

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

First Sunday of Lent Year A 22nd February 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'Christ conqueror of sin and temptation. God created the human race free from sin, but our first parents yielded to the temptation of the devil. In them each one of us has sinned just as in Christ we are given the power like him to overcome the temptations of this world.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners: Father Joseph, (whilst being cared for in hospital) **Deacon Kevin and I** were very uplifted by the number of people present for the Masses on Ash Wednesday. We hope and pray that this season of Lent may be a time of great blessing for our Parish community:

'The day is come, th'accepted day, when grace, like nature, flowers anew. Trained by Thy hand, the surer way, rejoice we in our springtime too.'

We welcome Abigail McMillan to our Masses this weekend. Abigail is CAFOD's regional representative for the West Midlands. CAFOD's Fast Day takes place this Friday, 27th February. Envelopes and prayer cards will be distributed this weekend and the proceeds from the fast day will be taken next weekend.

Welcome to Father Bernie McDermott who will be celebrating the 11am Mass this Sunday.

Please pray for our young Parishioners who are being prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation by Miss Libby Service, which will take place on Tuesday 24th February at 5pm.

The World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday March 6th at the United Reformed Church on the Warwick Road, between 12-2pm. All are welcome.

We would welcome some more volunteers to help clean the Church on a Wednesday after the 12.00 midday Mass. Do please try to respond to this request, even if your availability would be at a different time or day.

Deacon Kevin is to lead us in some Lenten Reflections on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm for five weeks, beginning Tuesday 24th February. These reflections are to help us deepen our understanding of Baptism in the context of our Lenten Journey. Do please try to support these Meetings.

Solihull Methodist Church are hosting a series of Lenten Breakfasts, beginning on Saturday 28th February. Breakfast begins at 8.30am and a Talk at 8.50am, finishing at 9.50am. Your attendance would be very much appreciated. The Talks are based on the Lord's Prayer- the 'Our Father.'

The community at Olton Friary are hosting a day of Recollection on Saturday 28th February beginning with Mass at 10.15am and ending about 3.30pm. If you can attend, please speak with myself or contact the Friary directly. This day is for Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion.

For the next two weekends we will be speaking to you about our fundraising initiative. We will be appealing to your continued generosity.

The parishes of South Solihull, our cluster, will hold their next forum on Thursday 12th March at 7pm at Our Lady of the Wayside. The Steering Committee will meet on Thursday 5th March at 7pm; again at Our Lady of the Wayside.

Mass at 10.30am, on Friday 27th February, is a Requiem Mass for Clare Elizabeth Klein. All are welcome to attend. 6.30pm Mass as usual.

Stations of the Cross will take place on a Wednesday before the midday Mass and on a Friday before the 6.30pm Mass. the schedule for Friday will be: Exposition from 5pm until 5.45pm followed by Stations, followed by 6.30pm Mass.

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.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £221 loose £1,049:44 Total: £1,270:44 A special thanks to those who Gift aided their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £55.25. For envelope donations. Standing Orders for the month of January: £1,767-allowing us to claim: £441:75 in Gift Aid. Second Collection last weekend for: LIFE Charity £469:93

Next weekend CAFOD Family Fast Collection

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	Juliana Benjamin	Nora Shearin
Mann	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Catherine Walton
Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes	Eve	Bethany Tidyman
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	Jeanette and Robert Walton	
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell		Mrs. Bernie McCann	Nora Ferguson	Matilda Polidori	

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 21 st Feb 12.30pm T Cund	Saturday 21 st February 12.30pm	Sunday 22 nd Feb 9am G Sica/
Sat 28 th Feb 12.30pm Bernard	A Kelly/Ginny	J Powers
Sunday 22 nd Feb 9am C Ramsey	Saturday 28 th February 12.30pm	Sunday 22 nd Feb 11am B Ngala
Sunday 22 nd Feb 11am Emanuelle	A Kelly/R Wong	Sunday 1 st Mar 9am
Sunday 1 st March 9am M Pearsall		M Coburn/G Sica
Sunday 1 st Mar 11am T Washbrooke		Sunday 1 st March 11am E Duffy

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

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everybody in the parish. We are looking to appoint a Safeguarding Representative to guide us along the path of making sure that everybody is safe within our parish. No experience is required as training is provided by the archdiocese. If you might consider helping the parish by taking on this important role, please speak to Fr Dominic.

