parish.

\* **Offertory Collection** - There are baskets at the Entrance and Exit of church for your weekly offering and for second collections. Please be as generous as you can. Thank you!

**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**: See website – there is an enquiry form that you can fill out and send to the parish office website, or telephone 0121 422 4865 to make an enquiry.

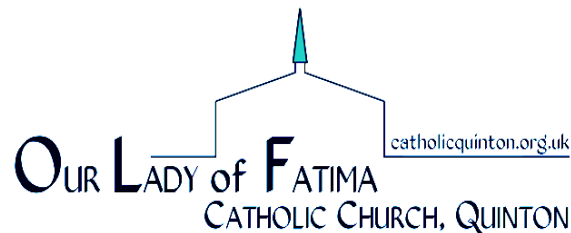
◊ **Hospital Chaplaincy**: If you or a member of your family are admitted to one of the local hospitals do please let the hospital catholic chaplain know as the Hospital staff will not automatically let us know.

**Parish Administrator: Appointment Pending**

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday 9.00 a.m. – 12.00 noon.

**Safeguarding Representative:** Irene Byrne & Georgina Wakeman - contact via Parish

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**5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 – 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B - PSALTER WEEK III**

|           |    |            |   |
|-----------|----|------------|---|
| Saturday  | 04 | 6:00 p.m.  | Norah Byrne                                     |
| Sunday    | 05 | 9:00 a.m.  | Anne Harrey                                     |
|           |    | 11:00 a.m. | People of the Parish                            |
|           |    | 12:15 p.m. | Baptism - Arthur Patrick Smyth                  |
| Monday    | 06 | 10:00 a.m. | Don & Margaret Davis                            |
| Tuesday   | 07 | 10:00 a.m. | Grace Malabanan & Family                        |
| Wednesday | 08 | ---        | No Public Mass                                  |
| Thursday  | 09 | 10:00 a.m. | Holy Souls                                      |
| Friday    | 10 | 6:30 p.m.  | David Woolley R.I.P 2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary |
| Saturday  | 11 | 10:00 p.m. | George & Dollie Simmons R.I.P                   |

**12<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2021 – 24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B - PSALTER WEEK IV**

|          |    |            |                                 |
|----------|----|------------|---------------------------------|
| Saturday | 11 | 6:00 p.m.  | Pat Hallinan R.I.P              |
| Sunday   | 12 | 9:00 a.m.  | Mrs Rita Casey R.I.P            |
|          |    | 11:00 a.m. | Annie Collins R.I.P Anniversary |
|          |    | 12:15 p.m. | Baptism – Keelan Ryan McGee     |

**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** - Tuesday at 7.00 p.m. in church.

*Everyone welcome!*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK** - John Kirby, Janet Jones, Diana Peeney, John Jennings, Delia Stewart, Kitty Sugrue, Mary Basterfield, John McCallion, Michelle Cronin, Mary Davitt, Jophin George, Margaret O'Connor, John Lynch, Des Ponsonby, Donna Walsh, Alfred Austin, Mary Rollason, Alice Meehan.

*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.*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DEAD** - Please keep in your prayers all those that have died at this time. We pray also for those whose anniversaries occur at this time.

We pray especially for: **William (Bill) Higgins who died peacefully at QE Hospital on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> August. Please pray for him and his family.**

*Eternal Rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

*May they rest in peace. Amen.*

### **SAFETY MEASURES CONTINUE IN OUR CHURCH**

During this time of pandemic, the diocese is asking us to continue, for the time being, to **keep social distance, face coverings, and to sanitise our hands** as we enter and leave church. Thank you for your cooperation.

**MINISTRY OF READERS** - We are hoping many of our readers will be willing and ready to take up this ministry again. We are also looking for some new ministers to increase

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS** - Who visit the housebound with Holy Communion are welcome to take this ministry up again as long as you are well and not at risk. Please speak with Fr Long about this. There are some restrictions in place.

