

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT (Laetare Sunday) Year C 30th MARCH 2025

Dear Parishioners, 'God reconciles us to himself in Christ. Christ is our new creation. In him we are re-born. When we were dead through sin Christ came to reconcile us to the Father. Now we are ambassadors for Christ and are privileged to proclaim the Good News. Christ takes away our shame if only we will return to the Father's house as prodigal sons confessing our weakness and waywardness.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I offer our prayerful congratulations to all Mothers on this Mothering Sunday. May you be surrounded and uplifted by our blessed Lady's prayers, the gift of a Mother's love.

On Thursday 3rd April, we will have a Holy Hour by candlelight between 6.30pm-7.30pm as part of the Jubilee Year celebrations. All are welcome.

We put our clocks an hour forward for Sunday as British Summer time begins.

There will be a Penance Service at St George and St Teresa's in Dorridge on Tuesday 15th April at 7pm. All are very welcome.

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!'

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

From Easter onwards Mass on Wednesday and Thursday will be celebrated at 12.00 midday, beginning Wednesday 23rd April.

There will be a list available in the Sacristy for our Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion to sign, indicating their availability for the Holy Week Services.

There is a Requiem Mass on Tuesday 1st April at 2pm for Philomena Baretto. Mass at 10am as usual.

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: 7th April 2025.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM- 10th May 2025 Principal Celebrant Bishop Richard Walker. For details Fr Philip Griffin telephone- 01384 395 308 email: olas.stourbridge@rcaob.org.uk 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 £69.99. Please speak with Stephanie Withers or ladies on Piety Stall to order or to ask for more details.

GIFT AID- New boxes available in front porch.

Offertory Collection last weekend Gift Aid £191:21 Loose £1,130:17 Total :£1,321:38 Collection for Walsingham last weekend: £720:07

THE CHOSEN- Season5- Cineworld Solihull April10th-April13th

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	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 29 th March 12.30pm T Cund	Sunday 30 th March 9am	Sunday 30 th March 11am
Saturday 5 th April 12.30pm Bernard	J Powers	E Duffy
Sunday 30 th March 9am Joe Finbar	Sunday 6 th April 9am	Sunday 6 th April 11am
Cormac	M Hallissey	A Kelly
Sunday 30 th March 11am C Hodrien		
Sunday 6 th April 9am M Coburn		
Sunday 6 th April 11am Emanuella		

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>

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.webelievifestival.com

St Paul's School for Girls have teaching vacancies for the following posts: Business and/or Economics, Computer Science and Social Sciences Teachers. See Notice Board for details.

JOIN TOGETHER TO PRAY FOR TEENAGERS IN SOLIHULL! - A night of Prayer and Worship for young people is being hosted by Gas Street Church on **FRIDAY 4th APRIL** at Solihull Cineworld, with Elle Limebear leading worship. Come and gather with others from all of the churches in Solihull to pray whilst this event is happening and intercede for young people in Solihull to meet Jesus: **7.30 - 8.30pm** at **The Touchwood Hub Meeting Room**, accessed via the lift at the rear of Cocoa Coffee Co (opposite JD sports).

<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</p> <p>12.30pm Dennis Doherty-RIP Walsh & Gertner Families</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon Confession 11am-12 noon Tea &Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>30th March</p> <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</p> <p>Laetare Sunday (Rejoice)</p> <p>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</p> <p>9.00am Con & Maria Georgio-Intentions</p> <p>11.00am Mary Ryan-RIP All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>31st March Monday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54 Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>9.30am Agatha Sant-RIP Maureen Treanor-RIP</p>	
<p>1st April Tuesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Ezekiel 47:1-9 John 5:1-3,5-16 Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Carel Schilder</p> <p>2.00pm Requiem Philomena Barzto</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>2nd April Wednesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St Francis of Paola</p>	<p>Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30 Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>11.30am Esther & Pat Murphy-RIP</p> <p>Paul Timms-RIP</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>3rd April Thursday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Exodus 32:7-14 John 5:31-47 Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10am Maureen Trainer & Anita Donnelly-RIP Helen Caughey-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour by Candle-light 6.30pm-7.30pm</p>
<p>4th April Friday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St Isidore</p>	<p>Wisdom 2 :1, 12-22 John 7:1-2, 10,25-30 Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Eugene & Anna O'Donnell-RIP</p> <p>6.30pm Mary & Catherine Sherlock-RIP</p>	<p>Exposition 5.00pm</p> <p>Stations of the Cross 5.45pm</p> <p>Followed by Mass -6.30pm</p>
<p>5th April Saturday</p> <p>St Vincent Ferrer</p>	<p>Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11 Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Susan Joyce- RIP Bernie Walder-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon</p> <p>Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Tea &Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>6th April</p> <p>Fifth Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Day of Prayer for Candidates of the Sacraments</p>	<p>Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11 Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am Oliver Sibanda-Intention</p> <p>11.00am All People of the Parish Franc Kelly-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

MOTHERING SUNDAY 30th March

A prayer for Mothers

Thank you Lord for our mothers. We remember today their loving care and their ceaseless love for us. Make us grateful for their goodness and thankful for their care and may we show them by our gifts, our words and our actions that we love them and care about them too.

Lord Jesus, we are glad that the bible story tells us a little about your family life and introduces us to Mary, your mother.

She was happy when she knew she was to be a mother
She was pleased when people were glad to meet you
She was worried when you were lost and she went to look for you
She stayed by you when everyone else was against you
She shared your pain and suffering and she shared your triumph.

In the love of our own mothers we also have received this same care:

– as babies they do everything for us, as children they teach us, help us and comfort us, sharing our interests and ideas and keeping us happy. When we become adults and leave home, they continue to offer advice and support and share our troubles and joys. We are better people because of all they have done for us. Let us pray that the love they have shown us may also be shown by us.

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers.

-- Jewish proverb.

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, Constance Cooper, Kathleen Finneran, John Deasy, Jozef Munko, Doctor Maurine Elizabeth Scull, Martin Power, Gerald Edwar Thomas, Colin Arthur Cowlshaw, Zack Adam Price, Eugene O'Donnell, Susan Monica Joyce, Dennis Oxley, Julia Mahoney, Margaet Teeling, Ellen(Angelina) Petrucco 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.

Prayer for the Holy Father as his makes steady progress: 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.**

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.