

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C 2nd MARCH 2025

Dear Parishioners, 'The test of a man is in his conversation. Our words flow from what is in our heart. If we are filled with the love of God, then we will judge mercifully. Too often we are negative in our criticisms of the petty faults of others forgetting that we too are imperfect. We need to turn to Christ in our weakness, never admitting defeat. Knowing that in the Lord we can never labour in vain.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I look forward to our journeying together in hope during this Season of Lent. This Wednesday, Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am and 7pm. For the 7pm Mass free car-parking has been requested in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park in Herbert Road. **This weekend** we welcome the Mini-Vinnies and members of the St Vincent de Paul Society who will be holding a Cake Sale. The proceeds will help 10 families in St Augustine's parish in Kerala to set up their own Fish and Coconut vending businesses. **In this Jubilee Year** we will revive the 'Holy Hour by Candlelight' which we held previously on the first Thursday of each month, beginning this Thursday, 6th March, between 6.30pm-7.30pm. **The next baptismal** preparation evening will take place on Thursday 13th March between 7.30pm-9pm. All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please inform Mrs Clark or one of the Clergy. **For those of our young** Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Meetings will take place on Tuesdays 5pm-6pm. 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.

You are invited to take part in the Lenten Ecumenical Breakfasts, which will take place each Saturday morning between 8.30am-10am at the Methodist Church. Breakfast is served from 8.30am. The Talks starts at 9am and you will be able to leave by 10am. **Mass on Tuesday, a Requiem for Angela Lloyd at 11.00am**

Please note that on Fridays of Lent we will have Exposition at 5pm. Stations of the Cross at 5.45pm and Mass at 6.30pm. We will also have Stations on Wednesday at 11am.

The Lenten Walk With Me Booklets and Calendars are available in both porches. Please do take one.

On the weekend of 15th and 16th March we will hold a Spring mini-fayre. We would welcome any unused Christmas Gifts and donations of any kind. The proceeds will go towards CAFOD's Emergency appeal for the people of the Lebanon and Syria. The mini fayre will coincide with the return of the CAFOD envelopes from the preceding Friday's CAFOD Family Fast Day. We would welcome volunteers to help with setting up and running the stalls. Please let Mrs Annette Kelly or one of the Clergy know if you are able to volunteer.

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 March; 24th March; 7th April 2025.

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 **at Olton Friary**, 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

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

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. 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.

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 £186:04 Loose £1,206:25 Total :£1,392:29


Second Collection last weekend: Cathedral Maintenance:£554:78

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	Juliana Benjamin
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	Tony & Eilish Duffy	Eve	Delbert Manorina	Breda Fleming	Pat Hurst
Father Michael White	Father Tony Rohan		Benjamin Wort	Patrick Hickey	Callum Graham
Bridget McNamara		Ian Sanchez	Father Andrew McCann	Doreen and Wilson Cotton	
Ellen Gilmore	Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell				

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

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 1 st March 12.30pm T Duffy	Sunday 2 nd March 9am	Sunday 2 nd March 11am
Saturday 8 th March 12.30pm T Cund	M Coburn	B Ngala
Sunday 2 nd March 9am MC Barbour	Sunday 9 th March 9am	Sunday 9 th March 11am
Sunday 2 nd March 11am Cecilia	J Powers	A Kelly
Sunday 9 th March 9am School Year 4		
Sunday 9 th March 11am M Watts		

