

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

5th Sunday of Easter YEAR B 2nd May 2021

Dear Parishioners,

'Jesus is the true vine. We are to share the life of God through grace. It is like the sap in the branches that comes to them through the vine. If we really love God then we must allow Christ into our lives. By keeping the commandment of love God will live in us.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I, join with you in giving thanks for all the blessings our good Lord is sending us during this season of Easter and we now look forward to this month of May, a month traditionally dedicated to our Lady. We offer our prayerful congratulations to all who are celebrating the Sacraments over these next weeks; to Jade and Tiago celebrating their marriage this Saturday, May 1st; to our First Holy Communion candidates celebrating their First Holy Communion on Saturday 8th May at a 9.30am and 12.30pm Mass; to our Confirmation candidates celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop David Evans on Wednesday 16th June; and to Miss Libby Service's First Communion Children who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Tuesday 26th May.

Items of Piety for First Holy Communion will be on sale after Saturday and Sunday Masses this weekend. (Cash or card will be acceptable)

Christian Aid Week (10th-16th May) will be with us shortly. There will not be the usual house collections nor the usual Coffee Morning. However, you are welcome to contribute on line by visiting the Parish website or by going directly to the Christian Aid website www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals For those unable to donate online we will have a voluntary collection next weekend.

There will be a sale of a limited number of strawberry and runner bean plants. If interested please contact Mary Clark. Our thanks to Mary for representing our Parish with the Christian Aid Committee.

Your prayers are asked for the people of India suffering so greatly from Covid-19. CAFOD are distributing support through their partners Caritas India.

We are also praying for those affected by the accident in Northern Israel.

The new boxes of Offertory envelopes are available for you in the main porch. As everyone has a new number to their envelopes it is essential that the new envelopes are used. Please dispose of any old envelopes. Please do remember to collect them. **If any Parishioner** would like to use Offertory envelopes or to take out a standing order, please speak with Father Dominic or email the Parish Secretary (F.A.O. Miss Bernadette O'Donnell).

<p>1st May Easter Feria St Joseph the Worker</p>	<p>Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14 10.00am Public & Live streamed Mass Stella Skillen-RIP</p> <p>Margaret Campbell-RIP 1.00pm Wedding Jade and Jean-Tiago</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 9.30am Confession after 10am Mass</p>
<p>2nd May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>Acts 9: 26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8 9.00am Public & Live streamed Mass Maria O'Brien-Intention</p> <p>All People of the Parish 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Pat Ferris-RIP (SVP)</p> <p>Joanne Christine O'Shea-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p>
<p>3rd May Monday FEAST Sts Philip and James</p>	<p>1 Corinthians 15:1-8 John 14:6-14 10.00am Live streamed Mass James & Mary McDermott-RIP</p> <p>Scarlet Suarez-Birthday</p>	
<p>4th May Tuesday FEAST English Martyrs</p>	<p>Acts 7:55-60 Matthew 10:17-22 10.00am Live streamed Mass Members of Catholic Handicap Fellowship Oxford Desmond & Dorothy McDermott 50th Wedding Anniversary</p>	
<p>5th May Easter Feria Wednesday</p>	<p>Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Jane & James O'Brien-RIP</p> <p>Eamonn McDonald-Intention</p>	<p>Private Prayer & Confession 10.45am-11.15am Lectio Divina' at 7.30pm To join in the Meeting please email Helen Brookes who will forward you the link to join the Meeting. Helen's email: ehb73@yahoo.co.uk</p>
<p>6th May Thursday Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 15:7-21 John 15:9-11 10.00am Live streamed Mass Sarah O'Brien</p> <p>Sylvia Wyndham-RIP</p>	
<p>7th May Friday Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 15:22-31 John 15:12-17 10am Live streamed Mass George & Lily Dowson</p> <p>Ann O'Sullivan(Birthday)-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>8th May Saturday Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 16:1-10 John 15:18-21 9.30am Public & Live streamed Masses Liam O'Brien-Intention. First Holy Communion Children and Parents 12.30pm Tom Bourke-RIP First Holy Communion Children and Parents</p>	<p>First Holy Communion Masses 9.30am and 12.30pm Please note that there will not be a 10.00am Mass</p>
<p>9th May Sixth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 10:25-26, 34-35,44-48 1 John 4:7-10 John 15:9-17 9.00am Public & Live streamed Mass All People of the Parish Muriel & Seamus Gavney-Intention 11.00am Public & Live streamed Mass</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p>

