

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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year C 6th April 2025

Dear Parishioners, 'The Lord who forgives. Christ came to show compassion and forgiveness for sinners. He condemned sin but let the woman guilty of adultery go free with the reminder that she was to sin no more. None of us is perfect since we can only hope that we will be saved. We suffer in this life but we can accept the loss of everything as so much rubbish if only we can have Christ and be given a share in his resurrection. In this way God, through Christ, is doing something new and is calling us from sinfulness to a life of service.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I ask for all the graces we need as a Parish family to enter into this period of Passiontide with a deepening awareness of Christ's love for us and a corresponding love for others. **We welcome Deacon** Tim Anthony to our Parish this weekend. He will be making an appeal on behalf of the Handicapped Children's Pilgrimage Trust and the local group's pilgrimage to Lourdes this Easter. There will be a bucket collection.

Please pray for Jocelyn and Bestian Yan Li and Lily McArthur who are to be baptised into the family of the Church this weekend. The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 8th May from 7.30pm-9.00pm. If you wish to attend please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy. Your prayers are also asked for Mr William Parsons and Mrs Heidi Grassel Hanlon who are to be received into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil. **A special Lilac** coloured newsletter has been prepared, outlining the Holy Week Services. In addition to what is written, please add 'Mothers' Prayers Stations of the Cross at 8pm on Monday of Holy Week.' Morning Prayers and the Rosary will take place on Maundy Thursday and Holy Saturday at 10am. **There is a list in the Sacristy** for Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion to sign indicating your availability for the Holy Week Services.'

Following on from the devastating earthquake in Mynamar and Thailand, CAFOD have launched an emergency appeal. What we are planning is to organise a Summer Fayre in July and to focus on the ongoing needs for the people of Mynamar. We will also have a second collection at the same time.

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!'

I am having a few days quiet at the beginning of this week. For emergency sick calls please contact the Friary- 0121 706 0505 or Our Lady of the Wayside- 0121 744 1967

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.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 £69.99. Please speak with Stephanie Withers or ladies on Piety Stall to order.

Offertory Collection last weekend Gift Aid £ 219:81 Loose £1,028:73 Total :£1,248:54

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	Delbert Manorina	Breda Fleming	Pat Hurst	Eve
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	Andrea Cadman			

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

READERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	
Saturday 5 th April	12.30pm Bernard	Sunday 6 th April	9am	Sunday 6 th April	11am
Saturday 12 th April	12.30pm T Duffy	M Hallissey		A Kelly	
Sunday 6 th April	9am M Coburn	Sunday 13 th April	9am	Sunday 13 th April	11am
Sunday 6 th April	11am Emanuella	M Coburn		J Hickey	
Sunday 13 th April	9am Joe Finbar Cormac				
Sunday 13 th April	11am Cecilia				

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.webeliefestival.com

SPRING COMFORT LUNCH...ALL WELCOME THURSDAY 10TH APRIL 2025, 12- 2PM We are holding another St Augustine's parish comfort lunch social with delicious home-cooked food, bottomless hot drinks, and a pudding! Want to make friends, enjoy a little company, take a break from cooking and enjoy free light entertainment over lunch? The Comfort Social is for you- We'd love to see you! Places are bookable- Please contact the SVP via Libby Service on: 07568 508271, or speak to Michelle Gardner following Masses.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS -Good Friday 18th April 10am. All children, young people and families are invited to Stations of the Cross in church on Good Friday. The children are welcome to wear a costume to help with the enactment- soldiers, women of Jerusalem or townspeople. We will need readers and young people in Year 6 to for the roles of Jesus, Mary, Pontius Pilate and Simon of Cyrene (non-speaking parts.) Altar servers also needed. If you are able to be there, or need help or information, please contact Libby Service, Catechist on: 07568 508271.

Father John Cross of St. George and St. Teresa's writes: **Quiet Holy Hour** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession (in the box) for the week of Monday 7th to Friday 11th April, between 6.00-7.00pm. We have a car park's entrance on either side of the church. Our address is 337, Station Road, Dorridge. B93 8EZ. We provide the prayers spoken by the penitent for the Sacrament of Confession and an examination of conscience.

OUR LADY OF THE WAYSIDE SCHOOL are looking for a Level 3 Teaching assistant. Please see <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/148085/EDV-2025-OLWCPS-72627>

<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 12.30pm Susan Joyce- RIP Bernie Walder-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon Confession 11am-12 noon Tea &Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>6th April</p> <p>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</p>	<p>Isaiah 43:16-21 Philippians 3:8-14 John 8:1-11 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Oliver Sibanda-Intention 11.00am Maria Thurac-Rajah RIP Franc Kelly-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>7th April Monday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St John Baptist de la Salle</p>	<p>Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30 John 8:12-20 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Linda Georgio-Intention</p>	
<p>8th April Tuesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>9th April Wednesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Daniel 3:14-20 John 8:31-42 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.30am Elizabeth Hope-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>10th April Thursday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Patrick & Kathleen Kavanagh-RIP Patrick & Margaret McBride & Family-Intentions</p>	
<p>11th April Friday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St Stanislaus Patron Saint of Poland</p>	<p>Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Thanksgiving Savio Magdelene Noronha 6.30pm Brian & Dymphna McKenna & Family-Intentions</p>	<p>Exposition 5.00pm Stations of the Cross 5.45pm Followed by Mass -6.30pm</p>
<p>12th April Saturday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm John Pullen- RIP Derek Kehoe-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea &Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>13th April</p> <p>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Luke 22:14-23:56 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am St Peter's Community-Intentions 11.00am All People of the Parish Piedade Gurjao-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

Reflection for Psalm 23

This I know:

My life is in Your hands. I have nothing to fear. I stop, breathe, listen. Beneath the whirl of what is

Is a deep-down quiet place. You beckon me to tarry there.

This is the place Where unnamed hungers

Are fed, the place of clear water, refreshment.

My senses stilled, I drink deeply,

At home in timeless territory. In peril I remember:

Death's dark vale holds no menace. I lean into you:

Your eternal presence comforts me. I am held tenderly.

In the midst of all that troubles,

That threatens and diminishes, You set abundance before me.

You lift my head; my vision clears

The blessing cup overflows. This I know; You are my home and my hope,

My strength and my solace, and so shall You ever be.

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, Desmond Duffy, Thomas D Ward, Angela Lloyd , Trish Embley, Philomena Barreto, Angela Duffy, Josephine Egonu, Eileen Horsburgh, Christopher Morgan-Cettler, Emma Cahill who died recently.

Also, Josephine McAuley, Angela Mary D'Arcy, Raymond Charles Hughes, Joan Doyle, Edda Norton, Hannah Mulcahy, Janet Cronin, Gladys Winifred Campbell, Thomas Laurence O'Neill, Julia Anne Taylor, Bridie Coffey, Margaret Kathleen Floyd 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 sq.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.

