

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Third Sunday in Advent (Gaudete Sunday) Year A 14th December 2025

Father Dominic writes: 'Rejoice, the Lord is coming soon! God sends his own Son to save us. Joy and gladness are ours and the time for sorrow and lamenting is over. Christ is standing at the gates and we know he is the one for whom we have been waiting. Do not lose heart. Take courage! Your God is coming!' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners: Father Joseph, (whilst he convalesces in hospital, owing to a kidney infection,) **Deacon Kevin and I,** pray that on this Gaudete Sunday, that you may experience the joy of having Jesus as so great a brother, friend, and redeemer.

Please pray for Orla Frances Hemming, who is to be baptized into the family of the Church this weekend.

You are warmly invited to the Carols be Candlelight this Saturday evening, December 13th, at 7pm in Church. There is free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park in Herbert Road.

You are warmly invited to St Augustine's Community Café on Monday 15th December between 11.30am to 1.30pm. A hot meal will be served for those who wish to partake.

We remember in our prayers our Parishioners from Hong Kong and their families in the aftermath of the devastating fire at an apartment complex in the city's Tai Po district. Monsignor Danny will be celebrating a Mass for the deceased on Saturday 13th December at 4.00pm

Each Wednesday evening 'Lectio Divina' (the prayerful reflection on Scripture) takes place by zoom between 7.30pm-8.15pm. You are very welcome to participate. Email staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk and we will provide you with a link. Each Thursday evening a prayer Meeting in the blue room of the Parish Hall 7pm-8pm. You are welcome to come along.

On Tuesday 16th December, we have an Advent Penance Service, here in St Augustine's Church at 7pm. We will be joined by our neighbouring Clergy and Parishioners. Do please try to take this opportunity of celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We have requested free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park, in Herbert Road. **Our sincere thanks** to the members of the St Vincent de Paul Society for their invitation to a pre-Christmas celebration on Thursday last. We enjoyed a festive meal and singing and are very grateful for their efforts in making this occasion so joyful for all who attended.

Last weekend we held our Christmas Fayre and we offer our deep gratitude for all who helped in any way in making it such a joyful and successful occasion; for those who brought gifts and made donations, for those who purchased raffle tickets, for those who prepared such tasty food; for our stall-holders and organisers. May our good Lord reward you for your generosity. A total of just over £3,000:00 was made, which will be shared between CAFOD and Aid to the Church in Need. **A separate** sheet /newsletter has been prepared, detailing the times of Masses for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and for the Octave of Christmas. Do please take one. Also, a list for Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion is available in the Sacristy for those who hold this Ministry to sign, indicating your availability for the Christmas Masses. Please note Mass begins at 10am on Monday 15th December. We welcome St Peter's Sixth Form to this Mass.

Do please keep our Schools in your prayers as the pupils and teachers prepare for the Christmas Nativity Plays. Key Stage 2 of Saint Augustine's will be performing their Nativity Play here in Church on Wednesday 17th December at 6.30pm. Free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park has been requested.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £257 loose £1,163.99 Total: £1,420:99 Last weekend Second Collection Poor Parishes of the Diocese:£540:42

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Daniel Meadows	Kevin McDaid	Jonathan Williams	Michael	Julia. a Benjamin	Nora Shearin
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	Breda Fleming	Lilian	Andrea Cadman	Mary Philpott
Father Michael White	Benjamin Wort	Callum Graham	Michael Leyland	Wilson Cotton	Angela Keating
Bridget McNamara	Ellen Gilmore	Ian Sanchez	Chris Docker	Eve	
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell	Mrs. Bernie McCann	Bethany Tidyman	Jeanette and Robert Walton		

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 13 th Dec 12.30pm T Duffy	Saturday 13 th December 12.30pm R Wong/A Kelly	Sunday 14 th December 9am M Coburn/G Sica
Sat 20 th Dec 12.30pm T Cund	Saturday 20 th December 12.30pm Ginny/ J Wong	Sunday 14 th December 11am E Duffy
Sunday 14 th Dec 9am M Pearsall		Sunday 21 st December 9am M Hallissey/ J Sica
Sunday 14 th Dec 11am R Noronha		Sunday 21 st December 11am J Hickey
Sunday 21 st Dec 9am M Coburn		
Sunday 21 st Dec 11am C Hodrien		

'Bereavement Group - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am **2026:** Wed 14th January, 11th February, 11th March; 8th April, 13th May, 10th June, 8th July Supporting you in 'Bereavement'.
Meditation Group - Upcoming dates" Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Parish Meeting Room. Mondays 1pm; 12th & 26th January; 9th & 23rd February; 9th & 23rd March; 13th & 27th April; 11th & 25th May; 8th & 22nd June; 6th July A Guide to 'Meditation'

For news and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk
Fr Andrew is hoping to organise a pilgrimage to Fatima next year, 11th to 15th September 2026. Fatima is a place where many have found comfort, healing and renewed faith, and we would love to see whether there is interest in forming a group. The estimated cost is around £1000 per person. We need a minimum of 20 to make it viable, the more we get, the more the price reduces. If this is something you may feel drawn to, please email foxvinedesigns@gmail.com to express your interest.

