

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT Year B 3rd March 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'We preach a crucified Christ. Christ gave his life in love to his Father. In a way which we do not understand, this death shows forth the wisdom of God. Christ rose again from the dead. This great miracle on which our faith depends shows that we believe that the message of eternal life is contained in Christ's death and resurrection.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I welcome our young Parishioners, Year 5 pupils of St Augustine's School, their parents and teachers to the 9am Mass this Sunday. **The next baptismal** preparation evening will take place on Thursday 21st March 7.30-9.00pm in the Presbytery. If you would like to attend, please speak with Mary Clark or with one of the Clergy.

Next weekend we welcome Deacon Tim Anthony who will speak to us about the charity 'Aid to the Church in need.' He will have some products, such as rosaries, with him. There will be a bucket collection for this charity. The following weekend a Sister Helen Omeje will be present to speak to us about raising funds for the building of a special school in Anambra State Nigeria. Sister will be selling CDs and there will be a bucket collection.

As we hasten towards Easter, we will be holding a Service for the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday 17th March at 4pm here at St Augustine's. Father Andy Franklin and Father John Cross will be joining us on this occasion, along with Parishioners from their Parishes. We will also be holding the annual Lenten Penance Service at St George and St Tereas's Dorridge on Tuesday 26th March at 7pm.

The Parents of First Holy Communion Children are invited to attend one of two Meetings being organised in preparation for the Children's First Holy Communion. The Meeting will take place on Tuesday 5th March from 7.30pm-9.15pm. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. **For any of our young** Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Meetings continue on Tuesdays at 5pm in the Presbytery. Do please spread the word. **Deacon Kevin** extends an invitation to the Parents of St Augustine's pupils to participate in reflections on our Faith. The Meetings will take place in the Sunshine Room at School on Tuesday mornings from 8.50-9.30am. All are welcome. The Talks are based on the Sycamore Course, will continue throughout the term.

The SVP invite all our elderly or lonely Parishioners to a comfort supper on Thursday 7th March at 7pm. The Catholic Herald magazine for March is available in both porches. £5-a good read.

Monthly Meditation will take place In Sacred Heart and Holy Souls parish meeting room on March 18th at 1.00pm. It is an opportunity to be still and to experience how much we are loved by God. You are most welcome to come and join us.

The Circle of Prayer group will be hosting an evening of reflection during Lent on Thursdays 7-8pm here at St Augustine's. Everyone is welcome to join them; why not do something additional for Lent as well as giving something up **7-3-24** Week 4 Good Friday Crucifixion **14-3-24** Easter Saturday Silence **21-3-24** Easter Sunday The Resurrection

FIRST FIVE SATURDAY FATIMA DEVOTION For peace in the world. On 13 July 1917 Our Lady requested "The Communion of reparation [by the Church] on the First Saturdays". Please join Deacon Subhi in the parish hall at St George and St Theresa Church Dorridge, on Saturday 9th March after the 10am Mass for tea and coffee then at 11am to learn more about this beautiful devotion and how it will help bring about peace in world.

Marriage Care, a Catholic organisation providing support and counselling for married couples, and marriage preparation days/evening, are wishing to recruit volunteers for their work. They are based at St Joseph's Centre, at Holy Souls Church, Acocks Green. If you would like to know more, please speak to a member of the Marriage Care Team on- 0800 389 3801.

Many people have chosen to leave a gift in their Will to CAFOD and these generous donations fund one third of CAFOD's long-term support to help people out of poverty . For more information and to take up CAFOD's free will-writing offer go to www.cafod.org.uk/give/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/free-will-service

Bishop Challoner Catholic College, Kings Heath, are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic who is, or has potential to be, a dynamic and inspirational Lay Chaplain. Please see www.bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/vacancies for full information and to apply. Closing Date: Friday 8th March 2024, 12pm.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE- 14th Feb-24th March. Leaflets and poster in porch. For details: Isabel- 07773501 721 or izzyvs@gmail.com

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Monday 27th May until Saturday 1st June 2024. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Fr Dominic . Further details to follow. Applications for doctor, nurses, carers, hospitaliers(handmaid-female non-medical helper and brancardier- male non-medical helper) are now open. Please contact Kath White on 0121 230 6288 or email: lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£233:17 Loose :£817:63 Total:£1,050:80 Last weekend Collection CAFOD Family Fast Day :£1,539:70 2nd Collection this weekend: Cathedral Maintenance

