

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C 9th February 2025

Dear Parishioners, 'Here I am- send me. Christ calls his apostles. He transforms them from fishermen into fishers of men. We are all apostles and prophets to proclaim the saving power of God. Like Isaiah we are touched with the burning coal of the spirit. When the Lord wonders who will be his messenger we reply: 'Here I am, Lord, send me.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I look forward to our Pastoral Council Meeting this Sunday after the 11am Mass. Do please pray that the Holy Spirit will inspire our deliberations.

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 20th February between 7.30pm-9.00pm. If you wish to attend, please speak with Mrs Mary Clark, or with one of the Clergy.

We are very pleased that 'Lectio Divina' is resuming and will take place from Wednesday 19th February from 7.30pm-8.15pm. Do please consider taking part in this prayerful meditation on the Sunday Gospel, each Wednesday. To participate please email Miss Helen Brookes and she will forward you the link. **Please pray for our young** Parishioners who will be celebrating their First Confession on Tuesday 11th February. These are the children whom Miss Libby Service is preparing.

The Legion of Mary are holding a recruiting drive here at St Augustine's on the weekend of 22nd/23rd February. The aim is to re-establish a Praesidium (branch) of the Legion in the Parish. Please pray that this endeavour will prove successful and will be what God wills.

St Augustine's Community Café will next take place on Monday 17th February from 11.30am-1.30pm. On this occasion, a hot meal will be served for those who take part. Please indicate if you have any special dietary requirements. **St. Augustine's School** are delighted to offer places in our Nursery for September 2025. If you have a child or know of a family whose child will be eligible for nursery provision in September do please contact the School office on: 0121 705 4355 or email the office on: 85office@st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk You will receive a warm welcome on visiting the School. Further information may be found on the school's website: www.st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk

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 25th February 2025.

Community tree planting day at St Columban's on the 21/2, 10-2.30pm. Draft schedule: 10am Arrivals, hot drinks and pastries. Icebreaker, introduction and opening prayer. Report to our tree planting experts from the council for briefing and get to work. Breaks as required. 12ish Lunch break. 2pm Closing liturgy 2.30 pm Departures. Please bring- packed lunches- water bottles and flasks (we'll have hot water, tea, coffee etc)- warm and waterproof clothes and footwear. The ground is uneven and will probably be muddy. The plan is to go ahead, whatever the weather. Any questions, please get in contact on this email or on 07930608626

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 10th February; 24th February; 10th March; 24th March; 7th April 2025.

Could you befriend a refugee? Befriending is a flexible role which involves meeting with a refugee, usually every 2-3 weeks, to provide friendship and time to practice English, as well as sharing information on relevant services, college courses or volunteering opportunities. This helps refugees to integrate into the community, improve mental health and learn skills that can help with employment opportunities in the future. Full training is provided, as well as regular support and input from Restore for the duration of the befriending. If you would like to find out more, you can email jasmine@restore-uk.org

Men's Rosary in the City Saturday 22nd February 12.00 - Chamberlain Square by the fountain

We are called to be a shining light in the darkness and to be a witness to all nations.

Join a growing movement of men who peacefully go into the heart of Birmingham and kneel down in front of a statue of Our Lady to pray for our city, nation, and for men to live out their God-given vocation as protector, defender and servant. For more information contact Ben - 07885505116

QUIZ NIGHT WITH A TWIST: Saturday, 1 March 2025. Doors open 7 pm to start 7.30 pm.

Brighten your day and raise money for the Catholic Handicapped Fellowship, Oxford's annual visit to Lourdes! All welcome to enjoy an evening of not too serious (and some downright silly) team competition. £10 per person. Bring your own drinks. Tea/coffee provided. Come as a team (max 6 people) but don't worry if you can't - we will make up Super teams on the night! Please call Maria on 0121 7058421 or email marialwatts@talktalk.net to secure your seats/table.

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.

Offertory Collection last weekend Gift Aid £151:00 Loose £1,174:28 Total :£1,325:28

2nd collection last weekend: LIFE Charity:£578:03 Second Collection next weekend: Racial Justice

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Danny Meadows	Kevin McDaid	Jonathan Williams	Eve	Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell	
Patricia Mann	Cornelius Callanan	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	Breda Fleming	Pat Hurst
Father Michael White	Father Tony Rohan		Benjamin Wort	Patrick Hickey	Callum Graham
Ian Sanchez	Father Andrew McCann		Juliana Benjamin	Bridget McNamara	
Ellen Gilmore	Doreen and Wilson Cotton				

