

**SAINT AUGUSTINE  
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**Fr Dominic Kavanagh    Father Joseph Narikuzhi    Deacon Kevin O'Connor**

**FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD Year C    12<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025**

**Dear Parishioners,** 'You are my Son the beloved. The Holy Spirit of God came down upon Jesus, the beloved Son of God at his baptism in the Jordan. The Spirit comes down on each one of us and helps us to live our Christian lives so that we are faithful to our Baptism.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish you a very blessed Feast Day of Our Lord's Baptism, which is the second of the great epiphanies or manifestations of Jesus.

**The next Baptismal preparation** evening will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025 between 7.30pm-9pm. All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

**It was a great joy to** have Bishop David Evans with us for the 11am Mass last Sunday. We offer our prayerful congratulations to four new members of the Church: Keith, Carol, Tracey and Adam. May Our Lord who has begun this good work in them bring it to perfection.

**The Week of Prayer** for the Unity of Christians takes place between January 18<sup>th</sup> to January 25<sup>th</sup>. The Christian Unity Service will take place on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 6pm at St Helen's Church. All are welcome. There will be a Prayer Lunch on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at the United Reformed Church on the Warwick Road at 12.30pm. All are welcome. Please bring a packed lunch; drinks will be provided.

**Father Fred Sheldon**, who died recently will be having his Requiem Mass here at St Augustine's on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 12.00 midday. Father will be received into Church on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 6pm. At the end of the Requiem Mass Father Fred will remain in Church for approximately one hour, before being taken to Robin Hood. May we have volunteers to pray in Church for 15-minute periods during the hour. Please sign the list in the main porch if you are able to help.

**After the Requiem Mass**, we will have a buffet in the Parish Hall. We would ask if you would kindly provide items of food for the buffet. There is a list in the main porch for you to sign, indicating what items of food you are able to provide.

**Pope Francis opened** the Jubilee Year of 2025 on December 24<sup>th</sup> in Rome. We have some special Jubilee Booklets available in both porches. Do please take one. For further details and resources for the Jubilee Year please visit the diocesan website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year)

**For those of our young** Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Meetings will take place on Tuesdays 5pm-6pm beginning Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025.

**Diocesan Directories** are on sale in both porches-£3.50

**Meditation Group** in the parish Meeting Room at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church Acocks Green at 1.00 PM

It is an opportunity to be still and to experience how much we are loved by God. You are most welcome to come and join us: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January; 27<sup>th</sup> January; 10<sup>th</sup> February; 24<sup>th</sup> February; 10<sup>th</sup> March; 24<sup>th</sup> March; 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**- gather on the first Sunday of the month for prayer, conversation and encouragement of one another. This is not a counselling group; but the group promise good listening skills, respect for confidentiality and a cuppa. Time 3pm-4.30pm; Friary Lounge Olton Friary St Bernard's Road B92 7BL. For further information please speak to Bro Gerard on 0121 706 0505 or contact Noleen Walsh on 0121 706 5184

**JUBILEE YEAR**- The theme for the Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope. As part of the Jubilee Year, we will be undertaking Pilgrimages. One idea is for us to visit Catholic Churches in our neighbourhood. There are also the annual Diocesan Pilgrimages to Walsingham, Evesham, Hednesford, Harvington and Lourdes. Further details to follow.

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Kevin McDaid	Jonathan Williams	Michael	Eve
Patricia Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans
Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Paulina Samathar	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes
James Brown	John McCarthy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Roger Cox	Fr Gerard Kelly
Christopher Edmund Poole		Liam Lewis	Joseph Wong	Briege Williams	Angela Hyland
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Molly Saunders	Mike Sassano	Mary & Amanda	Aoife Cook
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Delbert Manorina	Breada Fleming	Pat Hurst
Father Michael White	Father Tony Rohan		Benjamin Wort	Patrick Hickey	Callum Graham
Ian Sanchez	Father Andrew McCann		Juliana Benjamin	Bridget McNamara	Trish Embley
Ellen Gilmore	Doreen and Wilson Cotton		Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell		

