

**SAINT AUGUSTINE  
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CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT    Year C    9th MARCH 2025

**Dear Parishioners,** 'The Lord hears our voice. In the midst of all our troubles God hears us and will lead us into promised land of peace if only we are prepared to follow him. There is no temptation which cannot be overcome if we are open to the spirit who tells us Jesus is Lord whom God raised from the dead. God, through the risen Jesus is always with us just as in the Old Testament he rescued the Jews out of their bondage in Egypt.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I were delighted to see such a good attendance for the Masses on Ash Wednesday. We do hope that our journeying together in this Jubilee Year may bring all of us God's special Blessings.

Please pray for James Dunn and Lyla Harper who are to be baptised into the family of the Church this weekend. The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March between 7.30-9.00pm. If you would like to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

**Welcome to Year 4,** to the Parents, families and teachers of St Augustine's School, who will be helping at the 9am Mass this Sunday. On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>, Year 3 of ~St Augustine's School will be attending the 10am Mass and staying afterwards for Stations of the Cross and the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**On the weekend of 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> 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.

**For those of our young** Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We have arranged a meeting for the parents of our First Holy Communion Children. It will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm until 9.15pm. Free carparking has been requested in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

**We have arranged** a meeting for representatives from each of the four Parishes within the south Solihull Mission, on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

Requiem on Thursday 1.00pm for Trish Embley, there is also Mass at 10.00am

**St Augustine's Community café** will take place on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March between 11.30am-1.00pm. All welcome.

**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 10<sup>th</sup> March; 24<sup>th</sup> March; 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025.

**Opportunity with the Kenelm Youth Trust (KYT)** Are you (or someone you know) aged 18–25 and ready to make a difference? KYT's Mission Team invites you to embark on a journey of impact and transformation!

This is your chance to be part of something truly meaningful. Whether it's leading outdoor activities, empowering the next generation, or simply exploring your faith journey, there's a place for you on the Mission Team.

Visit the website to find out more: [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/youthministryteam](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/youthministryteam)

**PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM**- 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 Principal Celebrant Bishop Richard Walker. For details Fr Philip Griffin telephone- 01384 395 308 email: [olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk) Also see poster in porch.

**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

**SVP and Mini Vinnies** would like to give an enormous thanks to all who donated and made cakes for our recent cake sale for start-up businesses in Kerala India. A total of £721,41 was raised and all the cakes were sold. A fantastic result. Thank you all.

**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 £280:94 Loose £988:24 Total :£1,269:18

Next Week end Second collection CAFOD Family Fast Day. Gift Aid envelopes available this weekend.

**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	Doreen and Wilson	Cotton	Ellen Gilmore

Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell

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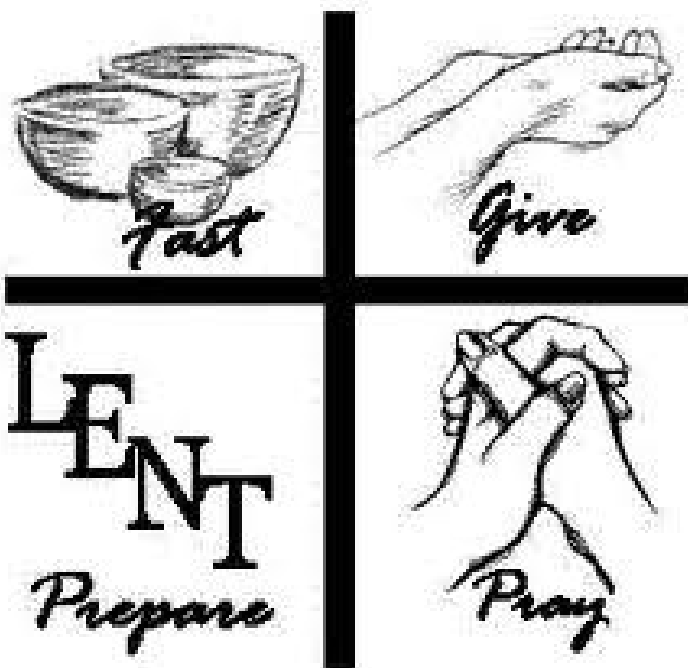
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Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm T Cund	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 11am
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm Bernard	J Powers	A Kelly
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 9am School	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 11am
Year 4	M Hallissey	J Hickey
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 11am M Watts		
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 9am C Ramsey		
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 11am E Young		

**Welcome to Mr Michael Keating**, our Parish representative for CAFOD, who will be speaking at all of the Masses this weekend, in preparation for CAFOD's Family Fast Day on Friday.

