#### THE SEASON OF ADVENT From Fr Kevin:

Advent is a time of spiritual preparation for the celebration of the Nativity of the Lord, the feast of Christmas. Christians are encouraged to prepare their hearts and minds to welcome Christ whose birth brings joy, peace and salvation to us and to the world. During Advent, the liturgical colour is purple. The Gloria is omitted at Mass and flowers are removed from the church. It is very easy for us to get caught up in all the other preparations for Christmas and to forget about Advent! So why not make an extra effort to come to a weekday Mass at S. Augustine's this Advent? Just 20 quiet minutes in the day to worship God in our beautiful church, to hear his word and to receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion. The times of Mass during the week are advertised on this leaflet and all are welcome.

> "O come to my heart, Lord Jesus. There is room in my heart for thee."

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS,** Donations towards the cost of flowers for the Christmas festival and our Church Christmas Tree would be very much appreciated and may be given to either Fr Kevin or the Churchwardens.

**WORKING PARTY,** The next Working Party will be on Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup> after Mass. Please come and help get the church sparkling for Christmas. Refreshments will be served.

**CHRISTINGLE MAKING,** We will be making up the Christingles on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December at 2pm. Any help would be gratefully received. There will be refreshments.

#### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Eve
4.00 pm Christingle & Crib Service
11.30 pm Midnight Mass
Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Day
10.00 am Sung Mass of Christmas Morning
Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December – The Holy Family
10.00 am Parish Mass
See Christmas Leaflet for full details of all services

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR...**

Our link parish St Mary's Chitungwiza, Harare The pupils & staff of our Pre-School & Church School Bexley Street Pastors.

*The sick:* Val, Rose, Nora, Irene, David, Richard, Muriel, Stephen, Sheelah, Gloria, Ann, Marie, Freddy, June, Tony, Liz, Roger, Frankie.

The Recently Departed, their families & friends: Anniversary of Death: Michael Brundle, Priest, (2<sup>nd</sup>) Lillian Parris (3<sup>rd</sup>), Henriette Goldhagen (4<sup>th</sup>).

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# Sunday 30th November - Advent Sunday



10.00 am PARISH MASS

AND BLESSING OF ADVENT CANDLES

Processional Hymn: 243

Offertory Hymn: 373

Communion Hymn: 355

**Recessional Hymn: 133** 

### **ALSO THIS WEEK...**

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December – Feria of Advent

6.00 pm Mass

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

S. Francis Xavier, Priest

9.05 am School Mass

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December

S. John Damascene, Priest, Doctor

10.00 am Mass

Friday 5th December - Feria of Advent

10.00 am Mass

Saturday 6th December

S. Nicolas, Bishop

10.00 am Mass

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT 10.00 am Parish Mass

## The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

is available after any Mass or by appointment with Fr Kevin.