**ALTAR SERVERS** - I now look forward to the return of our altar servers to assisting at Mass. Please let me know that you are ready to begin your ministry again. Your ministry has been greatly missed since last year.


**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** - Do you have a child who needs to be baptised? Please contact the parish as soon as possible to make arrangement for this to take place. There are no longer restrictions on capacity for baptisms.

**PREPARATION OF CHILDREN FOR THE SACRAMENTS WHO DO NOT ATTEND OUR LADY OF FATIMA SCHOOL** - Please contact Fr Long if you have a child who needs to be prepared to receive the Sacraments. Preparation classes begin in October. Early enrolment is essential.

**THINKING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH** - Perhaps you are interested in finding out more, maybe you are seeking Baptism for yourself or your school-aged child: possibly you are a teenager who has not been baptised or made your First Holy Communion, or an adult wanting to be confirmed? Whatever your reasons, please talk to Fr Long.

**PRAYING FOR THE SICK** - We are happy to add names to the list of prayers for those who are sick and housebound. However, consent needs to be obtained from the person themselves. A form is available from Fr Long for this purpose.

**VISITING THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND** - I will celebrate a Holy Mass at home for the sick and the housebound of the parish. If you, a relative, or neighbour is housebound, through sickness, disability, or old age. Please contact the parish office.

 **SHRINE OF OUR LADY AND 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, please speak to Fr Long. It is £5 for the week. The intentions will be placed in the order they are received and published in the weekly newsletter. The candles are lit from Monday to Sunday and there are lots of dates available.

**MUSIC FOR MASS** - If you can play any instruments to help with our singing at weekend Masses, please speak to Fr. Long.

**PARISH ADMINISTRATOR** - Due to the ongoing pressure on our Church Finances, we have had to look at areas where we might reduce costs. With the Government now withdrawing furlough payment support, this has also made us consider the option of reducing the 20 hours per week we pay for support from our Parish Administrator. Sadly, we have had to take the decision to make the existing role of Parish Administrator redundant with effect from this coming week. This means I may not always respond to enquiries to the Parish Office as quickly as in the past. I hope you will be patient as I try to manage this as best as I can. I would like to place on record my personal gratitude for all the help and support provided by Mrs Collette Keegan since I came to Our Lady of Fatima Parish and I am sure you will all join me in wishing her the very best for the future. Fr Long

**CLIMATE ACTION ONLINE MEETING** organised by the archdiocese on 16th September 7-9pm Join us in combatting climate change. We have great strength and passion in our network, and we want to find ways to address the climate emergency together and to respond to Pope Francis' call for an ecological conversion. To sign up: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/climate-action-meeting](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/climate-action-meeting)

### **LEGACY, WILL WRITING, ORGAN DONATION AND MY FUNERAL MASS**

You can begin to prepare for a good death when you are fit and healthy. From making a Will to planning your funeral, this involves thinking about your legacy and how you would like to be remembered. Here we offer support with leaving a legacy to your parish or to a charity, as well as resources to help plan your Funeral Mass and for organ donation. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/pages/category/legacy>

### **Prayer for the Diocesan Vision**

Spirit of God, descend on me this day.

Grant me the Spirit of joy, to lift me, the Spirit of hope to inspire me, the Spirit of love to surround me and the Spirit of truth to enlighten my path.

Holy Spirit, I pray for a new outpouring of your grace, so that I may grow in worship of your name in love of you in my prayer and in my actions towards others.

Come Holy Spirit into my life to guide me.

Strengthen and defend me, so that I may be drawn ever closer to you. Help me this day and always to be a channel of grace in all I say and do and invite others into relationship with you. Amen

**AND FINALLY...** I hope our young people have a great start to the new school year being back with their friends and enjoying their learning. It is good to see more families returning to Mass. Such an important part of family life. Have a great Sunday. Fr Long.