



## Fourth Sunday of Advent 2015 (C)

- Sat 19 December 9.45am Thanksgiving  
6.00pm Sue Broadbent-Smith & Family
- Sun 20 December 9.00am Special Intention  
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- Mon 21 December 9.45am Lina Bugeja LD
- Tues 22 December 6.30pm Jonathan Phillips RIP
- Wed 23 December 9.45am Evelyn Bugeja RIP
- Thur 24 December 9.45am Holy Souls**  
**6.00pm People of the Parish**  
**11.45pm Christopher Carroll RIP**
- Fri 25 December 9.00am Josephine LD**  
**11.00am Mary McKeever & Anne Lambe RIP**
- Sat 26 December 12.00noon Altar servers  
**St Stephen, Protomartyr** 6.00pm All who have died in 2015
- Sun 27 December 9.00am Families  
**The Holy Family** 11.00am People of the Parish

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions Saturday 10.25-10.45am (Not 26/12)**

**\*Birmingham Catholic Directories 2016 @£2.75**

**\*Padre Service: Sun 20 Dec at St John's at 6.00pm (coincides with Carol Service).**

**\*Methodist Church Carol Service: Wed 23 Dec at 6.00pm.**

**\*Newsletter on parish website is now updated from week to week.**

**\*The Carol Concert by Voice Box at St Mary's, Bampton on Saturday 12 December was much enjoyed and raised about £900. Thanks to Voice Box for a second concert on behalf of St Joseph's! I invited the choir to use the new hall for any rehearsals or concerts they might wish.**

**\*\*"Friends of St Joseph".** A new bank account has been set up at Lloyds in the process of raising funds for the hall project. It will shortly be a recognised charity account after which time Gift Aid declarations and donations can be made in favour of the parish and paid into this account. The present credit balance is £14,570, proceeds chiefly of second collections and fundraising events.

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**Please pray for those who have died:** Inge Monks, Mary Illingworth, Johnny Doran, Jill Lethbridge, Esmé Morgan, Beth Kelleher, Pauline Allan, Gerald Rice, Betty Jackson, Ron Jones, Lina Bugeja, David Buchan, Maria Winskowska, Tony Smithers, Sue Rice, Larry Rooney, James Cox, Martha Blassnigg, Sue Hibbert. **Anniversaries:** James McDonnell, May & Hubert Fowler, Mary & Jim Fleming, Virginia da Encarnacao **Please pray for the sick, housebound and those in the armed forces suffering mentally and physically from the effects of war:** Peggy Quinn, Angela Overton, John Monks, Carmel Peach, Sue Hand, Doris Statham, Mrs Margaret Doyle, Peter Garfoot, Joe and Loretta Walcott, Mary Wallace, Pat Smith, Stuart Hay, Elizabeth Nolan Fr Bengt, Armine Grobecker, Margaret Gifford, Olga Davies, José De Freitas, Alf & Cecilia Wallcraft, Thomas Osborne, Rev Michael Phillips, Joyce Justin, Gertrude Davies, Patsy Rollo-Walker, Deirdre Dudley.

### Christmas Confessions

**Thursday 24 Dec from 5.00pm till 5.45pm,  
OR telephone Fr Andrew to arrange a time.**

### Hall Project

We had been working on an estimated contract cost of £350,000 to £400,000 (excluding VAT). The architect has pointed out that we had increased our original specification since this estimate was made two years ago. Even so, when the tenders were revealed almost two weeks ago, we were shocked that the cheapest was more than £600,000. The fundraising committee met last Sunday and we have requested the architect, Adrian Mathias, to reduce the specification to the bare essentials so as to allow us to continue. The essentials are a new insulated roof, a new pitched roof parallel to the existing hall roof (to replace the single-storey addition), a new gas heating system for both hall and church, new lavatories and possibly new windows in the church, uniform with the new hall windows.