

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh

Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year A 29th March 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'Jesus is King! The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem gives way to his passion and death. Yet Jesus is King and within a week will rise triumphant from the dead. He is the firm ground of our hope that all sufferings in this life are lost in the power of his resurrection.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners: Deacon Kevin and I, thank you for your prayerful and practical support in respect of Father Joseph's Funeral Liturgies. Everything went so well and we have much for which to thank our Lord, for Father Joseph himself, his kindly example and influence, for your appreciation of Father's priestly ministry and presence, and for your generosity in helping to mark Father Joseph's passing in such a fitting way. I am sure that he will pray for us all in the presence of our risen Saviour.

You are invited to a Meeting at St Joseph's and St Helen's, Kings Norton, at 2.45pm. this Sunday, March 29th, to join a group of people walking and praying around the perimeter area of the abortion clinic.

You are invited to St Alphege Church this Sunday afternoon, March 29th, for a Vespers Recital. Choruses from Handel's Messiah at 5pm. **You are also invited to** Sung Vespers on Holy Wednesday, 1st April at 7pm, at English Martyr's Church, Evelyn Road, Sparkhill B11 3JN.

This Tuesday evening, 31st March, Mothers' Prayers are leading us in the Stations of the Cross at 8pm. All are welcome. **On Maundy Thursday the only Mass** will be the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm. There will be Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11.00. Holy Hour 9.00-11.00pm

On Good Friday, we have Family Stations of the Cross at 10am. We welcome our families.

At 11am on Good Friday, we have an ecumenical Walk of Witness, starting at St Augustine's and finishing at the flower stand in Mell Square.

The main celebration on Good Friday will be the Commemoration of our Lord's Passion at 3pm. The traditional collection for the Holy Places is taken towards the end of this Service. This collection is specially needed at this time, given the situation in the Holy Land.

On Holy Saturday, there will not be the usual 12.30pm Mass. The Easter Vigil will take place at 8pm. On Easter Sunday Mass will be celebrated at 9am and 11am.

We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park for the following days and times: Tuesday 31st March 7.30pm-9.15pm; Maundy Thursday 6.30pm-11.15pm; Good Friday 6.30pm-8pm for Stations of the Cross; Holy Saturday 7.15pm-10.30pm. On Easter Sunday, the usual permission for the upper level of the Dominion Car Park is in place.

Please pray for all who are under instruction in order to be Received into the Church, including Yvonne Harris who will be baptised and received into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil. The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 16th April between 7.30pm-9pm in the Presbytery. Please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy, if you wish to attend.

The Lenten Penance Service will take place on Monday 30th March at 7pm, at Olton Friary Church. Please note that there will not be 'Lectio Divina' this week on Wednesday; neither will there be a Prayer Meeting on Thursday.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: 342:26 loose £1061:87 Total: £1,1404:03 A special thanks to those who Gift aided their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £85:50 for envelope donations. Standing Orders for the month of February- £1,592:00 allowing us to claim: £39:80 in Gift Aid.

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
Patricia 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	Savio Baretto	Roger Cox	Fr Gerard Kelly	Tom Duffy
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	Bridie Williams	

<p>READERS</p> <p>Sat 28th Mar 12.30pm T Duffy Sat 11th April 12.30pm T Cund</p> <p>Sunday 29th March 9am MC Barbour Sunday 29th March 11am H Cettler</p> <p>HOLY WEEK MAUNDY THURSDAY 7pm Good Friday 3pm H Cettler Holy Saturday 1. H Cettler 2. C Wan 3. Cormac 4. Jake Easter Sunday 9am C. Wan 11am</p>	<p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS 28th March 12.30pm R & J Wong</p> <p>HOLY WEEK MAUNDY THURSDAY 7pm A.Kelly Good Friday 3pm Holy Saturday A.Kelly</p>	<p>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sunday 29th March 9am M Hallissey/ J Powers Sunday 29th March 11am A Kelly</p> <p>EASTER SUNDAY 9am</p> <p>11am Ginny</p>
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'Bereavement Group - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am **2026:** Wed 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; 27th April; 11th & 25th May; 8th & 22nd June; 6th July

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

Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino June 8th-14th 2026

From Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details: gileag@gmail.com www.eddiegilmore.org

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

Solihull Methodist Church are hosting the final Lenten Breakfast this Saturday morning. Breakfast begins at 8.30am and a Talk at 8.50am, finishing at 9.50am. Your attendance would be appreciated. The Talks are based on the Lord's Prayer- the 'Our Father.'

