

# SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Fr Dominic Kavanagh**

**Deacon Kevin O'Connor (Retired)**

Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A 26th April 2026

**Father Dominic writes:** 'Christ the Shepherd brings us life. God has appointed Christ as the Shepherd of the whole human race. He has become our gateway to eternal life because he lays down his life for us. Even though we have gone astray through sin, nevertheless by his wounds we are healed and given a new direction in our lives.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Dear Parishioners:** May Christ the bonnie shepherd, lead us to the fresh and green pastures, so that we may taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

**Please pray** for Leo Alexander Donald Mottram who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this weekend. The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 14th May from 7.30pm-9pm. All are welcome. If you wish to be present, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or Fr Dominic.

**My sincere** thanks to Monsignor Danny McHugh, to Fr Tim and Fr Ed of the Columban Fathers, who covered for me whilst I was on holiday in the Shropshire Hills. It was a very refreshing time.

**Please pray** for our young Parishioners who will make their First Holy Communion. Year 3 will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 16th May, during a 9.30am Mass; and on Sunday 17th May at the 11am Mass, Miss Libby Service's children, i.e. those attending a non-Catholic school, will make their First Holy Communion.

**On Friday 8th May**, we welcome Year 13 of St Poeter's School, for their Leavers' Mass, here in Church, at 2pm. All are welcome.

**Thank you once** again for your recent generous response to the diocesan fund raising for our Parish.

**Please would the** following Parishioners who responded to this appeal contact our Secretary, Bernadette, on 0121 705 0228: Stephen and Patricia Kirby; AL & LJ O'Neill and D Jones.

**The list of sick** in the Parish newsletter needs updating, as I am not always aware of their present condition. For a couple of weeks, I will remove the list and request that if you wish yourself, a family member or friend, to be included for prayer on the newsletter, please inform our Secretary Bernadette, or myself. Please make sure you have the sick person's permission, to include their names on the list.

**The Diocesan Mass** for Marriage takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 12.00 noon at Chad's Cathedral. Please register asap. If you have any significant anniversary or are engaged to be married, or simply to give thanks for your marriage, you are welcome to attend. For further information please visit: [www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass).

**The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** takes place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May Fr Philip Griffin is the pilgrimage organiser and Mass will be celebrated by Canon Jonathan Veasey. Starting at 11am and finishing at 5pm

The news and events across the Archdiocese include the following:

'Is your Son being called to the Priesthood?' A Young Discerners' group invites young men (School Years 9-13) to a meeting on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May at St Mary's College, Oscott. Parents are also invited as part of a parallel programme. It is a free event, but booking is essential: [deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk](mailto:deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk) Telephone 0121 321 5135


Gift Aid:£208 A special thanks to those who Gift Aid their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £52:00 Loose £792:38 Total:£1,000:38 This Sunday is Vocations Sunday, and there will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund. This fund supports the formation of our future priests and permanent deacons for our Archdiocese. The formation of a priest typically takes around seven years and costs in the region of £200,000 per seminarian. This is a significant commitment for our Archdiocese, and it relies entirely on your generosity. Please give as generously as you are able, either in the second collection this weekend or online at: [www.vocations.org.uk/ctf](http://www.vocations.org.uk/ctf) For more information about vocations and the work of the Vocations Office, please see their latest newsletter available online. Please also keep in your prayers those currently discerning their vocation, and those in formation, that they may have the courage and perseverance to follow the Lord's call. Thank you for your support and generosity.

**Christian Aid Week** takes place from 9<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> May. The Coffee Morning and Ploughman's lunches will be held at the Methodist Church in Solihull on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May. A small group from St Augustine's will run teas and coffees during the morning session. A Church collection will take place on the weekend of 31<sup>st</sup> May for Christian Aid.

**Pray in May** for the work of Mary's Meals: We ask your prayers, for blessings on our work of feeding over 3 million hungry children a day in school, in 16 countries, for as little as £19.15 per school year.

