

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Year C 16th MARCH 2025

Dear Parishioners, 'The Lord Jesus Christ will transfigure us. Jesus was transfigured in the presence of his apostles and they realised how wonderful it was to be with him. Jesus is always with us ready to transform our lives if through faith we believe in his power. He is as faithful to us as God was to Abraham who put his faith in the Lord.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I hope and pray that our Lenten works of charity and penance are helping us to draw closer to God and to one another. During this Jubilee Year may we remain 'Pilgrims of Hope.'

This weekend we are holding a mini-Spring Fayre to support CAFOD's emergency appeal. Thank you to all who have brought such lovely gifts and have made donations. We do hope you will be able to come along after each of the weekend Masses and enjoy this charitable and social event in the Parish hall. We will also place items from Father Fred Sheldon's belongings to support this fundraiser, and donations would be welcome.

St Augustine's Community Café takes place this Monday, March 17th, from 11.30am until 1.30pm. There will be a free hot meal served for those who wish to partake. All are welcome. **We have arranged a meeting** for representatives from each of our 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 to help the mission of the Church as we face a reduction in the number of Clergy. If you wish to participate, please let Father 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. Breakfast is served from 8.30am. The Talks start at 9am and you will be able to leave by 10am.

There are a few places available to join the Oxford Handicapped Fellowship Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 22nd May to 27th May. Please let Fr Dominic know as soon as possible if interested. The cost will be about £700:00. Also, places available on the Diocesan Pilgrimage which takes place from Saturday 24th May until Friday 30th May. For details: Lourdes Pilgrimage Office- telephone 0121 230 6288. Email admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

For those young Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation and who do not attend a Catholic School, preparation classes will take place each Tuesday during term time from 5pm until 6pm in St Augustine's Presbytery.

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: 24th March; 7th April 2025.

CARER REQUIRED; Solihull area to assist lady. Telephone 07734822067

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

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM- 10th May 2025 Principal Celebrant Bishop Richard Walker. For details Fr Philip Griffin telephone- 01384 395 308 email: olas.stourbridge@rcaob.orguk 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

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 £ 211:20 Loose £1,112:85 Total :£1,324:05

This Week end Second collection CAFOD Family Fast Day. Gift Aid envelopes available.

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	Breada Fleming	Pat Hurst
Father Michael White	Father Tony Rohan		Benjamin Wort	Patrick Hickey	Callum Graham
Bridget McNamara	Ellen Gilmore	Ian Sanchez	Father Andrew McCann	Doreen and Wilson Cotton	
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell	Michael Leyland	Chris Morgan Cettler	Andrea Cadman		

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

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 15 th March 12.30pm Bernard	Sunday 16 th March 9am	Sunday 16 th March 11am
Saturday 22 nd March 12.30pm T Duffy	M Hallissey	J Hickey
Sunday 16 th March 9am C Ramsey	Sunday 23 rd March 9am	Sunday 23 rd March 11am
Sunday 16 th March 11am E Young	M Coburn	B Ngala
Sunday 23 rd March 9am M Pearsall		
Sunday 23 rd March 11am R Noronha		

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.me2a689afc>

Each Parish is asked to have an extended time of prayer, with the opportunity for Confession, from Friday 28th March until Saturday 29th March. The motto for this '24 hours for the Lord' is- 'You are my Hope.' Would you be able to support an additional period of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.30am-12.30pm on Friday 28th March?

<p>15th March Saturday</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Anita Donnelly-RIP</p> <p>Danny Cunningham</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon Confession 11am-12 noon Tea & Coffee available after Mass 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>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36 Public & 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>
<p>17th March Monday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>St Patrick- Patron of Ireland</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Jeremiah 1:4-9 Luke 10:1-12,17-20 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Michael McGovern-RIP Joseph Baretto-RIP</p>	<p>St Augustine's Community Café. 11.30am-1.30pm</p>
<p>18th March Tuesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St Cyril of Jerusalem</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Isaiah 1:10, 16-20 Matthew 23:1-12 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Kathleen Brown-RIP Nan Burke-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>19th March Wednesday</p> <p>SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>2 Samuel 7:4-5, 12-14, 16 Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22 Matthew 1:16,18-21,24 OR Luke 2:41-51 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.30am Toner Family-Intentions</p> <p>CWL- AGM</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45am-11.15am</p> <p>Stations of the Cross 11.00am</p> <p>Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</p>
<p>20th March Thursday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Evans Family-Intentions George Healy-RIP</p>	
<p>21st March Friday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28 Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Una Moran & Family- Intentions</p> <p>6.30pm Martin Moran-RIP</p>	<p>Exposition 5.00pm Stations of the Cross 5.45pm Followed by Mass -6.30pm</p>
<p>22nd March Saturday</p>	<p>Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 St Luke 13:1-9 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Chris McLean-RIP Kate McNamara-Intentions</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>23rd March</p> <p>Third Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Day of Prayer for Candidates of the Sacraments</p>	<p>Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15 1 Corinthians 10:1-6,10-12 St Luke 13:1-9 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Anita Treanor-Intentions</p> <p>11.00am All People of the Parish</p> <p>Anne Elder-Intentions</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

“Everyone knows what it is to hope. In the heart of each person, hope dwells as the desire and expectation of good things to come.” **CAFOD FAMILY FAST**

Hope is a kernel of light and strength
which dwells in our hearts
in expectation of good things to come.
Light up our lives, with your love, so that we may be signs of hope.

Hope shines brightly,
but the burdens of life
can dampen its glow.
Light up our lives, with your love, so that we may be signs of hope.

Lead us as pilgrims on a journey
alongside our brothers and sisters
as we respond to your Jubilee call.
Light up our lives, with your love, so that we may be signs of hope.

Renew our faith
and move us to action
as we commit to building a better world.
Light up our lives, with your love, so that we may be signs of hope. Amen.

Prayer: Catherine Gorman/CAFOD

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 Eraifej, Deacon Pat Flanagan and Desmond Duffy, Thomas D Ward, Angela Lloyd , Trish Embley, Philomena Barreto,(Requiem Tuesday 1st April 2pm) Angela Duffy, Josephine Egonu ,Eileen Horsburgh who died recently.

Also, Ellen Ennis, Stephen Gerald Bakewell, Joseph Miller, Winifred Black, Alma O’Dwyer , Michael John McGovern, Timothy Warren, Paul Willett, Kathleen Helena Brown, Ellen Shinton, Alexander Anthony Clark, Mary Ellen Drew, Alice Crow, Margaret Baker, Frank Edward Davenport, Gerard Jerome McBrien, Scott MacLean, Anne Nancy Flynn 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.**

JUBILEE WALKS- 2pm From St Augustine’s Car Park. Sunday 23rd March Walk to Olton Friary

Sunday 13th April Walk from St George & St Teresa Dorridge. (Catching the bus there.)

Sunday 6th April St Augustine’s hosting any walkers.

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