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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd October 2021

Dear Parishioners,

'Marriage is a sacred bond of unity. In marriage the husband and wife form a unity according to God's plan. A truly Christian marriage is a witness to the world of Christ's blessing on the parents and on the children.'(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I, join you as we dedicate the month of October to Our Lady of the Rosary, asking that as we pray the Rosary we may experience Mary's maternal intercession for all our needs. We will try to say the Rosary each day. In our prayer we also call to mind the Pope's Intention for the month of October, which is: 'Missionary Disciples'. We pray that every baptized person may be engaged in evangelisation, available to the mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the flavour of the Gospel.'

Please pray for Nancy Hazel O'Connor who is to be baptized into the family of the Church this weekend.

Do you have a child in Year 3 or above attending a non-Catholic school? Our 2021-2022 classes for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion will be starting here at St Augustine's Church very shortly. Please contact Libby Service (St Augustine's Catechesis Team) on 07568 508 271, to make sure your child is registered for a place. For the parents of our Year 3 children at St Augustine's School we have a Meeting at School on Tuesday 19th October at 6pm. Following on from this there will be an enrolment Mass in Church for all candidates for First Holy Communion at 9am on Sunday 7th November.

We have also arranged two Meetings for parents to choose which one to attend; Wednesday 17th and Wednesday 24th November at 7.15pm in St Augustine's Parish Hall. We will request Free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park in Herbert Road.

Please remember in your prayers Abi Takyi and Martin Muiri who are to celebrate their marriage at St Augustine's on Friday 22nd October at 2pm.

Thank you to those who attended the Day for Catechists last Saturday at St Ambrose Barlow Church. It was a very inspiring day. **THANKSGIVING MASS FOR MARRIAGE-** Saturday 9th October 12 noon, St Chad's Cathedral. Bishop David Evans. During the Mass, married couples will be invited to make the Renewal of Commitment. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary during 2021 and would like to be listed in the Mass Booklet please email: marriage.mass@rcaob.org.uk also use this link to register to attend the Mass

<p>2nd October Saturday Guardian Angels</p>	<p>Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-12 12.30pm Public and Live streamed Mass John O'Brien-RIP Rosie Lynch-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.45am Confession 11.45am-12.15pm</p>
<p>3rd October TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-12 9.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Bernard Adkins-RIP 11.00am Public and Live streamed Mass All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 10.30am Confessions 10.30am-10.45am</p>
<p>4th October Monday St Francis of Assisi <i>'Preach the Gospel at all times and, if necessary, use words.'</i></p>	<p>Jonah 1:1-2:1,11 Luke 10:25-37 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Christine Stafford-RIP</p>	
<p>5th October Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Faustina Kowalska</p>	<p>Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 10:38-42 6.30pm Public and Live streamed Mass Patrick Gill-RIP Tony Mann-RIP</p>	
<p>6th October Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Bruno</p>	<p>Jonah 4:1-11 Luke 11:1-4 7.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Father Michael Crumpton-RIP Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am Esther & Pat Murphy-RIP</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>7th October Thursday Our Lady of the Rosary</p>	<p>Malachi 3:13-20 Luke 11:5-13 10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Eddie Maher-RIP Luke, Sheila, Luke & Mort</p>	
<p>8th October Friday Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>11.00am Requiem Cathleen Joyce Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Luke 11:15-26 6.30pm Public & Live streamed Mass Roisin & David-Wedding</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>9th October Saturday FEAST St John Henry Newman</p>	<p>Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30 12.30pm Public and Live streamed Mass Eugene & Anna O'Donnell-RIP Michael Hyland-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.45am Confession 11.45am-12.15pm</p>
<p>10th October Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Prisons Week</i></p>	<p>Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30 9.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Donna Collins-Intention 11.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Theresa O'Regan Toher & Francis Toher</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 10.30am Confession 10.30am-10.45am</p>

PARISH CENSUS: Dear Parishioners, we are hoping over the coming weeks and months to add parishioner details to the Birmingham diocesan data base. The information you provide will be kept securely and only I as your Parish Priest, and Parish staff/volunteers authorised by me will have access to it. We do not at present have an active parish database, and it is my belief that this will be of great benefit to us all. It will assist me in arranging sacramental preparation, visits to the sick and housebound, and in ministering to different groups of parishioners. To begin this process, we will be asking you to complete a parish Census form. Thank you in anticipation of your help with this endeavour.

