

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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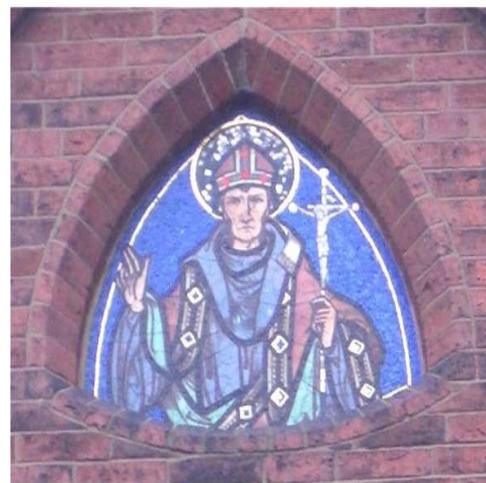
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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Year A 11th January 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'You are my Son the beloved. The Holy Spirit of God came down upon Jesus, the beloved Son of God at his baptism in the Jordan. The Spirit comes down on each one of us and helps us to live our Christian lives so that we are faithful to our Baptism.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners: Father Joseph, (whilst continuing to convalesce in St Joseph's Care Home in Coleshill), **Deacon Kevin and I** give thanks for this Epiphany tide of which today's Feast of our Lord's Baptism, is a major part. **The next baptismal preparation** evening will take place on Thursday 15th January from 7.30pm-9pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

The Christian Unity Service will take place at the Methodist Church on Sunday 18th January at 6.30pm. Do please come along to support this event. Bishop David Evans has agreed to give the homily for this occasion. **In future,** we will have only one Mass on a Friday and this will be at 6.30pm on Friday evening, preceded by the Holy Hour from 5.15pm-6.15pm.

Our pilgrimage to Rome for the closing of the Jubilee year brought many blessings and much for which to thank our Lord. Our group comprised 38 parishioners from the neighbouring parishes and our own. We supported and cared for one another as we attended the beautiful ceremonies at Saint Peter's Basilica. We were delighted that Natalie Turner and her Son, Philip, met Pope Leo, at the end of the Wednesday audience. We visited Saint Mary Major and prayed at the tomb of Pope Francis and had an equally uplifting visit to the basilica of St. Paul outside the Walls. Our hotel was very comfortable about a mile from Saint Peter's, and we enjoyed the local bus rides to and from Saint Peter's. We remembered you in our prayers and at Mass and we were very grateful for your prayers, grateful too to arrive back home before the snow prevented us! It was a joy on my return to see how beautifully decorated our own Church remains. One of the pilgrims, Mrs. Brenda Carney, who was to join us for the pilgrimage had to cancel, and we were saddened to hear that she had died on 4th January. She taught for many years at Saint Augustine's Primary School. May she rest in peace.

Mike and Elspeth Sullivan invite you to an evening charity concert in the parish hall on Saturday 21st February at 7.00pm. Do please put this date in your diary. Further details to follow.

Next weekend we celebrate Peace Sunday. We are encouraged to reflect on the message of Pope Leo XIV which is: **Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace.** This is a challenging but exciting goal. He is telling us that peace should not rely on fear, threat, or weapons. Peace should have the capacity to resolve conflicts and open hearts through mutual understanding and hope. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have produced a very helpful statement on this topic: "**Called to be peacemakers.**" This may be found on www.cbcew.org

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.

GIFT AID- due to an error in counting the Gift Aid envelopes the weekend of 20th/21st December, could Parishioners who donated on that weekend by envelope indicate the amount they donated, so that we claim the tax back; thank you.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ- Monday 19th January 2026 11.30am-1.30pm. All welcome. Hot food provided.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £171:95 loose £918:57 Total: £1,090:52

Total amount collected for Crib Offerings: £707:21

Voluntary Collection next weekend: Pax Christi

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 Patricia Butler	
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell	Mrs. Bernie McCann	Bethany Tidyman	Jeanette and Robert Walton		

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 10 th Jan 12.30pm T Cund	Saturday 10 th January	Sunday 11 th January 9am
Sat 17 th Jan 12.30pm Bernard	12.30pm R Wong/ J Wong	J Sica /G Sica
Sunday 11 th Jan 9am C Ramsey	Saturday 17 th January	Sunday 11 th Jan 11am J Hickey
Sunday 11 th Jan 11am TWashbrooke	R Wong/ Ginny	Sunday 18 th Jan 9am M Coburn/ J Powers
Sunday 18 th Jan 9am M Pearsall		Sunday 18 th Jan 11am B Ngala
Sunday 18 th Jan 11am M Watts		

'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.

SVP - Our sincere thanks to all who have supported us during 2025, through our bucket collection, Socks and Chocs appeal, Backpacks for Prisoners, General Appeals for Food and Clothing and Mini Vinnies cake sale. A Mass is being offered by Aid to the Church in Need for your intentions.

10th January Saturday	Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Deceased members of Lane & Gallagher Families Noreen O'Connor-Intention	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
11th January FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Dorothy Hall & Jackie Lemmon-RIP Julia	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses
12th January Monday Feria in Ordinary Time St Aelred of Rievaulx	1 Samuel 1:1-8 Mark 1:14-20 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Private Intention Mick Nugent-RIP	
13th January Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Hilary	1 Samuel 1:9-20 Mark 1:21-28 10.00am Keiran-Intention	Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am
14th January Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time	1 Samuel 3:1-10,19-20 Mark 1:29-39 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Stephen Troth-Intention	Confession 11.15am-11.45am
15th January Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time	1 Samuel 4:1-11 Mark 1:40-45 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Bill Dornan-RIP Pearsall Family & Friends-Intentions(MM)	Baptismal Preparation Evening 7.30pm-9pm Presbytery
16th January Friday Feria in Ordinary Time	1 Samuel 8:4-7 Mark 2:1-12 Public & Live streamed Mass 6.30pm Pat Mulvihill-RIP	Holy Hour and Exposition 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass 6.30pm
17th January Saturday St Anthony 'Patriarch of Monks'	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Thanksgiving Savio Magdelene Noronha Kathleen Lunham-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
18th January Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Doreen Cotton RIP Reine & Vancy Albuquerque - Intentions 11.00am Daniel Metteli RIP	Public & Live streamed Masses Tea/Coffee available after both Masses

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

*Open the heavens almighty Father,
and pour out your spirit upon your people.
Renew the power of our baptismal cleansing
and fill us with zeal for good deeds.
Let us hear your voice once again, that we may recognize in your
beloved Son our hope in inheriting
eternal life.
Grant this through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, in the splendour of
eternal light, God forever and ever.*



Please pray for: Margaret Byrne, Barbara Bolton, Joy Smith, Sister Stanislaus S.D. , Anthony Herron, Mary Rita Johnston, Antonio Albin, Mary Nicholls, Seamus Manley, Sheila Griffin, Phillip Austin Walsh, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Donald Platt and Brenda Carney who died recently.

Also, Elizabeth Dickinson, Brenda Meixner, Cary Paul Charlton, Emma Elizabeth Wilson, Brian Henry Williams, Dorothy Roberts, Antonio Elviri, Baby Johnny Reegea Connors, Martin Yeates, Margaret Mary Rochfort, Stephen Garry Troth, Mary Elizabeth Rowley, William McCoy, Mary Cassidy, Anne Priestland, Ivy Draper, Michael Keane, Angela Lloyd, Kathleen Mulhearn, Lou Clark, Robert Maskell 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.

