

**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,  
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**PARISH PRIEST** Fr Philip Griffin

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**PARISH SECRETARY** Mrs Sarah Price

**SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS** – Mrs Jill Harris and Mrs Kathryn Sargent

**ADVENT SUNDAY – 28<sup>th</sup> /29<sup>th</sup> November 2020 - Year B**

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	FEAST
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup>	10-00AM	Jack and Joy Trinham and Judith Moore	Advent Sunday
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup>	10-00AM	People of the Parish	
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup>	No Mass		St Andrew
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>	10-00AM	O'Dwyer family deceased	St Edmond Campion
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10-00AM	Frederick Abbiss	
Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9-00AM	Leda Whelan	St Francis Xavier
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup>	9-00AM 7-00PM	Holy Souls Patrick and Catherine Devenney, Terry Devenney and Frank Mullin	
Sat 5 <sup>th</sup>	10-00AM	Paul McGarry	St Birinus
	5-00PM	Love family deceased	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent
Sun 6 <sup>th</sup>	8-30AM	People of the Parish	
	10-30AM	Michael Quinlan	

**ALL MASSES ARE CELEBRATED VIA THE WEBCAM ONLY**

**STANDING ORDER 21<sup>st</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> November £571.20**

**RECENTLY DEPARTED** – Eileen Redmond and Olive Price.

**CHURCH OPENING FOR MASS** – It is wonderful that Church is open for Mass again on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. We do need to be mindful that we continue to work within local restrictions. Now we are tier 3 please can we request that only those from one household or support bubble sit together, we all observe 2 metre social distancing and wear a mask.

**CONFESSIONS** – Fr Philip is available to hear confessions after any Mass. Please ask the stewards.

**SEASON OF ADVENT** – Advent begins the liturgical year this Sunday. It is a time of reflection and joyful expectation as we prepare ourselves to welcome Christ at Christmas. As so much of our “normal” Christmas will be prevented this year, it is a good opportunity to focus more on it as a spiritual and religious holy day and season, in which we reconnect ourselves to Christ, and reaffirm him as Our Lord and Saviour. I encourage you all to find the time for daily prayer – the Advent Walk with Me books are a useful resource for this and are available at the back of Church.

Our Christmas celebration will be focussed on the four days from Christmas Eve (24<sup>th</sup>) to the Feast of the Holy Family (Sunday 27<sup>th</sup>). I hope that everyone who wishes to come to a Christmas Mass will be able to do so. It will also remind us that Christmas starts and not ends on Christmas Day, and our Christmas celebration

continue through to the Feast of Epiphany on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> January and concludes on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January (the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord)

**CHRISTMAS MASSES** – To give as many parishioners as possible the opportunity to celebrate the joy of Christmas, 8 Masses will be said between Christmas Eve and Christmas Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December as follows:

Christmas Eve Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December	5-00pm and 8-30pm,
Christmas Day Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December	8-30am and 10-30am,
St Stephens Day Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	10-00am – we would particularly like to invite our Altar Servers and their families to this Mass.
Feast of the Holy Family Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> December	5pm
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	8-30am and 10-30am.

Bookings for **one Mass only** can be made by calling 07377 893208 between the hours of 2pm and 6pm Monday to Friday from November 30<sup>th</sup> to December 24<sup>th</sup>. Please be patient as this booking line is maned by one person. We understand you may be disappointed that you cannot attend Mass both Christmas Eve/Day and over the weekend. Please remember that the obligation for Sunday Mass and Holy days of obligation is still suspended. **Only those who have booked a place will be able to attend Mass.** Please share these details with anyone you know who may not have access to the website.

Mass on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> November are to be streamed to St Joseph's School, and other local Catholic primary schools. Please keep the staff, children, and support workers in your prayers.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM THE SOWER MAGAZINE AND PARISH 2021 DIARIES** – These will both be available at the back of church from Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December.

**RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January – Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

If you are thinking about registering for this retreat but are unsure what is involved there is an **ENQUIRERS MEETING** on Thursday, 10 December at 7p.m on Zoom. This is a chance to ask questions and find out if this is something you want to take part in. All are welcome.

Email or phone us for the zoom link - Sue McDermott [suemcderm@aol.com](mailto:suemcderm@aol.com) 07450 656757 or Judy Spencer [judithspencer43@gmail.com](mailto:judithspencer43@gmail.com) 07828 538109.

**PARISH DONATIONS** – Any donations to the Parish will be allocated to fundraising for the refurbishment of our parish centre toilets. Thank you for your support.

**REPLENISH FOODBANK IS STILL OPEN THROUGHOUT THIS SECOND LOCKDOWN.** We are open on Tuesdays, 12:30pm – 3:00pm and Fridays, 10:00am – 12:30pm and donations can be received at the back door of the building. Shortages this week –SMALL BAGS SUGAR, READY MEALS - VEG & MEAT (unrefrigerated or tinned), LONG LIFE MILK (1L cartons), TINNED MEAT, e.g. corned beef, ham, SMALL PACKETS OF BREAKFAST CEREALS, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE (1L cartons), SHOWER GEL, SHAMPOO. Our thoughts will soon turn to Advent and Christmas please note the cut off for donation for Christmas Food including Selection Boxes is the 4<sup>th</sup> December.