

# SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A    18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Father Dominic writes:** 'Christ the Light of the Nations! The Spirit of God rested on Christ when he was baptised by John the Baptist. Through the giving of the Spirit John recognises Christ as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We too through the gift of the Holy Spirit are to become the light of the world proclaiming salvation to the ends of the earth.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Dear Parishioners: Father Joseph,** (whilst in the care of the staff at St Joseph's Care Home in Coleshill), **Deacon Kevin and I** ask that each of us may through the presence of the Holy Spirit recognise, as did John the Baptist, 'the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.'

**Father Joseph** continues to be cared for at St Joseph's Care Home in Coleshill. He remains serene and happy and appreciates your thoughts and prayers.

**Years 1 and 5** at St Augustine's School celebrated Mass together on Wednesday. They reflected on the call of Samuel and what is needed to hear God's call, and to listen well.

**Our school communities** seem to have settled well into the new school term and are working enthusiastically in all areas of school life.

**I am away from Monday** to Thursday of this week, spending time with my priest friends, one of whom is recovering from a serious infection. Monsignor Danny has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass, as has Fr Denis Carter on Tuesday morning. For sick calls please contact Olton Friary on 0121 706 0505 or the Columban Fathers on 01564 772 096

**Please note the change** of Mass times on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February. Mass will take place in the evening at 6.30pm. It is the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple and we have invited the families of all, whose children were baptised in 2025 to attend Mass. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

**The Week of Prayer for the** Unity of Christians runs from Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January. The theme is 'One Body, One Spirit.' For 2026 the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches.

**This 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](http://www.cbcew.org)

**Please remember** in your prayers all who have recently died, including Mr. Chris Johnson, who for many years was the caretaker at Saint Augustine's school. He was greatly loved by the children and staff.

**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](mailto: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-** if you Gif Aid your Offertory and your circumstances have changed, either you have moved address, or no longer pay tax, or do not use your envelope anymore, please let us know so that we can update our records.

**COMMUNITY CAFÉ-** Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2026 11.30am-1.30pm. All welcome. Hot food provided.

**The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** will take place from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May until Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May. The cost is £986 (plus a single supplement) The Pilgrim organisers are appealing for Doctors, Nurses, Carer or Hospitalier ( non-medical helpers) to join them on the pilgrimage. For details please speak with Fr Dominic or look on the diocesan website. Please contact with any queries: Kate White, Pilgrimage Organising Secretary: 0121 230 6288 (Office hours 9am-5pm Monday to Friday) or via email: [admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk) If any young Parishioner would like to participate in the diocesan pilgrimage, we would hope to subsidise their fare.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £ 165 loose £796:12 Total: £ 961:12

Voluntary Collection this 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	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 17 <sup>th</sup> Jan 12.30pm Bernard	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 12.30pm	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9am M Coburn/ J Powers
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Jan 12.30pm T Duffy	R Wong/ Ginny	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11am B Ngala
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9am M Pearsall	Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 12.30pm	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9am J Sica/ G Sica
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11am M Watts	Ginny/J Wong	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11am A Kelly
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9am M Coburn		
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11am E Young		

**'Bereavement Group** - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am **2026:** Wed 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; 26<sup>th</sup> January; 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> February; 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> March; 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> April; 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May; 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June; 6<sup>th</sup> July A Guide to 'Meditation

**For news and events** around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

**SVP and Mini Vinnies Cake sale and bucket collection 31Jan/1Feb** This year we are raising funds to provide 7 sewing machines and a masala grinder & sealing machine for 8 families in India. We would welcome your support. Any cakes baked or bought would be very much appreciated. We are hoping to raise £660