For news and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 8 th Feb 12.30pm T Duffy	Sunday 9 th February 9am	Sunday 9 th February 11am
Saturday 15 th Feb 12.30pm T Cund	J Powers	J Hickey
Sunday 9 th Feb 9am M Pearsall	Sunday 16 th February 9am	Sunday 16 th February 11am
Sunday 9 th Feb 11am R Noronha	M Coburn	B Ngala
Sunday 16 th Feb 9am M Coburn		
Sunday 16 th Feb 11am C Hodrien		

Talks for Parents; Tuesday mornings starting Tuesday 25th February; 6 sessions initially with an option for 6 more after Easter, if there is a demand, given by Deacon Kevin. Sunshine .Room St Augustine's School. 8.50am Tea and Coffee. 9.00-9.25am Talk. You are very welcome.

<p>8th February Saturday</p> <p>St Jerome Emiliani/ St Josephine Bakhita/</p> <p>Day of Prayer for Human Trafficking</p>	<p>Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Valeska Albuquerque-Thanksgiving Teresa Leeper-RIP</p>	<p><i>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon</i> <i>Confession 11am-12 noon</i> Tea & Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>9th February</p> <p>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Nora & Patrick Brennan-RIP Tom Maguire-RIP</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p>
<p>10th February Monday</p> <p>St Scholastica</p>	<p>Genesis 1:1-19 Mark 6:53-56</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>9.30am Victoria Jablonski-Intentions Anitrea Sires-Intentions</p>	
<p>11th February Tuesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Our Lady of Lourdes</p> <p>World Day for the Sick</p>	<p>Genesis 1:20-2:4 Mark 7:1-13</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Wilfred Rajanayagam</p> <p>Anne & Joseph Marshall-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>12th February Wednesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Genesis 2:4-9,15-17 Mark 7:14-23</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>11.30am Vancy & Reina Albuquerque-Thanksgiving Martin McTiernan-RIP</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45am-11.15am</p>
<p>13th February Thursday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Genesis 2:18-25 Mark 7:24-30</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Ivy Ruiz-RIP Eilish McCaffrey_RIP</p>	
<p>14th February Friday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>St Cyril/ St Methodius</p>	<p>Acts 13:46-49 Luke 10:1-9</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Father Simon Harrop- Intention</p> <p>6.30pm Joyce Mary Brennan-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5,15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass -6.30pm</p>
<p>15th February Saturday</p>	<p>Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Maurice Dumber-RIP Leslie Docker-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>16th February Sunday</p> <p>6th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Racial Justice Day</p>	<p>Jeremiah 17:5-8 1 Corinthians 15:12,16-20 Luke 6:17, 20-26</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am Joyce & Tony Volante-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Patrick Ryan-RIP John Feeney-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

OUR LADY OF LOURDES February 11th

O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy, you are the refuge of sinners, the health of the sick, and the comfort of the afflicted. You know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings. By your appearance at the Grotto of Lourdes you made it a privileged sanctuary where your favours are given to people streaming to it from the whole world.

Over the years countless sufferers have obtained the cure for their infirmities - whether of soul, mind, or body. Therefore, I come to you with limitless confidence to implore your motherly intercession.

Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests.

Through gratitude for Your favours, I will endeavour to imitate Your virtues, that I may one day share in Your glory. Amen.



Please pray for: Father Fred Sheldon, Margaret Rochfort, Bernadette Carbery, Samuel Robinson , John (Joe) Westman , Pat Craddock(Requiem, Our Lady Help of Christians, Wednesday 19th February 12.00 midday)Trish Embley, Sister Pauline Dean MMM, Michael Costello, Maha Eraifej, Deacon Pat Flanagan and Desmond Duffy who died recently.

Also, Denis Driscoll, Mary Bridget Pickerill, Stephen John McGrath, Monica Robinson, Terence James O'Brien, Olive Alma Hulse, Anne Marshall, Teresa Mary Jukes, Mary Gertner, Bernard Powell, Dreda Wheatley, Halima Peace, James Joseph Millane, Joan Kennedy Maria Grazia Rizzo, Anna & Bernard Czepukojc, Joyce Matilda Volante, Tony Roberts, Joyce Elizabeth Power, Margareta Josephine McKeivitt 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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

Please pray for Sister Pauline Dean, a Member of the Medical Missionaries of Mary, who died peacefully on Tuesday 4th February at the Mother House in Drogheda, Co. Louth, Ireland. Sister Pauline had, along with Sister Ruth, Sister Maura and Sister Mary lived at the convent here, in Solihull for many years.

'This Church live streams Mass and other events. Please see notices in Church for more details.'