

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Year C 23rd MARCH 2025

Dear Parishioners, 'God said: 'I am who I am.' God the creator of all things is faithful to His word. He is the one who acts, who intervenes in our lives, so that we turn to him in repentance. Despite God's goodness to the Jews in the desert many of them fell away from their belief. The events that happened to them in the Old Testament are a warning to us lest we make the same mistake.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I join with you in singing God's praises 'Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all His blessings.'

We welcome the Year 5 pupils of St Augustine's to the 10am Mass on Thursday morning, and for the Stations of the Cross and Confessions.

Congratulations and sincere thanks for your support of the mini-spring Fayre last weekend. Thank you for the lovely gifts and donations you gave. A total of £1,330 has been raised; and the second collection has come to £1,732:66. These amounts will be forwarded to CAFOD.

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. **40 HOURS DEVOTION AT ACOCKS GREEN.** You are warmly invited to take part in our 40-hour devotion at Holy Souls, Acocks Green. This is part of our jubilee and centenary events, celebrating 100 years of our church. This devotion involves 40 hours of Eucharistic Adoration with different prayer events taking place **Fri 4th - Sun 6th April.** One highlight is our '**Night of Light**' service taking place at 7-8pm on Sat 5th April when our church will be beautifully illuminated and you are invited to come in to light a candle for peace. This is also a good opportunity to invite lapsed or non-Catholic friends to share the beauty of our Faith. Refreshments will be served during this hour. For more details visit holysoulschurch.co.uk. Please join us in adoring our Lord in the Eucharist!

The next Holy Hour by Candle-Light, in this Jubilee Year, will take place on Thursday 3rd April between

6.30pm-7.30pm. All are 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: 24th March; 7th April 2025.

CARER REQUIRED; Solihull area to assist lady. Telephone 07734822067

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.

CTS NEW VERSION MISSALS- Estimated to be published end of April 2025. New Revised Weekday Missal £55.00
New Revised Daily Missal (including Sunday Readings) £69.99. Please speak with Stephanie Withers or ladies on Piety Stall to order or to ask for more details.

Offertory Collection last weekend Gift Aid £248 Loose £1,051.92 Total :£1,299.92 CAFOD Collection:£2,251:61
Mini Spring Fayre: £1,330

THE CHOSEN- Season 5- Cineworld Solihull April 10th-April 13th

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	Pauline Raponi	Delbert Manorina	Breda 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	Wilson Cotton
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell	Michael Leyland	Chris Morgan	Chris Morgan	Cettler	Andrea Cadman
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For news and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

READERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 22 nd March 12.30pm T Duffy	Sunday 23 rd March 9am	Sunday 23 rd March 11am
Saturday 29 th March 12.30pm T Cund	M Coburn	B Ngala
Sunday 23 rd March 9am M C Barbour	Sunday 30 th March 9am	Sunday 30 th March 11am
Sunday 23 rd March 11am R Noronha	J Powers	E Duffy
Sunday 30 th March 9am Joe Finbar		
Cormac		
Sunday 30 th March 11am C Hodrien		

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?

We Believe, 25th-28th July 2025, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of **St Mary's College, Oscott**, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at www.webelievefestival.com

The Gift Aid boxes of envelopes are available from this weekend. Do please collect your envelopes from the main porch.

From Easter onwards, Mass on a Wednesday and Thursday will be celebrated at 12.00 midday, starting Wednesday 23rd April and Thursday 24th April.

Several Staff vacancies at St Pauls School for Girls. See details on notice board.

<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-12.00noon Confession 11am-12 noon Tea &Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>23rd March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 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 11.00am All People of the Parish Anne Elder-Intentions</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>24th March Monday Lent Feria</p>	<p>2 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Keith Mercer-RIP Jan & Jozefa-RIP</p>	
<p>25th March Tuesday SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Emily & George Saunders-RIP Gabriel Doherty-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>26th March Wednesday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 Matthew 5:17-19 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.30am Ben Ryan-RIP Chris Morgan- Cettler-Intention</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45am-11.15am Stations of the Cross 11.00am Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</p>
<p>27th March Thursday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am John Miller-RIP Catherine Sherry-RIP</p>	
<p>28th March Friday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Hosea 14 :2-10 Mark 12:28-34 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am John O'Neill-RIP 6.30pm Stuart Ingram-Intention</p>	<p>Exposition 10.30-12.30pm Exposition 5.00pm Stations of the Cross 5.45pm Followed by Mass -6.30pm</p>
<p>29th March Saturday</p>	<p>Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Dennis Doherty-RIP Walsh & Gertner & Family</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea &Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>30th March Fourth Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for Candidates of the Sacraments</p>	<p>Joshua 5:9-12 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Con & Maria Georgio-Intentions 11.00am Mary Ryan-RIP All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION MARCH 25th

Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

[Hail Mary](#), etc.

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord,

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. And the Word was made flesh,

R. And dwelt amongst us.

Hail Mary, etc.

V. Pray for us, O most holy Mother of God,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray. Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that, as we have known the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son by the message of an Angel, so by His Passion and Cross we may be brought to the glory of the Resurrection.

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, Lily Sage, Josef Guixe, Bernadette (Brandy) Julia Lawrence, Mary Gwendoline Robinson, Annie Bridget McTernan, Philomena Bernadette Mullins, Jacqueline Ann Powers, Alice Behan, Geoffrey Dormer, Edmund (Ted) Wilcock, David Snape, Patricia Mary Belcher, Trixie Stella Maris Cotterill, Carol O'Connor 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.**

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.

Join the Candlelight Prayer vigil for Life organised by March for Life UK at 7pm on Sunday 27th April. This event will be held in Victoria Square, Birmingham to remember the 57th anniversary of the implementation of the Abortion Act. Please come and join in this peaceful, prayerful time of reflection with speeches from Christian leaders as we recall the lives lost and wounded from the legalisation of abortion. No need to bring posters or candles. For more info go to marchforlife.co.uk

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

