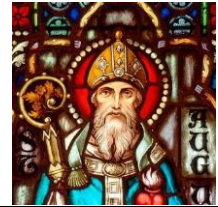




THE ANNUNCIATION AND ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO



# PARISH NEWSLETTER

**First Sunday of Advent (Year B)—3<sup>rd</sup> December 2023**

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Confession : Saturday at 5.30pm

**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS!**

**THE ANGELUS PRAYER**

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
 V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,  
**R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.**  
 Hail Mary, etc...  
 V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.  
**R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word.**  
 Hail Mary, etc...  
 V. And the Word was made flesh,  
**R. And dwelt among us.**  
 Hail Mary, etc...  
 V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.  
**R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**  
 Let us pray:  
**Pour forth, we beseech You, Thee O Lord,**  
 Thy Grace into our hearts; that, we to whom the incarnation of Christ Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His passion and cross be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Our prayers go out to those who are sick and to those who care for them especially: Frederick Gobel, Tom Byrne, Linda Abranches, Ron and Sheila Anderson, Mary Smith, Benedict Perrier, Tom Geiger, Bernadette Dowswell, Pamela Williams-Jones, Maria Ali, Mary Malham, Gladys Baptiste and Margaret Ethridge. If you know any parishioner who is ill, please let the Parish Priest know.

**Church Banking Details:**

RCAS THE ANNUNCIATION AND ST AUGUSTINE  
 Acct No—53706404 and Sort Code—60-02-12

DATES/TIMES	CHURCH MEETINGS AND CLASSES
2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs at 7pm	Infant Baptism Classes
1 <sup>st</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Thurs at 7pm	RCIA
Every Friday at 7pm	Bible Study
Last Sunday after 10.30 mass	The Union of Catholic Mothers
Every Sunday at 10.30	Children's Liturgy
First Sunday after 10.30 Mass	Nigerian Community Fellowship
Every Saturday at 2pm	Altar Serving Practice
Every Sunday before 10.30am Mass	Divine Mercy Prayer Group

**PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION**

Jesus, my Lord and my God, welcome into my heart. I bow down before You and I adore You. O my Jesus, I believe in You. O my Jesus, I hope in You. O my Jesus, I love You. O my Jesus, I thank You. O my Jesus, I am sorry for all my sins and I will try not to sin again. Pardon me and help me with Your Holy grace. Jesus, may I live in You. Jesus, may I die in You. Jesus may I belong to You. Jesus, may I never be separated from You in life and in death. Amen

**READERS**

Dates	18.00	8.30	10.30
2-3 Dec	Mary Boley/ Elizabeth	Nughe/Nikolina	Children's Mass
9-10 Dec	Theresa Ntim/ Hanna	Bluette/Olaoluwa	Paul/Chloe

**WEEKLY OFFERTORY**

26 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Gift Aid	Loose	Total
1 <sup>st</sup> Collect	£142	£157.05	£299.05
2 <sup>nd</sup> collection	£26	£75.41	£101.41
Heating	£102.44+£17.55=£119.99		

**NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEASED RELATIVES**

Kath Driscoll, Anthony Fitzpatrick, Nora O'Sullivan, Albert Victor Bartlett, Patrick Watts, Emily Howlett, Everall Garraway, Bert Cawley, Daniel Driscoll and Monica Mary McNeill.

**CLEANING OF THE CHURCH**

1 <sup>st</sup> Sat	A--Cameroon Community & Anil Family
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat	B--Grace Macdonald, Albert Onyumbé, Leticia Onyumbé,
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat	C--Chiamaka Ebulue, Vivian Anuligo, Anil Family
4 <sup>th</sup> Sat	D--Blessing and Annabelle Amiame, Anil Family, Celine Umeh, Maria White, Cynthia Igweonu

## MASS INTENTIONS

DAY	MASS	INTENTION
Sat 2nd Dec 6pm	Vigil Mass of First Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
Sun 3rd Dec 8.30am	First Sunday of Advent Year B	1. Julius and Janet Ajayi RIP 2. Cyril Umeh Ngozi Ezeocha, RIP
Sun 3rd Dec 10.30am		1. Chelsea Henshaw, Thanking God for a blessed birthday and blessings in the new age 2. Samuel Ojarikre, Birthday blessings
Mon 4th Dec	NO MASS	
Tues 5th Dec 9.15am	Feria	Elizabeth Anyadubalu (Journey mercy and divine healing).
Wed 6th Dec 9.15am	Feria	
Thu 7th Dec 9.15am	St Ambrose	
Fri 8th Dec 9.15am	IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	
Sat 9th Dec 6pm	Vigil Mass of 2nd Sunday of Advent	Holy Souls
Sun 10th Dec 8.30am	2nd Sunday of Advent Year B	1. Julius and Janet Ajayi RIP 2. Mark Barcoe, RIP (Annv)
Sun 10th Dec 10.30am		

### The Season of Advent

Both Lent and Advent are seasons of waiting, preparation, and penance. During Lent, we await Christ's return from 40 days in the desert, His loving sacrifice for us, and Resurrection. In Advent, we prepare for His birth. The birth and resurrection of Christ are intertwined, and their connection is quite significant theologically. Yet, these seasons of waiting look different for us – Advent is a uniquely joyous and hopeful season in the Church. We light candles amidst the darkness. We find warmth in the cold, dark winter season. And we come together as friends and family to celebrate the coming of our Savior. Advent is also the beginning of a new liturgical year. (This Advent season marks the start of Year B.) We begin the year anew, renewed by His birth.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL** meeting will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7PM in the parish room. We wish all the various groups in the parish to please submit a brief summary of what they have done for the year 2023 and their plans for 2024. Please pick up the form at the repository or request it electronically by sending us your email. Link to the Microsoft Teams online meeting:  
**Meeting ID: 382 111 003 93 and Passcode: mrEJHU**
  - **Rosary**- The rosary will be said at 8pm every evening. Please join using Microsoft Teams:  
**Meeting ID: 943 770 786 0990 and Passcode: 4rarPH**
  - **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**-- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2023 after 10:30am Mass in St. Augustine's Primary School Hall.
  - **MY DAY BY DAY BOOKLET** for advent reflections is available in the repository for £1.
  - **CAROLS ON THE GREEN** and tree lighting 2023 is on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec. from 4pm-5pm at Bellingham Green.
  - **2023/24 WINTER HEATING CAMPAIGN**- The heating in the church has now been turned back on for the autumn/winter season and so we shall begin a new campaign.
  - **PARISH CHRISTMAS DINNER DANCE** is on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 at 7pm in Beckenham. Tickets can be purchased in the repository after mass.
  - **VOTIVE CANDLES**—The donation for one candle has now increased from £0.20 to £0.50. These should be lit and then placed on the candle stand and not on Mary's altar.
  - **ADVENT RECOLLECTION & CONFESSION**—16<sup>th</sup> Dec at 10am-12noon.
- BOOKING MASSES**  
Please book a mass at least a week in advance. Donations for masses are £10 and can be booked by emailing the office at beckenhamhill@rcaos.org.uk with the email title as MASS INTENTION.
- FAMILY MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
To help serve tea after the weekend masses (8.30 & 6pm)
- SAFEGUARDING**  
Please ensure your children are supervised at all times. The Safeguarding team will be placing wardens around the church during mass. The Church and St Augustine's primary school will be working together to safeguard our children.

### CHRISTMAS RAFFLE TICKETS—On sale now for £1



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