

# SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND

## CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Fr Dominic Kavanagh**

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

Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A 10th May 2026

**Father Dominic writes:** 'The Holy Spirit restores us to life. After His resurrection, Christ promised that He would send the Holy Spirit on His Church. It is the Spirit of Christ which is the source of our joy and helps us to do great things in the Lord's name. We are healed by the Spirit and are called to take part in the healing mission of the Church.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Dear Parishioners:** Find joy in our Lord's words concerning the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, 'You know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you.' The novena for Pentecost begins on Friday and continues until the eve of Pentecost.

**The next baptism** preparation evening will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May from 7.30pm-9pm. All are welcome. If you wish to be present, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or Fr Dominic.

Please pray for baby Eleanor Corke who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday.

Your prayers are also asked for Mr Mark Andrew Powell who is to be Confirmed and Received into Full Communion at the 9am Mass on Pentecost Sunday.

This Thursday is Ascension Thursday, a Holyday of Obligation. As for previous holy days, there will be a Vigil Mass on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm and a morning Mass on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> at 9.30am at Our Lady of the Wayside Church. Here at St Augustine's, we have a 12.30pm Mass and a 7pm evening Mass.

For the evening Mass we have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

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

**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.

**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May. A group of Parishioners will be travelling on this annual pilgrimage. Would you like to have any prayer petitions taken to the Grotto at Lourdes? If so, please hand them in to the Sacristy. Please do not place any money in the envelopes. Spread the Good news... On Instagram. The Steering Committee of the South Solihull

parishes are wishing to form an Instagram page, where we can share news and events. Please follow

"southsolihullrcchurches" for shared news, information and events from the four parishes in our cluster" Or copy

this... [https://www.instagram.com/southsolihullrcchurches?igsh=cG5reW8za3YwNGsy&utm\\_source=qr](https://www.instagram.com/southsolihullrcchurches?igsh=cG5reW8za3YwNGsy&utm_source=qr) **Please note**

that on Tuesday morning Mass will take place at 9.45am. This will allow me to arrive in time for our deanery meeting at Coleshill.

**On Wednesday** 20<sup>th</sup> May, there is a lunchtime meeting at the United reformed Church on the Warwick Road, from 12.00-1.30pm. You are welcome to attend and to bring some food. Drinks will be provided.

**The Meeting of** South Solihull Cluster Forum takes place this Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, at Our Lady of the Wayside. Please would our Parish representatives attend this Meeting.

**An appeal for** volunteers to help in the Presbytery garden on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 2.30pm. Please let Fr Dominic know if you are able to help.

**Lectio Divina** by zoom, will continue this Wednesday from 7.30pm-8.15pm. All are welcome.

**Gift Aid:** £249:14 (A special thanks to those who Gift Aid their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £62:29) Loose £ 1,030;89 Total:£1,280:03 Standing Orders for the month of March- £1,847: Tax claimed £461:75 This weekend Second Collection this week: Poor Parish of the Diocese.

**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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH


Lali Ratnaraja    Angela Keating    Mary Cassidy    Rosemary Knowles

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> May      12.30pm T Cund	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 12.30pm	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 9am
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup> May      12.30pm Bernard	J & R Wong	M Coburn/J Powers
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 9am M C Barbour	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May 12.30pm	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 11am A Kelly
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 11am T Washbrooke	R Wong/ Ginny	
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 9am C Ramsey		Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 9am
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 11am Cecilia		M Hallissey/ G Sica
		Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 11am J Hickey

**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; 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 age 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.

<p>9th May Saturday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Michael O'Reilly-RIP Michael Donnelly-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>10th May</p> <p>SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18 John 14:15-21 Public &amp; Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish Marian Mullen-RIP 11.00am Jackie O'Keefe-RIP Josephine Bastian-Birthday</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>11th May Monday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 16:11-15 John 15:26-16:4 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Domingo De La Cuesta Special Intention</p>	
<p>12th May Tuesday Easter Feria</p> <p>Ss Nereus &amp; Achilleus</p> <p>St Pancras</p>	<p>Acts 16:22-34 John 16:5-11 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 9.45am Paul Malone-RIP Anne &amp; David Symonds</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>13th May Wednesday Easter Feria</p> <p>Our Lady of Fatima</p>	<p>Acts 17:15,22-18:1 John 16:12-15 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Anetta-Intention Mick Gilbert-RIP &amp; Family-Intentions</p>	<p>Confessions 11.15-11.45am 'Lectio Divina' - this week. Email for the link: <a href="mailto:staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk">staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</a></p>
<p>14th May Thursday</p> <p>SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</p> <p>Holyday of Obligation</p>	<p>Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:16-23 Matthew 28:16-20 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Anthea Swales-Birthday 7.00pm Rose &amp; Marian-Intentions 7.30pm-9pm Baptism Preparation-Presbytery</p>	<p>Prayer Meeting 7.00-8.00pm</p>  <p>As they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. Acts 1.9</p>
<p>15th May Friday</p>	<p>Acts 18:9-18 John 16:20-23 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 6.30pm Baby Amuthan Danne &amp; his parents Jeniffer &amp; Delvin Mary Hagger</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm- followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>16th May Saturday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Deceased members of Mullen &amp; McNamara Families Fr Austin Hughes-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>17th May</p> <p>Seventh Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11 Public &amp; Live streamed Masses 9.00am Constancio Marcus Noronha-RIP All People of the Parish 11.00am Mary Ryan-RIP Maya Bastian-Birthday</p>	<p>Tea /Coffee available after both Masses</p>

## ASCENSION PRAYER TO LIVE A FULL LIFE

O Lord, your Ascension into Heaven marks the culmination of the Paschal Mystery, and it contains an important teaching for us. May we live life as an earthly reality and develop our human potential to the fullest. May we make use of the results of science to achieve a better life on this planet. But in our best moments we know that there must be more than all of this, a transcending Reality. As Christians, we know that this Reality is your loving Father who awaits us with you and the Holy Spirit. Where you have gone, we ultimately will come-if we are faithful.

Please pray for: Professor Judith Champ, Paulina Samathar, 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, Nicholas Ian Barnett (Funeral Service Robin Hood Crematorium, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May; 9.30am), Anne Millward, Eileen Ponsonby, Susan Kelly and Aggie O’Reilly who died recently.

Also, Mary Walton, Leslie Docker, Jocelyn Clare Hawker, Sheila Ann Callaghan, Margaret Danks, Annie & Robert Danks, Francis McKeown, Kathleen Veronic(Vera) Manton, Joseph Cassidy, Josephine Walker, Jennifer Doyle, John Joseph Edward Doyle, Andrew Henry Robert Browne, Kathleen Mary Hemming, James Joseph Owens, Mary Frances Williams, Pauline Marie Callaghan, Thomas Joseph Kellett, 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)

**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> of 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 16th May 3-4:30. Please bring some food to share.

**Would you like to become a regular READER at MASS?** If you would like to join the readers rota for Saturday or Sunday Masses, please contact [mtcoburn@virginmedia.com](mailto:mtcoburn@virginmedia.com) as soon as possible, stating your name and the Mass you regularly attend. A new rota begins in June and new readers would be welcome to join the team.

**ALTAR FLOWERS** Are you interested in becoming a flower arranger to join a group of volunteers in the parish? Each week a different volunteer provides and arranges the flowers decorating the main altar. Each arranger’s “turn” comes approximately three times per year. If you would like to know more details of this role or if you would like to join a rota of flower arrangers, please contact Madeleine at [mtcoburn@virginmedia.com](mailto:mtcoburn@virginmedia.com)