**I would like to thank all** who supported the Quiz Night in order to raise funds for the Oxford Handicapped Fellowship's Pilgrimage to Lourdes. You are such a generous bunch of parishioners - we shall be sending £665 to the Fellowship for their trip to Lourdes in May. I am hoping to join the Fellowship from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> May. There are a few places available to join us on this pilgrimage. Please let me know as soon as possible. The cost will be about £700:00.

**Your help is requested** for the brother of one of our Parishioners who needs to have treatment for Lymphoma, a cancer of the blood. He lives in Zimbabwe and the treatment will cost £7,500. A Just Giving Page has been set up with a link to ask for a small donation, if possible. The cost of any medical treatment in Zimbabwe has to be met by family members, as there is no N.H.S. The link is: <https://gofund.me/2a689afc>

<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 &amp; Live streamed Mass          12.30pm John Docherty-RIP          Eileen Raftery</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon          Confession 11am-12 noon</p> <p>Tea &amp; 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 &amp; Live streamed Masses          9.00am Father Patrick Gilsenan-Intention</p> <p>11.00am All People of the Parish          Andy Street- Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>10th March Monday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18 Matthew 25:31-46          Public and Live streamed Mass          9.30am Irena Krusiec-RIP</p> <p>Pat Cettler-RIP</p>	
<p>11th March Tuesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15          Public and Live streamed Mass          10.00am Ian Thornley-RIP          Breda Fleming-Intention</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>12th March Wednesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week begins</p>	<p>Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32          Public and Live streamed Mass          11.30am Basil Hylton-RIP</p> <p>Christine Goodwin- RIP</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45am-11.15am</p> <p>Stations of the Cross 11.00am</p> <p>Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm  <a href="mailto:staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk">staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</a></p>
<p>13th March Thursday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>12<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Election of Pope Francis</p>	<p>Esther 4:17 Matthew 7:7-12          Public &amp; Live streamed Mass          10.00am John Routhley-RIP</p> <p>1.00pm Requiem Trish Embley</p>	
<p>14th March Friday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>CAFOD Family Fast Day</p>	<p>Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 9:14-15          Public &amp; Live streamed Mass          10.00am Jennifer Freestone-RIP</p> <p>6.30pm Robert (Bob) Edkins-</p>	<p>Exposition 5.00pm          Stations of the Cross 5.45pm          Followed by Mass -6.30pm</p>
<p>15th March Saturday</p>	<p>Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18          Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36          Public &amp; Live streamed Mass          12.30pm Anita Donnelly-RIP</p> <p>Danny Cunningham</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon          Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Mini Spring Fayre 1.30pm</p>
<p>16th March</p> <p>Second Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Day of Prayer for Candidates of the Sacraments</p>	<p>Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18          Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36          Public &amp; Live streamed Masses          9.00am All people of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Stephen Keeley-RIP</p> <p>Maureen Elizabeth Collins- RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p> <p>Mini Spring fayre continues after each Mass</p>



## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus may we follow you on the pilgrim way of Lent,

May we journey with you into the wilderness,

Willing to move beyond the ordinary,

So that we can discover your unexpected sacred places.

Jesus may we wash our hands and purify our hearts,

Learning to thirst after righteousness and hunger after justice,

May we humble ourselves before you,

Expecting to see you revealed in a new light.

Jesus may we walk with you no matter how challenging the path,

Learning to be patient with darkness and growth,

Willing to live with not knowing,

Until your mustard seeds take root and sprout into life

Please pray for: Father Fred Sheldon, Michael Murtagh, Margaret Rochfort, Bernadette Carbery, Samuel Robinson, Joe Westman, Pat Craddock, Sister Pauline Dean MMM, Michael Costello, Maha Eraifej, Deacon Pat Flanagan, Desmond Duffy, Thomas D Ward, Angela Lloyd, Trish Embley, (Requiem Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March, 1.00pm) Philomena Barreto, (Requiem Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2pm) and Angela Duffy who died recently.

Also, Thomas Masterson, Pamela Marie Quinlan Francis, Alice \butler, Edward Hemming (Baby), Raymond Gamble, Anthony Dean, Kathleen Mary Lyddiatt, Helen Doyle, Louis O'Rourke, Petronilla Netsai Ndlovu, Megan Jean Zarebski, Walter Ashley, Ronald Morgan, Joan Olive Western, Mary McCormack, Iris May Toolan, Jean Shakespeare, 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](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.

**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.**

**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.

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