Calling men of all ages and states of life: book your place at 'Commissioned', the National Men's Pro-life Conference, on April 18th at Birmingham Christian College. Through compelling talks on fatherhood, marriage, post-abortion healing, spiritual warfare and sexual responsibility learn to live out your vocation with humility, courage and integrity. For more info including speakers or to book your place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or contact info@marchforlife.co.uk

Birmingham Centre of Catholic Marriage Care has released the 2026 schedule for in-person marriage preparation workshops and other services. Please refer to the flyer or contact birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org for more details.

Sincere thanks to those who have contributed so generously to the appeal for subsidising our young **Parishioners who** wish to take part in the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. If anyone is interested, please speak with Father Dominic. Cost by air, from £986 pp; 25th May to 30th May. 5 nights. Cost by coach, 4 nights from £716pp departing 24th May. Single room supplements apply. I **would like to appeal** to any generous Parishioners, willing to donate to subsidise a pilgrim Parishioner participating in this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The Parents of our First Holy Communion Children are invited to a Parents' evening in St Augustine's Church Hall on Thursday 5th March or Thursday 12th March from 7.30pm-9.15pm. Please choose one of these evenings to attend. We will request free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

Please remember in your prayers those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place on Wednesday 11th March at 6.30pm, with Bishop David Evans.

<p>21st February Saturday</p> <p>St Peter Damian</p>	<p>Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Paul Malone-RIP Theresa Kennedy-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i></p>
<p>22nd February</p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</p>	<p>Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am Jose Andrarde-RIP All People of the Parish 11.00am Elizabeth Anne McCormick-RIP Holy Souls</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p>
<p>23rd February Monday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St Polycarp</p>	<p>Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18 Matthew 25:31-46</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Rose O'Connell-Intention</p>	
<p>24th February Tuesday</p> <p>Lenten Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Robin Easterby-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p> <p>Lenten Reflections-6.30pm</p>
<p>25th February Wednesday</p> <p>Lenten Feria</p>	<p>Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Dymphna McKiernan-RIP Maria Menndonca-RIP</p>	<p>Confession 11.15am-11.45am 'Lectio Divina' - 7.30pm-8.15pm Email staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk for link</p>
<p>26th February Thursday</p> <p>Lenten Feria</p>	<p>Esther 4:17 Matthew 7:7-12</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Pat McGowan-RIP Sarah Smith-Intention</p>	
<p>27th February Friday</p> <p>St Gregor of Narek</p> <p>CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY</p>	<p>Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 10.30am Requiem Mass Elizabeth Klein 6.30pm Angela Reiley-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour and Exposition 5.00pm-5.45pm followed by Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>28th February Saturday</p> <p>St Oswald</p>	<p>Genesis 12:1-4 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Kathleen Ward-Intention Joe Magee-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i></p>
<p>1st March Sunday</p> <p>Second Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Genesis 12:1-4 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Georgina Wheeler-Intention Karen Beale Special Intention 11.00am All People of the Parish Kathy Smith</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT? IN THE WORDS OF POPE FRANCIS

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints and contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness and fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate to others.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words and be silent so you can listen.



Please pray for: Brenda Carney, Geoffrey Doyle, Laurence Marie Knight, Paulina Samathar, Patricia Butler Frances Mazone, Clare Elizabeth Klein (Requiem 27th February 10.30am), Stephen Jenkins, (Service Robin Hood Crematorium 23rd February 3pm) Chris Johnson, Funeral Service, Robin Hood Crematorium, (Tuesday 3rd March; 12pm) Kate Nelson, Mary Munko (Requiem 6th March 12pm), Bernadette Coley and Cornelius Callanan, Mary Louisa Law, (Requiem 19th March 11.30am; Reception 18th March 6pm) and Roni (Veronica) Pickering who died recently.

Also, Gerard Anthony Kavanagh, Sheila Emily Doyle, Adrian Paul Flynn, Rita Shanley, Sheila Irene Quinn, Robert (Bob) Pritchard, Margaret Mawdsley, Irene Margaret Petronella Nicholson, Frank McGuinness, Mary Agnes Service, John Francis Mitchell, Maria Ann Sharples and all with anniversaries is 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 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.

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