



**PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ALL SAINTS,
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SAFEGUARDING OFFICERS – Mrs Jill Harris and Mrs Kathryn Sargent

4th SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 19th/20th December 2020 - Year B

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	FEAST
Sat 19 th	5-00PM	Vocations to the priesthood & religious life	4 th Sunday of Advent
Sun 20 th	8-30AM 10-30AM	People of the Parish Margaret Casey	
Mon 21 st	No Mass		
Tues 22 nd	12-30PM	Margaret Pakes	
Wed 23 rd	9-00AM	Esther Sharp	
Thurs 24 th	9-00AM	In thanksgiving (Fr Gerry)	Vigil of Christmas
	5-00PM 8-30PM	Alan Jones People of the Parish	
Fri 25 th	8-30AM 10-30AM	Jim and Halina Doran Arthur, Francis, Dennis, and Kevin Barker	Christmas Day
	Sat 26 th	10-00AM	
	5-00PM	People of the Parish	Feast of the Holy Family
Sun 27 th	8-30AM 10-30AM	Coyne and Gibbons Families deceased Amy and Ted Baker	

PRAYERS AND READINGS FOR TODAY ARE ON PAGE 90 OF THE MASS BOOK

GIFT AID £84.00 NON-GIFT AID £207.50 STANDING ORDERS 12th – 18th December £550.50

All offerings given (except Gift Aid) at our Christmas Masses will be for Fr Philip.

Christmas offering envelopes are available in the porch if you wish to use one.

The Crib Offerings this year will be for Friends of the Holy Land.

RECENTLY DEPARTED

Eileen Redmond, Catherine Pedersen, and Jackie Bradley.

Olive Price – Funeral Service in Church on Wednesday, 23rd December at 12-45pm

Christina Beamer – Funeral Service on Wednesday, 6th January, at 12-30pm at Stourbridge Crematorium.

Under Tier 3 restrictions all Funerals are restricted to 30 attendees – Attendance is by family invitation only.

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

A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU ALL FROM FR PHILIP & DEACON TOM - We wish you & your families all the peace, joy, and blessings of Christ this Christmastide, and our prayers & good wishes for the coming New Year. Thank you to all parishioners for cards, gifts and kind wishes extended to us. A special word of welcome to any visitors to the parish or to people returning home for Christmas. May your stay in the area be relaxing and enjoyable. Sarah our Parish Secretary would also like to wish everyone a happy Christmas & thank parishioner for their support in what has been a very unusual year.

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR STEWARDS – We would very much like to thank all our stewards who have worked so hard to ensure that Church can be open for Mass. A special thank you needs to go to Steve McNally for the extra work he has undertaken in his voluntary role of our Parish Health and Safety

Representative. Thank you also to all our parish volunteers for their patience and understanding since March as they have been unable to participate in normal parish life. We hope and pray that this will change in the spring and we can welcome you all back to the volunteering jobs you enjoy.

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 27th December as follows

Christmas Eve Thursday 24 th December	5-00pm (Fully Booked) and 8-30pm,
Christmas Day Friday 25 th December	8-30am and 10-30am,
St Stephen's Day Saturday 26 th December	10-00am – we would particularly like to invite our Altar Servers and their families to this Mass.

Altar Servers are still not allowed serve at Mass due to social distancing restrictions.

Feast of the Holy Family Saturday 26th December 5pm, Sunday 27th December 8-30am and 10-30am.

As many parishioners have now booked their places at the Christmas Mass of their choice. We can open bookings for parishioners to attend a 2nd Mass on either 10-00am, 5pm Saturday 26th 8-30am or 10-30am Sunday 27th. Bookings for Mass can be made by calling [07377 893208](tel:07377893208) between the hours of 2pm and 6pm Monday to Friday until December 24th. Please be patient as this booking line is manned by one person.

Please call the booking line as a place must be booked at Mass. We do not want to put our stewards in the position of having to turn people away. Please share these details with anyone you know who may not have access to the website.

ARCHDIOCESE OF BIRMINGHAM THE SOWER MAGAZINE AND PARISH 2021 DIARIES – Are available at in the Church porch. The Diocesan Directory 2021 will be on sale this weekend for £3.00

CHURCHES TOGETHER ADVANCE NOTICE: RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE - January 2021

Please visit the “what’s on page” on our website for further details.

MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM THE FOODBANK – 2020 has brought a huge change in how we operate at Replenish, with no clients allowed in the building, pre-packed food and toiletry bags, smaller volunteer teams and of course social distancing. Through the pandemic, we have been so blessed by the increase in donations, both food and financial, received through road collections, church congregations and many individuals in our local community. Our client base has grown and changed with the rise in job redundancies, but we are still able to offer help with debt, council tax, rent and benefit issues through local agency referrals. Seeing disheartened clients return with smiles on their faces, is what makes Foodbank so rewarding. Without all our donors, like you, we couldn't do what we do. Thank you so much for your faithfulness and support for us throughout this difficult year. Thank you so much for allowing us to use your building especially throughout lockdown. With all good wishes for Christmas and the New Year, many thanks from Joy and all the team at Replenish.

FOODBANK SHORTAGES THIS WEEK. - We are open on Tuesday, 12:30pm -3:00pm and donations can be received at the back door of the building. Shortages this week - SMALL PACKETS TEABAGS, TINNED FISH, TINNED FRUIT, TINNED MEAT, e.g., Fray Bentos Pies, Corned Beef, LONG LIFE FRUIT JUICE (1L cartons), LONG LIFE MILK (1L cartons), TINNED POTATOES or INSTANT MASH. WASHING-UP LIQUID, DEODORANT. Thank you so much for your continued support of the foodbank especially in the time of uncertainty for many.

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.

Missio.Red Box Collections 2020 - Thanks to all those who have kindly donated to the Mill Hill missionaries, either in the Red Boxes or via direct debit. The total this year from the boxes was £3390.50 (before gift aid). Many thanks also to the promoters who have so kindly done the collections in this very difficult year.