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 2 nd March 12.30pm Bernard	Sunday 3 rd March 9am	Sunday 3 rd March 11am
Saturday 9 th March 12.30pm T Duffy	M Coburn	A Keating
Saturday 16 th March 12.30pm T Cund		
Sunday 3 rd Mar 9am School Yr 5	Sunday 10 th March 9am	Sunday 10 th March 11am
Sunday 3 rd Mar 11am ??	M Hallissey	B Ngala
Sunday 10 th Mar 9am M Pearsall		
Sunday 10 th Mar 11am C Hodrien		

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Eileen Doyle	Kevin McDaaid	Don Deneny	Jonathan Williams
Patricia Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans
Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Pauline Samathar	Michael Keating	Rita Titchmarsh
James Brown	John McCarthy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Eve	Roger Cox
Christopher Edmund Poole		Liam Lewis	Joseph Wong	Briege Williams	Angela Hyland
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Mike Sassano	Mary & Amanda
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Helen Brookes	Paulina Samathar	

<p>2nd March Saturday FEAST St Chad</p> <p>Patron of Archdiocese</p>	<p>Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Our Sister Barbara Anderson-RIP Tom & Rose Carberry-Intentions</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>3rd March</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</p>	<p>Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25 Public & Live Streamed Mass 9.00am All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Diane Rowan & Family John Cross-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>4th March Monday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St Casimir-Patron Saint of Poland</p>	<p>2 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Requiem Josie Concannon</p> <p>John Bevis-RIP</p>	
<p>5th March Tuesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Daniel 3:25,34-43 Matthew 18:21-35 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Lexie Keady-RIP Anetta Hodja-Intentions</p>	<p>The Parents and Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am Funeral Service at Robin Hood for Steve McGrath 12.00 midday.</p>
<p>6th March Wednesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 Matthew 5:17-19 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30am AGM Catholic Women's League James Partrick Cooney-RIP</p>	<p>Confession 10.45am-11.15am Stations of the Cross 11.00am Lectio Divina 7.30pm: email gillljones1952@gmail.com</p>
<p>7th March Thursday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>Ss Perpetua & Felicity</p>	<p>Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am George Holmes-RIP Jean Kennedy-RIP</p>	<p>Lenten reflections Prayer Meeting 7-8pm Parish Hall</p>
<p>8th March Friday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St John of God</p>	<p>Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34 Public & Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Billy-RIP</p> <p>6.30pm Mr Bob Service (SVP) Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.00-6.00pm Stations of the Cross-6.00pm</p> <p>Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>9th March Saturday</p>	<p>2 Chronicle 36:14-16,19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Mary Murray-RIP Michael Snell-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>Fourth Sunday of Lent</p> <p>10th March</p>	<p>2 Chronicle 36:14-16,19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21 Public & Live Streamed Mass 9.00am Paul Mann-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Alan Watts-RIP</p> <p>Angela Martyn-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

Reflection on Anima Christi

Soul of Christ sanctify me.

Body of Christ, save me.

Blood of Christ, inebriate me, water from the side

Of Christ wash me.

Passion of Christ strengthen me, O good Jesus, hear me.

Within your wounds hide me. Do not allow me to be separated from you.

From the malevolent enemy, defend me.

In the hour of my death call me and bid me come to You.

That with your saints, I may praise you forever and ever. Amen.

Josephine Mary(Josie) Concannon,(Requiem Monday March 4th,10am;Reception Sunday 3rd March 4.30pm) ,Margaret Freeman (Tuesday 12th March 12.00pm), Margrett Cheung ,Raymond Pilkington, Emma Wilson , Stephen John McGrath (Robin Hood Crematorium on Tuesday 5th March 2024, at 12 noon.)Teresa Jukes,(Requiem 22nd March, 1.30pm), Aidan Paul Flynn, Margaret Petronella Nicholson (Requiem 4th April 12.pm; Reception 3rd April 6pm) who died recently.

Also, Margaret Wallace, Margaret Marion Berry William (Bill) Michael Burton, Robert Jones, Frank Alexander Patrick Barwell, Dermot McKenna, Mary Adkins, John McIntyre, Patrick Joseph Gallagher, James Patrick Cooney, William O'Dwyer, Doris Hart, Lee Farrell, Bernard Wasley, Hilda Corbett, Jenny Parsons, James Bernard Hope, Anna Bernadette O'Driscoll, Thomas Masterson, Pamela Marie Quinlan Francis 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 Teresa Cund. 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 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CENTRAL SOLIHULL-Lent Breakfasts Simple Breakfast with cereals and rolls, tea and coffee etc - Cost £3 each All welcome and please bring friends On Saturdays in Lent you are welcome to attend the Methodist Church Breakfasts - all at 8.30am - same place: **Prayer's Beautiful Messiness 2 March Prayer as Friendship 9 March Prayer as Rhythm March 16 Forms of Prayer 23 March When Prayer is Hard**