

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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Fr Dominic Kavanagh

Deacon Kevin O'Connor (Retired)

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 12th July 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'The seed of faith must grow in our lives. God does nothing in vain. All our suffering has a meaning and through it we are so deepened in our spiritual lives that we yield a rich harvest. The world longs for the Spirit of Christ to come and set us free from clinging to the things of this world. (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners, We are reminded that we have the potential freedom to be good, rich, productive soil. We beg that the Word will return to us again and again, so that we can do His will, achieving the end for which God sends Him to us.' (Magnificat).

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 16th July between 7.30pm-9pm. If you wish to attend, please speak with Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy. All are welcome.

This weekend, we have a second collection for Stella Maris, (formerly Apostleship of the Sea). There are Gift Aid envelopes available in both porches. On this day we pause to remember the seafarers who sustain global trade and often work far from home, and we support the pastoral and practical care offered to them around the world. The disruption to shipping in the Strait of Hormuz resulted in an estimated 20,000 seafarers stranded on board ships, facing heightened risk and considerable mental strain. Sadly, several have also been killed.

Maryvale Institute are offering a new online course on the Sacrament of Marriage. It comprises a full academic year of theological formation- open to anyone, no prior study required, starting September 2026. For further information call 012 360 8118. from 2.30pm.

The Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 18th July. 1.30pm-4pm. Items needed: Prizes for Tombola and raffle, Bottles, Cakes and other items in good condition. The proceeds will be directed to help the people of Venezuela, via CAFOD and Aid To The Church in Need. Help is needed to set up in the garden on Friday 17th July at 4pm; also, to tidy up after the Fayre. Thank you.

Please pray for a Trainee Deacon, Andrew Cheng, who is to be Ordained on Saturday 18th July at 12.00 midday at Saint Chad's Cathedral. Andrew's first Mass as a newly Ordained Deacon will take place here at Saint Augustine's on Sunday 19th July at 3.00pm. Andrew will help Monsignor Danny in Monsignor's role as co-ordinator of the Ethnic Chaplaincies.

We offer our prayerful congratulations to Tsz Long Choy (Keith) and Viktoriia Yakovenko, who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and will be Received into Full Communion, on Sunday 19th July, during the 11am Mass.

St. Columban's are holding a FREE Summer Open Day on Wednesday 19th August 2026! We're inviting parishes and schools from the Solihull Cluster to join us. See poster in porch for details.

Gift Aid: £195:66 (A special thanks to those who Gift Aid their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £48:91)
 Loose £1,246:58 Total: £ 1,246:58 . Standing Orders for the month of May £2,950 Second Collection this weekend:
 Apostleship of the Sea-

An inclusive Mass for People with SEN and Disabilities takes place each month at Our Lady and St Brigid's Church, Northfield. These are the forthcoming dates: 26th July, 23rd August, 27th September from 4pm to 4.20pm, Refreshments served afterwards.

St Augustine's Primary School have a vacancy for a Caretaker, beginning September 2026. For further details please contact School Office at: 85office@st-augustines.solihullsch.uk or telephone 0121 705 4355.
St Augustine's Catholic Primary School-Places available in Nursery and Years 2 and 3 from September.
 Is your child due to start Nursery (born Sept 2022 – August 2023) or years 2 or 3 in September 2026? Spaces have become available at St Augustine's school to start in September. The nursery offers a full time (8:50-3:20pm) provision, term time only. Application forms can be found on the school website <https://www.st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk/admissions/> or by contacting the school office on 0121 705 4355 or 85office@st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Lali Ratnaraja	Angela Keating	Mary Cassidy	Rosemary Knowles	Philomena Kenny	Phillip O'Neill
Briege Williams	Jonathan Williams	Father Pat Sayles	Maureen Hughes	Kitty Gardener	Julie Hickey
Adrian Boyes	Patrick Mitchell	Catherine Bird	Helen Kirk	Patrick Murphy	Patricia Sheasby
Edward Martin	Jess Stanton	Daniel Meadows			

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 11 th July 12.30pm J Sharpe	Saturday 11 th July 12.30pm	Sunday 12 th July 9am
Sat 18 th July 12.30pm M Connor	R & J Wong	M Hallissey/ J Powers
Sunday 12 th July 9am Y Solazzo	Saturday 18 th July 12.30pm	Sunday 12 th July 11am J Hickey
Sunday 12 th July 11am E Young	A Kelly/Ginny	Sunday 19 th July 9am
Sunday 19 th July 9am C Ramsey		M Coburn/ J Sica
Sunday 19 th July 11am H Cettler		Sunday 19 th July 11am P Davis

We Believe Festival- an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God.
 Join us from **Friday 24 - Monday 27 July** at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. *There's a 33% discount on day tickets using the code 'BIRMINGHAM-DISCOUNT' at checkout.* Last year more than 2,000 Catholics gathered in the grounds for the first-ever *We Believe Festival*, celebrating Catholic life and faith. The event is hosted by St Mary's College, Oscott and the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom. See poster in porch.