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Second Collection next Sunday: Pax Christi

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> Jan 12.30pm Bernard	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 9am	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 11am
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 12.30pm T Duffy	M Hallissey	J Hickey
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9am MC Barbour	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 9am	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 11am
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11am Cecilia	J Powers	B Ngala
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9am Joe Finbar		
Cormac		
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11am M Watts		

<p>11th January Saturday</p> <p>Christmas Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38          Luke 3:15-16, 21-22          Public &amp; Live streamed Mass          12.30pm Kathleen Lunham-RIP          Irene Jean Clegg-RIP</p>	<p><i>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon          Confession 11am-12 noon</i></p>
<p>12th January Sunday</p> <p>FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</p>	<p>Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38          Luke 3:15-16, 21-22          Public &amp; Live streamed Masses          9.00am Sheila Kerrigan-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Michael &amp; Cathy Kenny-Intention</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p>
<p>13th January Monday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Hilary</p>	<p>Hebrews 1:1-6 Mark 1:14-20          Public and Live streamed Mass          9.30am Caroline Gardner-RIP</p>	
<p>14th January Tuesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Hebrews 2:5-12 Mark 1:21-28          Public and Live streamed Mass          10.00am Stephen Troth-RIP          Jose Santos-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>15th January Wednesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Hebrews 2:14-18 Mark 1:29-39          Luke 2:16-21          Public and Live streamed Mass          11.30am Michelle Gardner-Intentions          Pat &amp; Mary Owens-Intentions</p>	
<p>16th January Thursday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Hebrews 3:7-14 Mark 1:40-45          Public &amp; Live streamed Mass          10.00am Delia Santisteban-RIP          John Francis Sharkey-RIP</p>	<p>Baptismal Preparation Evening          7.30pm-9.00pm</p>
<p>17th January Friday</p> <p>St Anthony</p>	<p>Hebrews 4:1-5,11 Mark 2:1-12          Public &amp; Live streamed Mass          10.00am Ashley Power-RIP          6.30pm Savio Magdelene Noronha-          Thanksgiving</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5,15pm-6.15pm          Followed by Mass -6.30pm</p>
<p>18th January</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>	<p>Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11          John 2:1-11          Public &amp; Live streamed Mass          12.30pm Anna &amp; Eugene O'Donnell-RIP          Mary &amp; Tony Quinn-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon          Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>19th January</p> <p>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Peace Day</p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>	<p>Isaiah 62:1-5 1 Corinthians 12:4-11          John 2:1-11          Public &amp; Live streamed Masses          9.00am All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Nicholas &amp; Moya Halligan-RIP          Stephano Park-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

## **Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

*Open the heavens almighty Father,  
and pour out your spirit upon your people.  
Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing  
and fill us with zeal for good deeds.*

*Let us hear your voice once again, that we may recognize in your  
beloved Son our hope in inheriting  
eternal life.*

*Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity  
of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of  
eternal light, God forever and ever.*



Please pray for: Father Fred Sheldon, (Reception Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 6pm; Requiem Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 12.00 noon) Noel Homes, Terence Patrick Wright, Raphael Lee, Agatha Sant, Michael Murtagh, Laura Bourke (Sr Chantal) formerly St Peter's School, Bernadette Carbery, (Requiem- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January at St Anne's Catholic Church Chelmsley Wood 11am) Adrian Frettsome, Teresita Moriani who died recently.

Also, Cary Paul Charlon, Emma Elizabeth Wilson, Dorothy Roberts, Antonio Elviri, Baby Johnny Reegea Connors, Martin Yeates, Stephen Gary Troth, Mary Elizabeth Rowley, William McCoy, Mary Cassidy, Anne Priestland, Ivy Draper, Michael Keane, Kathleen Mulhearn, Lou Clark, Rober Maskell, Edward Caffery, Aleyne Fenton, Maureen Gertrude MacDonald, and all with anniversaries at this time.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Anne Ryder and Sue Wakeham. They can be contacted at [sg.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

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