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm –	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm	Sunday April 26 <sup>th</sup> 9am J & G Sica
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 12.30pm T Cund	Ginny/A Kelly	Sunday April 26 <sup>th</sup> 11am A Kelly
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 9am M Coburn	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 12.30pm	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 9am
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> April 11am Emanuelle	J & R Wong	M Coburn/J Powers
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 9am M C Barbour		Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 11am E Duffy
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 11am T Washbrooke		

**Bereavement Group** - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am **2026:** Wed 13<sup>th</sup> May 10<sup>th</sup> June 8<sup>th</sup> July Supporting you in 'Bereavement'. **Meditation Group** - Upcoming dates" Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Parish Meeting Room. Mondays 1pm; 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

**8th Solihull (St. Augustine's) Rainbows**  meet at St. Augustine's Parish Hall every Wednesday between 5.30-6.30pm Our unit, run by 3 volunteer leaders, would welcome girls aged between 4 and 7 (Reception-Year 2) to join us. We follow the Girlguiding Rainbows programme, where girls have the opportunity to earn lots of lovely badges whilst sharing giggles and building skills of tenacity, teamwork and creative thinking. To register your interest, please visit: <http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

**Our Lady of The Wayside Church** would like to invite all golfers in St Augustine's parish to play in our annual charity golf day at Fulford Heath Golf Club, Tanners Lane, Wythall, B47 6BH on the 21<sup>st</sup> May. The cost is £60 per head to include 18 holes of golf, tea, coffee, bacon rolls on arrival, afternoon buffet and prizes. Buggies can be hired at £35. Those interested please contact Ray Hunt at [rayhunt47@btinternet.com](mailto:rayhunt47@btinternet.com) or 07955 35942. Our chosen charities this year are, raising funds to take young adults to Lourdes, St Vincent de Paul Society and The Father O'Mahony Trust, so donations or sponsorship would be very much appreciated. We are offering businesses the opportunity to sponsor a hole for £100.

**Please consider joining** the Tyburn Martyrs Walk, and to pray for the conversion of England. This will take place on the 17<sup>th</sup> May. We will gather at St Giles in the Fields, London at 1.30pm 60 St Giles High Street WC2H 8LG. This walk is being held to commemorate the martyrs of Tyburn, the site is located at Marble Arch, and is a distance of 1.4 miles approximately by foot Please see [www.tyburnmartyrswalk.org.uk](http://www.tyburnmartyrswalk.org.uk) for more details press contact if further questions.

**Annual Ladies Afternoon Tea** You are invited to this event in the Parish Hall 16<sup>th</sup> May 3-4:30. Please bring some food to share.

<p>25th April Saturday</p> <p><b>FEAST St Mark</b></p>	<p>Acts 2:14,36-41    1 Peter 2:20-25          John 10:1-10  <b>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</b>          12.30pm Kathleen Brennan-RIP          Peter Tickell-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Mini-Fayre 1.30pm-3.30pm</p>
<p>26th April</p> <p><b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</b></p> <p>World Day of Prayer for          Vocations</p>	<p>Acts 2:14,36-41    1 Peter 2:20-25          John 10:1-10  <b>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</b></p> <p>9.00am Savio Baretto-Intention          All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am John Kavanagh-Birthday          Helen Treanor-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both          Masses          Continuation Mini Fayre after each          Mass</p>
<p>27th April Monday</p> <p><b>Easter Feria</b></p>	<p>Acts 11:1-18                      John 10:11-18  <b>Public and Live streamed Mass</b>          9.30am Ann Weir-RIP</p> <p>Mike Fleming-RIP</p>	
<p>28th April Tuesday</p> <p><b>Easter Feria</b></p> <p>St Peter Chanel/ St Louis Marie          Grignon de Montfort</p>	<p>Acts 11:19-26                      John 10:22-30  <b>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</b>          10.00am Fr Joseph Narikuzhi-RIP</p> <p>John Sheevin-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>29th April Wednesday</p> <p><b>FEAST</b>          St Catherine of Siena          Patron of Europe</p>	<p>1 John 1:5-2:2                      Matthew 11:25-30  <b>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</b>          12.00pm John Rice-RIP          Sean Dowling-Intention</p>	<p>Confessions 11.15-11.45am          No 'Lectio Divina' - this week.</p>
<p>30th April Thursday</p> <p><b>Easter Feria</b>          St Pius V</p>	<p>Acts 13:13-25                      John 13:16-20  <b>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</b>          12.00pm Nancy Reilly-RIP          June Schott-RIP</p>	<p>Prayer Meeting 7.00-8.00pm</p>
<p>1st May Friday <b>Easter Feria</b></p> <p><b>St Joseph the Worker</b></p>	<p>Acts 13:26-33                      John 14:1-6  <b>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</b>          6.30pm Silva Walton-Birthday          Deceased members of Healy &amp; Paulger          Families</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm-followed          by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>2nd May Saturday</p> <p><b>St Athanasius</b></p>	<p>Acts 6:1-7    1 Peter 2:4-9    John 14:1-12  <b>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</b>          12.30pm Margaret Westney-RIP          Lorraine Bingham-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm          Confession 11am-12.00pm          Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>3rd May</p> <p><b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b></p>	<p>Acts 6:1-7    1 Peter 2:4-9    John 14:1-12  <b>Public &amp; Live streamed Masses</b>          9.00am Michael O'Driscoll-RIP          All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Robert Douglas Walton-Intention</p> <p>James &amp; Mary McDermott-RIP</p>	<p>Tea /Coffee available after both          Masses</p>