<p>1st March Saturday</p> <p>FEAST St David Patron of Wales</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 27:4-7 1 Corinthians 15:54-58 Luke 6:39-45 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Irene Nicholson-RIP Deceased members of Lane & Gallagher Families</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon Confession 11am-12 noon</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 9.00am Sarah Dennison-RIP 11.00am Maha Eraifej, -RIP All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>3rd March Monday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 17:24-29 Mark 10:17-27 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Keating Family-Living & Deceased Margaret Priestley-RIP</p>	
<p>4th March Tuesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Casimir</p> <p>Patron Saint of Poland</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 2:1-11 Mark 9:30-37 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.00am Requiem Angela Lloyd George Rushforth-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>5th March Wednesday</p> 	<p>Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.30am Spicer Families-RIP 7.00pm Paul Kirkham-Intention</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45am-11.15am Stations of the Cross 11.00am</p> <p>Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</p>
<p>6th March Thursday</p> <p>After Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Julie Sharpe-Intention Peter Jones-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour By Candlelight 6.30pm-7.30pm</p>
<p>7th March Friday</p> <p>After Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Ss Perpetua & Felicity</p> <p>Women's World Day of Prayer</p>	<p>Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 9:14-15 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Bob McCarthy-RIP 6.30pm In Thanksgiving</p>	<p>Exposition 5pm Stations of the Cross 5.45pm Followed by Mass -6.30pm</p>
<p>8th March Saturday</p> <p>After Ash Wednesday</p> <p>St John of The Cross</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm John Docherty-RIP Eileen Raftery</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>9th March</p> <p>First Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Day of Prayer for Candidates of the Sacraments</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Father Patrick Gilsenan-Intention 11.00am All people of the Parish Andy Street-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD

O Lord, my God, You renew the Church in every age

by raising up priests outstanding in holiness,

living witnesses of Your unchanging Love.

In Your Plan for our salvation, You provide shepherds for Your people.

Fill the hearts of young men with the spirit

of courage and love that they may answer Your call generously.

Give parents the grace to encourage vocations in their family by prayer and good example.

Raise up worthy priests for Your Altars and ardent,

but gentle servants of the Gospel. Give the Church more priests

and keep them faithful in their love and service. May many young men choose to serve You

by devoting themselves to the service of Your people. Men.

Please pray for: Father Fred Sheldon, Michael Murtagh, Margaret Rochfort, Bernadette Carbery, Samuel Robinson , John Westman , Pat Craddock, Sister Pauline Dean MMM, Michael Costello, Maha Erafej, Deacon Pat Flanagan and Desmond Duffy, Thomas D Ward, Angela Lloyd (Requiem Tuesday 4th March 11am; Reception Monday 3rd March 6pm), Trish Embley, (Requiem Thursday 13th March, 1.00pm) Philomena Barreto,(Requiem Tuesday 1st April 2pm) and Angela Duffy who died recently.

Also Thomas Anthony Masterson, Veronica Patricia Taylor, Desmond Cushenan, Sarah Caroline Dennison, Hildegard Barbara Lynch, Sheila Ann Harrison, Margaret Mary Possart, Margaret Wallace, William(Bill) Michael Burton, Robert Jones, Frank Alexander Patrick Barwell, Dermot McKenna, Mary Adkins, John McIntyre, Patrick Joseph Gallagher, James (Seamus)Patrick Cooney, William O'Dwyer, Doris Hart, Lee Farrell, Bernard Wasley, Hilda Corbett, Jenny Parsons, James Bernard Hope, Anna Bernadette O'Driscoll, Margaret Marion Berry, 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.

As the Holy Father remains in hospital, we keep him close in prayer. Almighty and Eternal God, you are the everlasting health of those who believe in you.

Hear our prayers for your sick servant Francis

for whom we implore the aid of your tender mercy,

through Christ our Lord. Amen. **Our Lady of Lourdes, Health of the Sick, pray for him.**

Invitation from Father Hudson's Caritas-Save the Date - For our Fundraising Ball on **Saturday 15 March** from 7pm, at St John's Hotel Solihull. Enjoy a three-course dinner and dance the night away to the band Movida. They had us moving until midnight last year! You can support our Fundraising Ball by: **Buying tickets** – why not get a group together to buy tickets for a table? **Donate** a tombola prize **Sponsorship** opportunities Please contact Kevin Hateley on kevinhateley@fatherhudsons.org.uk or 01675 434000 to buy tickets or if you are interested in providing sponsorship.

We are very pleased that 'Lectio Divina' is resuming and will continue each Wednesday from 7.30pm-8.15pm. Do please consider taking part in this prayerful meditation on the Sunday Gospel. To participate please email Father Dominic:

staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk.

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