Male Carer Needed- Kind and reliable male carer required to help look after a delightful gentleman. Some assistance with daily activities and companionship. If interested, please contact Kate: Mobile 07862061213

<p>28th March Saturday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Una Hyland-Intention Gerry McDermott-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i></p>
<p>29th March Sunday</p> <p>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Paul Feeney-RIP Elizabeth Hope-Intention</p> <p>11.00am Mary Theresa Prior-Intention All People of the Parish</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p> 
<p>30th March</p> <p>Monday of Holy Week</p>	<p>Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 9.15am Mary McSheffrey Jonathan Anthony Brown</p>	<p>Penance Service at Olton Friary 7.00pm</p>
<p>31st March Tuesday of Holy Week</p>	<p>Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-33,36-38</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Robert Douglas Walton-Intention Helen Brookes-intention</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am Mothers Prayers – Stations of the Cross at 8.00pm</p>
<p>1st April</p> <p>Wednesday of Holy Week</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthew 26:14-25</p> <p>Public & Live streamed 12.00pm No Mass- Service of the Word & Holy Communion</p>	<p>No 'Lectio Divina' - this week.</p>
<p>2nd April Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 7.00pm Thomas, Catherine, Frances Ann Kelly & Kinnard Family-RIP Jeanette Walton-Thanksgiving</p>	<p>Morning Prayer and Rosary at 10.00am</p> <p>Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm</p>
<p>3rd April Good Friday</p> <p>Day of Fast & Abstinence</p>	<p>Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Hebrews 4:14-16,5:7-9 John 18:1-19:42</p> <p>3pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion</p>	<p>Confession after 3pm Service 6.30pm Evening stations of the Cross Retiring Collection for Holy Places</p>
<p>4th April Holy Saturday</p>	<p>Genesis 1:1-2:2 Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 14:15-15:1 Romans 6:3-33 Matthew 28:1-10</p> <p>8.00pm Easter Vigil-Deceased Members of Healy & Paulger Family George & Emily Saunders-RIP</p>	<p>Morning Prayer and Rosary at 10.00am Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass</p>
<p>5th April</p> <p>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</p>	<p>Acts 10:34, 37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9</p> <p>9.00am Ann Ruth Bevis-Intention Holy Souls in Purgatory 11.00am All People of the Parish Ben, Susan, Dympna McKiernan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses</p>

PALM SUNDAY PRAYER

(Adapted liberally from a prayer written by Annabel Shilson-Thomas, UK)

**Jesus, you set your face towards Jerusalem and walked alongside those who suffer.
Be our vision that we too may walk the way of compassion and extend a hand to those we meet.**

**Lord, you stopped to heal the sick and tend to those broken in body, mind or spirit.
Be our vision that we too may be a source of healing to all in need of your grace.**

Jesus, you said, "The first shall be last and the last first."

**Be our vision that we too may work towards your realm -
when the marginalized and oppressed will be raised up and know that they are indeed
beloved children of the Holy.**

Jesus, you took the time to pray and to be silent.

**Be our vision that through our prayers, meditation
and reflection we may draw closer to you and find our way on this journey of faith.**

Lord, you entered Jerusalem with peace in your heart.

**Be our vision that we too can live as people of peace in
the face of the world's many conflicts.**

May we hold your vision of justice and peace ever before us.

Please pray for: Laurence Marie Knight, Paulina Samathar, Patricia Butler, Clare Elizabeth Klein, Stephen Jenkins, Chris Johnson, Mary Munko, Mary Louisa Law, Francis (Frank) Valentine Byrne, Roni (Veronica) Pickering, Bridget (Bridie) Mary Williams (Requiem 7th April 10.15am), Cornelius Callanan (Requiem Wednesday 8th April 12.00pm) Margaret Brigid McCabe, (Requiem Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford, Thursday 9th April, 1pm), Michael Joseph O'Gorman (Requiem 14th April 10am), Della Martina Quinn, (Requiem Our Lady of Mount Carmel Redditch; 21st April 11am. Reception 20th April 4pm), Margaret Stanley, (Requiem Thursday 23rd April; 11am) who died recently.

Also, Trixie Stell Maris Cotterill, Carol O'Connor, Constance Cooper, Kathleen Finneran, John Deasy, Jozef Munko, Dr Maurine Elizabeth Scull, Martin Power, Gerald Edward Thomas, Colin Arthur Cowlshaw, Zack Adam Price, Eugene O'Donnell, Susan Monica Joyce, Dennis Oxley, 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 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 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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