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School Applications are now open for Reception 2026 places (children born between Sept 2021 – Aug 2022) and Nursery 2026 places (children born between Sept 2022-Aug 2023). Applications for Reception should be made directly to Solihull Council <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/starting-primary-or-secondary-school> Application forms for Nursery can be found on the school website <https://www.st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk/admissions> and should be made directly to the school either in person or by emailing the school office 85office@st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk. St Augustine's School Nursery, from Sept 2026 will offer a full time (8:50am – 2:50pm) provision, term time only. Additional fees will apply to stay in school until 3:20pm.

Raffle Ticket Numbers: 5; 314; 384 please collect you prizes from the Sacristy.
Solihull Catenians invite any Catholic man and wife, as guests to their Christmas meal & entertainment at the Regency Hotel Shirley, December 16th; men can attend a short Meeting from 7.15pm. Please come and see what we are about. Contact frank Miller 0121 681 7031 to book.

THE CHOSEN- Monday 22nd December 3pm; Conference Room St George & St Teresa Church Hall. All welcome; Refreshments served.

Please remember Father Joseph in your prayers whilst he stays in Heartlands Hospital and hopefully recovers well from a serious infection.

<p>13th December Saturday</p> <p>St Lucy</p>	<p>Isaiah 35:1-6,10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Ben & Susan McKiernan-RIP John McCaffrey-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p> <p>Carols By Candlelight 7.00pm</p>
<p>14th December</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT</p> 	<p>Isaiah 35:1-6,10 James 5:7-10 Matthew 11:2-11 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish Julie Hanly-RIP 11.00am Father Fred Sheldon-RIP Current & Deceased members of SVP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p> <p>Christmas Fayre-Continues after both Masses</p>
<p>15th December Monday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p>	<p>Genesis 3:9-15,20 Ephesians 1:3-6,11-12 Luke 1:26-38 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am All members of the Devaney Family</p>	<p>St Augustine's Community Café- 11.30am-1.30pm</p>
<p>16th December Tuesday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:1-11 Matthew 18:12-14 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Kathleen Bevis-Intention</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am Advent Penance Service-7.00pm</p>
<p>17th December Wednesday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>O Sapientia</p>	<p>Isaiah 40:25-31 Matthew 11:28-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Ellen(Betty) Dornan-RIP</p>	<p>Confession 11.15am-11.45am Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</p>
<p>18th December Thursday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>O Adonai</p>	<p>Isaiah 41:13-20 Matthew 11:11-15 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Eugene & Anna O'Donnell-RIP</p>	<p>Prayer Meeting -blue room of the Parish Hall, between 7.00pm-8.00pm All are welcome</p>
<p>19th December Friday</p> <p>Advent Feria</p> <p>O Radix Jesse</p>	<p>Isaiah 48:17-19 Matthew 11:16-19 Public & Live streamed Masses 11.30am Requiem Barbara Bolton Kathleen Smyth-RIP 6.30pm Rose Nettikadan-18th Birthday</p>	<p>Holy Hour & Exposition 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>20th December Saturday</p> <p>O Clavis David</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Rose & Tommie Carberry-65th Wedding Anniversary Peter Tickell-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>21st December</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>O Oriens</p> <p>Day of Prayer for Expectant Mothers</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14 Romans 1:1-7 Matthew 1:18-24 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Valeska Albuquerque-Thanksgiving Mary Clarke-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p> 

From December 17th to 23rd the Church observes the ancient custom of praying each day one of the 7 'O' Antiphons, so called because each one addresses the God who comes in Christ with a different biblical title, beginning with the invocation 'O'.

Please pray for: Margaret Byrne (known as Greta) Requiem Mass at Holy Souls Church on Monday 15th December at 11.30 followed by burial at Robin Hood Cemetery, Barbara Bolton (Requiem Friday 19th December, 11.30am; Reception Wednesday 18th December, 6pm) Joy Smith, Sister Stanislaus S.D. ,Anthony Herron (Funeral Our Lady of Lourdes, December 16th, 10.30am), Mary Rita Johnston, (Yardley Crematorium Wednesday 17th December 2.30pm), Antonio Albini, Mary Nicholls , Seamus Manley , Sheila Griffin , Phillip Austin Walsh, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Donald Platt and Anne Weir who died recently.

Also, Benedict Ukachi Anoma, Mary Eileen Lunn, Hugh Hegarty, Simon Andrew Roche, Timothy O'Shea, Father Fred Sheldon, Maureen Anne Bernadette Seager, Bridget Mary Bishop, Lilian Powell, Joan Gorman, Renee Goddard, June Elspeth Hoefkens, James Thomas Conway, ETTY Violet Grealey, Ellen Dickinson, Patrick Brennan, Patrick Thomas Kelly, Ann Teresa White, 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.

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

Parish Groups: SVP - The basis of our work is prayer and action. Our meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at 7 pm. We visit the sick, elderly and lonely. We also get involved in appeal work. Currently the Socks and Chocs