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

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

Marriage in a Rut? Or need our help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates 2nd-4th October. <http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info> Telephone: 07788 729 6983

Our Lady of Lourdes School-2 vacancies Level2/3 Teaching Assistants. See notice board for details.

11th July Saturday FEAST St Benedict Day of Prayer for Europe	Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Mary Agatha Harris-RIP Elizabeth Hope-Intention	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee after Mass
12th July FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sea Sunday	Isaiah 55:10-11 Romans 8:18-23 Matthew 13:1-23 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am John White-RIP All People of the Parish 11.00am Ben Susan & Dymphna McKiernan-RIP Intercession of Archangel Raphael-Rose Davis	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses
13th July Monday Feria in Ordinary Time St Henry	Isaiah 1:10-17 Matthew 10:34-11:1 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Margaret Lomax-RIP Peggy O'Connor-RIP	
14th July Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Camillus de Lellis	Isaiah 7:1-9 Matthew 11:20-24 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Thanksgiving-Magdelene Jenkinson Mrs Norris-RIP	Toddlers' Group 9.30am- 11.30am
15th July Wednesday St Bonaventure	Isaiah 10:5-7,13-16 Matthew 11:25-27 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Peter Cusack-Intention Margaret Higgins-RIP	Confessions 11.15-11.45am 'Lectio Divina' - this week. Email for the link: staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk
16th July Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time Our Lady of Mount Carmel	Isaiah 26:7-9,12,16-19 Matthew 11:28-30 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Patrick Withers-RIP Laurence Knight-RIP	Prayer Meeting 7.00-8.00pm
17th July Friday Feria in Ordinary Time Blessed John Sugar & Robert Grissold/ St Kenelm	Isaiah 38:1-6,21-22,7-8 Matthew 12:1-8 Public & Live streamed Mass 6.30pm Johnsie Young-RIP Special Intention (M&T)	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm- followed by Mass 6.30pm
18th July Saturday	Wisdom 12:13,16-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Maggie Keane-RIP Eilish Cooney-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass Summer Fayre 1.30pm-4pm
19th July Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wisdom 12:13,16-19 Romans 8:26-27 Matthew 13:24-43 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Keating Family & Friends All People of the Parish 11.00am Robbie Cook-RIP Mima Rochechinha-RIP	Tea /Coffee available after both Masses Summer Fayre Continues after both Masses

A prayer for seafarers, their families, and those who minister to them, asking for safety, guidance, and blessings on Sea Sunday 2026.

Almighty God, Creator of all things, from the vast oceans to the smallest creatures, we marvel at Your wisdom and generosity. As we look upon the sea in all its moods, we are reminded of Your power and care.

Today, on Sea Sunday, we lift up our prayers for all whose lives are touched by the sea.

We pray for seafarers and fishers, for those who transport goods, serve in the navy, or work aboard ships.

Keep them safe through storms and rough waters, and grant them courage, resilience, and hope in their long journeys away from home. LORD, HEAR US.

We pray for the families who wait anxiously for their loved ones' return, and for all who provide support and care to those at sea, including lifeboat crews, coast guards, and maritime volunteers. May their work be guided by compassion and dedication. LORD, HEAR US.

We ask Your blessing upon Stella Maris and all maritime ministries, that they may continue to offer a 'home away from home' to seafarers, providing comfort, listening ears, and practical help. LORD, HEAR US.

We remember those who have died, especially those lost at sea, and we entrust them to Your eternal care. LORD, HEAR US

Please pray for: Bob Dipple, Glynis Hawkins, Helen Mary Teresa McGrath, Jim Harding, Philip Gartland, (Funeral Service, Woodlands Cemetery, Friday 10th July, 10am), Sonya O'Shea (Requiem, Tuesday 28th July, 11.30am), Michael Joseph O'Mahony (Requiem Wednesday 29th July 12.30pm; Reception Tuesday 28th July, 6pm) David & Edna Powers, Michael Joseph O'Gorman, Nicholas Ian Barnett, Susan Kelly, Julie Agnew, and Henry Oliver Price who died recently.

Also, Sheila McHugh, Eileen Lewis, John White, Dymrna Marie McKiernan, John Pears, Roma Spittle, Sylvia Bunce, Bridie Haigh, Mark Jonathan Gibson, Laurence Charles Westoby Marshall, Anthony Joseph Quinn, Margaret Bixby, William Hayes, Colin John Finan, Patrick John Withers, Paul Malone, Simon Bugden, Martha Mary Ward, David John Mitchell, Desmond O' Dwyer, John Robert (Bob) Melton and all with anniversaries at this 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.

Wednesday 19th August 2026, 10.30am – 2.30pm As part of our mission commitment to caring for creation, the Columbans have made biodiversity restoration and protection a key priority. To celebrate this work and inspire others to take action, we are hosting a special Summer Open Day for local families during the summer! The day will include pond dipping, nature activities, arts and crafts, games, beekeeping talks, stories of mission from Columban priests and opportunities to explore our rewilded grounds and solar energy installation. Visitors are invited to bring a picnic and enjoy a day outdoors discovering God's creation. Please visit the Columban website for more information.