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father,  
You give us the Sacraments as signs  
and instruments of your love and mercy.

Draw from amongst your disciples  
men who are willing to serve your Church generously  
as priests in the Diocese of Birmingham  
to minister to your people and to proclaim the Gospel to all.

Send your Spirit to guide and strengthen them,  
to be their companion on the journey,  
as they discern your will for their lives.

This prayer we make through Christ our Lord. Amen Our Blessed Lady Immaculate Pray for us

Please pray for: Professor Judith Champ, Laurence Marie Knight, Paulina Samathar, Clare Elizabeth Klein, Stephen Jenkins, Chris Johnson, Mary Munko, Mary Louisa Law, Francis (Frank) Valentine Byrne, and Roni (Veronica) Pickering, Bridget Mary Williams, Cornelius Callanan, Margaret Brigid McCabe, Michael Joseph O'Gorman, Della Martina Quinn, Margaret Stanley, Anthony Parsons who died recently.

Also, Margaret Winifred Isaacs, John Kelly, Anatol Power, Annie Slattery, Victor Abell, Mary Burt, Mary Helen Treanor, Nora Christina McCann, John Tipping, James Mc Dermott, Doreen Bertha Hughes, Vincent Lynch, Albert Eric Newman, Ann Tyndall, Jonathan Buckley, Mary & Thomas Moran, Alfred Baker, Marian Webster, Sheila Anne Green, 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](mailto: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.**

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

### **From Sinai to Rome: Jewish Identity in the Catholic Church, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April**

An evening of celebration with presentations by Dr. Angela Costley, Prof. Gavin D'Costa and Prof. Lawrence Feingold  
Introduction by Bishop Timothy Menezes and a drinks reception to follow.

A free event – full details can be found here: <https://stmaryscollegeoscottcio.churchsuite.com/events/n0g58ukm>

**Organ Recital, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May** Join us as we welcome Cathy Lamb to the college chapel.

Bookings can be made here: <https://stmaryscollegeoscottcio.churchsuite.com/events/22e4lszl>

**'Dear friends,** This weekend we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, when the Church prays especially for vocations to the priesthood. I want to ask you to join me in praying today that all those whom Our Lord is calling will respond with courage and generosity to his invitation to serve their brothers and sisters as priests in our Archdiocese.

If you feel that the Good Shepherd might indeed be calling you - and if you are 18 or over - I would ask you to write to me directly at [archbishop@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:archbishop@rcaob.org.uk). I shall be happy to meet you, with our Vocations Director, Fr Craig Szmidt, and to hear your story as you try to discern what the Lord is asking of you today and in the years ahead. Please pray for me and for all our priests. With my prayers and kindest wishes. +Bernard Longley Archbishop of Birmingham'

### **St John Henry Newman, Theology and the Imagination, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May**

A Theology Symposium in honour of St John Henry Newman's elevation to Doctor of the Church

The event begins on Friday May 1st at 7pm with a free public lecture. You can attend this without any obligation to attend the Symposium, which begins on Saturday morning at 9.15am.

Further details can be found here: <https://stmaryscollegeoscottcio.churchsuite.com/events/al1hod7n>