Voluntary Collection next weekend: Christian Aid

Act now and stop disability abortion up to birth in NI Earlier this year the Northern Ireland Assembly voted on the Severe Fetal Impairment Abortion (Amendment) Bill and it passed Second Stage by 48 votes to 12. The Northern Ireland Health Committee is now undertaking a consultation on the Bill and is seeking submissions from the public. It is important that as many people as possible submit to the consultation in support of the Bill to clearly show that there is widespread support for this important change. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool on their website that makes it simple to complete your submission. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/nidisabilityconsultation

Deacon Kevin is preparing any young people requiring the Sacrament of Confirmation who do not attend a Catholic School. The Meetings will take place each Tuesday evening at 5pm in the Presbytery, starting this Tuesday April 20th. For further details, please speak with Deacon Kevin or with Father Dominic.

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Fifth Sunday of Easter (Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8) Listening and discerning together Jesus says: "Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty." Listening to Our Lord is essential for our fruitfulness. This can depend on how well we make the time to listen to each other, to discern together. Often God speaks to us through our spouse; some say 'the closer we are to each other, the closer we are to God'.

Bishop Challoner TSA is currently working with around 40 Primary and Secondary schools in the Birmingham area to help new teachers into the profession. Anyone is welcome to join for a free online information event on Thursday **13th May at 5pm** to find out more about the School Direct / PGCE route into this exciting and rewarding profession. See www.bctsa.org for details, or email teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School Is your child due to start Nursery (born Sept 2017 – August 2018) or Reception (born Sept 2016 – August 2017) this September? St Augustine's Catholic Primary School has places available in both their Nursery and Reception class for September 2021. Please contact the school directly on 0121 705 4355 or 85office@st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk for more information or to register your interest.

The Bishops' Conference, has called for a universal daily prayer to be offered for the end of the Covid-19 Pandemic during the month of May and that each day during the month will focus upon one of the international Marian Shrines. This includes Our Lady of Walsingham. We have been asked to note that Saturday 1 May 2021 has been assigned for Our Lady of Walsingham with the prayer intention in favour of the Holy Souls. We have therefore been asked to pray the Rosary in spiritual unity with the Holy Father, particularly on 1 May through the intercession of Our Lady of Walsingham

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email. Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SVP 'FRIENDS IN NEED' Do you know someone who needs the support of a phone call? Or a person or family going through hardship? Or perhaps you feel you could donate non- perishable food, drinks or toiletry items for people in need during these times? If so, please don't hesitate to phone or text the SVP on: 07568 508271.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Keith Frettsome	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish,	Tony Duffy	Martha Sheridan	Fr Fred Sheldon
Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Ken Bolton
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	John Doyle	Dan Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White
Diane Burgess	Kathleen Clark	Kathryn Farmer	Malachy Hanly	Sandra Evans	Roisin Brown
Margaret Lennon	James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Deacon Kevin O'Connor	Eve
Christopher Edmund Poole	for protection and peace in the Mbag Family			Peggy Lundy	Nicole Plummer
Greta & Bucks Moran	Keith Richie	Pat Brogan	Amanda Stellfox	Thelma Cole	
Mary Johnson	Anne Deary	Jane Tibbs	Joan Lynch	William Moran	

Let us pray for the people of India:

God of grace and life, we come to you at this hour – fearful, anxious, vulnerable and distraught. We hold the people of India in our prayers, as they suffer the ravages of the pandemic and are exposed to loss of life, pain, anguish, grief, and uncertainty at this moment.

We pray for the families who have lost their loved ones, those battling for life, and those who are exposed to the devastating impact of these losses.

We pray for those caring for the mourners as well as for those under care, especially healthcare professionals and all others involved in essential services.

Grant healing to those who are suffering, and give protection, strength, and courage to those who are serving.

God, we do not ask you to take us back soon to our familiar world but to accompany us and help us accompany one another as we walk through this unknown and frightful path. Help us to discern the mystery of this phenomenon, and to look for your signposts directing us to new realities that ensure life with justice and dignity for all.

This we ask in the name of Christ.

Amen

Please pray for: Father Joseph, Father Anthony, and Sister Camilla from Father Joseph's home diocese of Raipur who died recently, and for Mary Elliott and Pauline Mullins.

Also Patrick Ryan, Mary Hannah Murphy, Pamela Smith, Joseph Charles Callaghan, Helenah Oldfield, Veronica Jordan, Michael Rochfort, Ken White, Selena Helena Beggan, Wincenty (Victor) Zarebski, Mary Griffin, Anthony Francis, Agnes Theresa Kilcoyne, Maria Malik and all with anniversaries at this time.

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