

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C 23rd February 2025

Dear Parishioners, 'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Our hope of salvation lies in God's mercy. We must learn to be compassionate as our heavenly Father is compassionate. If we learn to love our enemies then we will be modelling ourselves on Christ the new Adam, who will teach us how to lead the life of the spirit.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I share our warmest greetings as together we reflect on the Golden Rule expressed by Jesus in today's Gospel: 'Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.' Only with God's grace can we live this example.

Please pray for Christopher Philip Kinchin who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday. The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 13th March from 7.30pm-9pm. **This weekend officers** from the Legion of Mary will be holding a recruiting drive in the Parish. It would be a blessing if we are to re-establish the Legion in the Parish, but it will need your prayerful support.

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.

We have arranged two meetings for the parents of our First Holy Communion Children. They will take place on Tuesday 4th and Tuesday 11th March from 7.30pm until 9.15pm. Please attend **one** of these meetings. Free carparking has been requested in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

Deacon Kevin will be holding a series of 6 talks in the Sunshine Room at St Augustine's School on Tuesday mornings from 8.50am to 9.25am, starting Tuesday 25th February. All Parents are very welcome, especially Parents of our First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates.

We have arranged a meeting for representatives from each of the four Parishes within the south Solihull Mission, on Thursday 20th March at 7pm in St Augustine's Parish Hall. The purpose of the gathering is to reflect on how best we can continue to support the Mission of the Church in this area; how best we can use our present resources and develop new resources to help the mission of the Church as we face a reduction in the number of Clergy. If you wish to participate please let Fr Dominic know. Free car parking has been requested in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

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 Father Dominic: staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk. We welcome members of the Armenian community who will be using the Church and the Parish Hall this Sunday afternoon.

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

Mini Vinnies and SVP cake sale 1 & 2 March Funds are being raised (£780) to support start up finishing and coconut vending business for 10 families at St Augustine's Parish, Kerala, India. Any surplus funds raised will go to our local people in need.

Donations of cakes would be most welcome.

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. Dates for Walks to Churches within our area of Mission; walks start at 2pm from St Augustine's Church car park. Sunday 9th March Walk to Our Lady of the Wayside. Sunday 23rd March walk to Olton Friary. Sunday 13th April Walk from St George & St Teresa's (Catching the bus there). Sunday 6th April St Augustine's is the host Parish. Please note changes.

Sunday 2nd March, 3pm- 'Turning Grief into Action' Adam Smith-Connor and Theo Wilmot share their personal stories of abortion and their journey into prolife activism. This event will launch the Lent 40 Days for Life campaign. St Joseph & St Helen's RC Church Hall, 84 Northfield Road, Kings Heath B'ham B30 1JG. For more information contact: Isabel: 07773501721- izzyvs@gmail.com

The Archdiocese is recruiting for the following four positions: Operations Director, IT Manager, Finance Manager and Gift Aid Officer. Full details and closing dates can be found at www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs. If you have the skills, please do apply.

Offertory Collection last weekend Gift Aid £211 Loose £953:13 Total :£1,164:13

Second Collection this weekend: Cathedral Maintenance

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	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		Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell,		

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READERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 22 nd Feb 12.30pm Bernard	Sunday 23 rd February 9am	Sunday 23 rd February 11am
Saturday 1 st March 12.30pm T Duffy	M Hallissey	E Duffy
Sunday 23 rd Feb 9am T Choi	Sunday 2 nd March 9am	Sunday 9 th March 11am
Sunday 23 rd Feb 11am Emanuella	M Coburn	B Ngala
Sunday 2 nd March 9am MC Barbour		
Sunday 9 th March 11am Cecilia		

<p>22nd February Saturday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>Chair of St Peter</p>	<p>1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38 Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Mrs Beatrice McCaffrey-RIP Mary O'Sullivan-RIP & Living Family Members</p>	<p><i>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon</i> <i>Confession 11am-12 noon</i> Tea & Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>23rd February Sunday</p> <p>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9,12-13,22-23 1 Corinthians 15:45-49 Luke 6:27-38 Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am Michael & Margaret Fitzmaurice</p> <p>11.00am Laura Bourke-RIP Elaine & Gary Kirwan-Intention</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p>
<p>24th February Monday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 1:1-10 Mark 9:14-29 Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>9.30am All People of the Parish Patrick Doherty-RIP</p>	
<p>25th February Tuesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 2:1-11 Mark 9:30-37 Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Sophie Mason-RIP Lali & Family-Intentions</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>26th February Wednesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 4:11-19 Mark 9:38-40 Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>11.30am Cormac Kenny-RIP Ron Carson-RIP</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45am-11.15am Lectio Divina 7.30-8.15pm staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</p>
<p>27th February Thursday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Gregory of Narek</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 5:1-8 Mark 9:41-50 Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Connie Holder-RIP Sharpe Families-RIP</p>	
<p>28th February Friday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Oswald</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 6:5-17 Mark 10:1-12 Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Brian Torey-RIP</p> <p>6.30pm Christina Taylor</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5,15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass -6.30pm</p>
<p>1st March Saturday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>St David Patron of Wales</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45 Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Mary O'Sullivan-RIP Irene Nicholson-RIP Deceased members of Lane & Gallagher Families</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>2nd March</p> <p>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Day for the Unemployed</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45 Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am Sarah Dennison-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Meha Eraifej, -RIP All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

A Saint Teresa of Calcutta Daily Prayer

Dear Jesus, help us to spread your fragrance everywhere we go.
Flood our souls with your spirit and life.
Penetrate and possess our whole being so utterly that our lives may only be a radiance of yours.
Shine through us and be so in us that every soul we come in contact with may feel your presence in our soul.
Let them look up and see no longer us, but only Jesus.
Stay with us and then we shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be light to others.
The light, O Jesus, will be all from you.
None of it will be ours.
It will be you shining on others through us.
Let us thus praise you in the way you love best by shining on those around us.
Let us preach you without preaching, not by words, but by our example; by the catching force – the sympathetic influence of what we do, the evident fullness of the love our hearts bear to you. Amen

Please pray for: Father Fred Sheldon, Michael Murtagh, Margaret Rochfort, Bernadette Carbery, Samuel Robinson, John Westman, Pat Craddock, Trish Embley, (Requiem Thursday 13th March 1.00pm) Sister Pauline Dean MMM, Michael Costello, Maha Erafeji, Deacon Pat Flanagan, Desmond Duffy, Thomas D Ward, Angela Lloyd (Requiem Tuesday 4th March 11am; Reception Monday 3rd March 6pm), Philomena Barreto who died recently.

Also, Rita Shanley, Sheila Irene Quinn, Robert(Bob) Pritchard, Margaret Mawdsley, Irene Margaret Petronella Nicholson, Frank McGuinness, Mary Agnes Service, John Francis Mitchell, Maria Ann Sharples, Leslie Hawkesford, 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 Susan 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.

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

Lenten Retreat 28th-30th March 2025 Walsingham Details: walsingham.org.uk/our-retreats

ANNUAL PANCAKE LUNCH for the FHL. once again Friends of the Holy Land are providing pancake Lunch on Tuesday the 4th March, between 11am and 1pm. This will again take place in the Parish Hall and all are welcome to enjoy home-made pancakes and pot of tea for a suggested donation of £5.00. The FHL is a charity based in Kenilworth and all proceeds made will go to the charity for targeted aid to Christians in the Holy Land. At this particular time your support is needed as the situation for our fellow brothers and sisters is quite dire. Please contact Steve and Jenny Roper for further details