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

<p>17th January Saturday</p> <p>St Anthony</p> <p>'Patriarch of Monks'</p>	<p>Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Thanksgiving Savio Magdelene Noronha Kathleen Lunham-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i></p>
<p>18th January</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>PEACE SUNDAY</p>	<p>Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am Doreen Cotton RIP Reine &amp; Vancy Albuquerque - Intentions</p> <p>11.00am Daniel Mettall RIP All people of the Parish</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>
<p>19th January Monday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>St Wulstan</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 John 10:11-16</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>9.30am Pauline Samathar-Intention</p>	<p>St Augustine's Community Café 11.30am-1.30pm</p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>
<p>20th January Tuesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Fabian/ St Sebastian</p>	<p>1 Samuel 16:1-13 Mark 2:23-28</p> <p>10.00am Father Simon Hall-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>
<p>21st January Wednesday</p> <p>St Agnes</p>	<p>1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51 Mark 3:1-6</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.00pm Esther &amp; Pat Murphy-RIP</p>	<p>Confession 11.15am-11.45am Lectio Divina 7.30-8.15pm. Email: <a href="mailto:staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk">staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</a> Octave of Christian Unity</p>
<p>22nd January Thursday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Vincent</p>	<p>1 Samuel 18:6-9,19:1-7 Mark 3:7-12</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.00pm Peter Todd-RIP</p>	<p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>
<p>23rd January Friday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Nicholas Owen</p>	<p>1 Samuel 24:2-20 Mark 3:13-19</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</p> <p>6.30pm Deacon Ernie Titchmarsh &amp; Anne White-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour and Exposition 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass 6.30pm</p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>
<p>24th January Saturday</p> <p>St Francis de Sales</p> <p>23<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Grace</p> <p>Archbishop Bernard Longley</p>	<p>Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 Matthew 4:12-23</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Robin Easterby-RIP Aggie O'Reilly-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i></p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>
<p>25th January</p> <p>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Sunday of the Word of God</p>	<p>Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 Matthew 4:12-23</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am Margaret &amp; Michael Rochfort-RIP All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Norah &amp; Patrick Brennan-RIP</p>	<p>Public &amp; Live streamed Masses</p> <p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>

Pope Leo has announced the theme – ‘**Peace be with you all: Towards an ‘unarmed and disarming peace’** – and we are putting together liturgy and prayer resources to help you mark the day and reflect on this vital theme in your parish or group. Pope Leo has continued the exhortation of Pope Francis that the call to live nonviolent ‘disarmed’ lives is core to Catholic Social Teaching and the key to peace in a world scarred by violent conflict.

## **There Will Be Peace**

**There will be peace:**

when attitudes change;  
when self-interest is seen as part of common interest;  
when old wrongs, old scores, old mistakes  
are deleted from the account;  
when the aim becomes co-operation and mutual benefit  
rather than revenge or seizing maximum personal or group gain;  
when justice and equality before the law  
become the basis of government;  
when basic freedoms exist;  
when leaders - political, religious, educational - and the police and media  
wholeheartedly embrace the concepts of justice, equality, freedom, tolerance,  
and reconciliation as a basis for renewal;  
when parents teach their children new ways to think about people. There will be  
peace:  
when enemies become fellow human beings

## **PRAYER FOR PEACE**

**Lord, Jesus Christ, I come before you in Prayer**

**Asking that, in this troubled world, You will bring peace**

**to those who are suffering in many forms and in many ways.**

**Keep us safe, Lord, I implore you, From every manner of violence.**

**May we all live in peace with one another, Free from prejudice and injustice;**

**Showing tolerance and understanding.**

**Make nations take away the fear of war.**

**Remove terror from our sight Let us give food to those who are hungry.**

**And grant comfort to the oppressed; may Your kingdom reign on all the earth. Amen**

Please pray for: Margaret Byrne, Barbara Bolton, Mary Rita Johnston, Antonio Albini, Mary Nicholls, Seamus Manley, Sheila Griffin, Phillip Austin Walsh, Donald Platt, Brenda Carney, Patricia Butler, Clare Klein, Geoffrey Doyle, Chris Johnson and Cornelius Callanan who died recently.

Also, Father David Lloyd, Edward Caffery, Aleyne Fenton, Maureen Gertrude Mac Donald, Roy Wilcox, Margaret Muriel Elliott, Roy Leonard Jones, Christine Peace, Bernadette Agnes Parsons, Theresa & Sean McMahon, Maureen Lilian Lawrence, Dorothy Plomer-Roberts, Jose Belson, Mary Josephine Foy, Othon Ferguson, Philip Brian Mathews, Josephine Mary Concannon, James Keogh, Eileen Boyle, Katherine Cox, Francis Joseph Docherty, John Christopher Francis Putil, Mary Maria Curry, Thomas Anthony Oliver and all with anniversaries at this time.

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