We are soon to begin a Mothers and Toddlers' group. Please would you register your interest if you wish to attend. Further details to follow.

Would any Parishioner wish to help with organising a Youth Group? If you are interested, would you please let me know. The Kenelm Youth Trust are organising a Training Course for those who wish to become Youth Leaders. The course is by zoom and will be run on Thursday evenings for 6 evenings (breaking for half-term) starting October 7th from 7pm-9pm I would be happy to meet with youth volunteers in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 5th October at 7pm.

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16) Two in one flesh God said: "It is not good that the man should be alone." Do I value my husband, my wife? Do I really know you, my beloved and lifelong companion? When was the last time we were intimate or celebrated our sexuality; the essence of our being two in one flesh? How much of a priority are you in my life?

Thank you for your Offertory contributions. 26th September Gift Aid: £192:00 Loose £433.77 Total £ 625.77.

Second Collection last week: Father Hudson's Society: £276:54 Standing Orders for the month of August : £2.267.00 CAFOD Collection this weekend from Family Fast Day

Information for Homeowners: August 2021 Would you like to save money on your fuel bills? Would you like to make your house warmer? Would you like to make changes to your home that are good for the environment? If you are a homeowner, you may be able to benefit from a range of measures designed to improve the energy efficiency of your home. Up to £10,000 per property is available and no contribution is required if you meet the eligibility criteria. How to apply In the first instance you should contact Act on Energy, the councils' trusted energy partner on freephone number 0800 988 2881 or complete the Expression of Interest Form directly on the Act on Energy Website: <https://actonenergy.org.uk/project/local-authority-delivery-scheme-expression-of-interest> for more information please visit: <https://www.solihull.gov.uk/Housing/Solihull-green-homes-grant>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Keith Frettsome	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish,	Tony Duffy	Fr Fred Sheldon	Mary Ryan
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	Sandra Evans	Roisin Brown	Gillian Jones
Margaret Lennon	James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Eve	Noreen O'Connor
Christopher Edmund Poole		for protection and	peace in the Mbag Family		Peggy Lundy
Nicole Plummer	Keith Richie	Pat Brogan	Amanda Stellfox	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders
Mary Johnson	Anne Deary	Jane Tibbs	William Moran		

Threat of the Introduction of Assisted Suicide

In the next weeks, we face an unprecedented attack on the sanctity of life with Baroness Meacher's 'Assisted Dying Bill 2021' which received its 1st Reading in the House of Lords and is due its 2nd Reading with full debate on Friday 15th October.

The term 'Assisted Dying' is euphemistic, the truth is that this bill seeks to introduce Assisted Suicide. If legalised, this Bill would allow a terminally ill adult with less than 6 months to live to be assisted in committing suicide. Catholic teaching opposes assisted suicide since life is a gift to be cared for until its natural death.

Solidarity with the most vulnerable, especially the dying, is a most profound act of Christian charity. We stand near to the dying and pray for them as Our Lady prayed at the foot of the cross. Those in favour of the bill are making good use of language to confuse the issue and call it a compassionate and caring approach in order to redefine the question and obscure the actual reality and consequences of such legislation. As Pope Francis has said, 'Physician-assisted suicide is part of a "throwaway culture" that offers a false compassion" and treats a human person as a problem... True compassion does not marginalize anyone, nor does it humiliate and exclude – much less considers the disappearance of a person as a good thing.'

He criticised those who hide behind an alleged compassion to justify and approve the death of a patient.'

Importantly, at this stage we need to argue the dangers of the introduction of Assisted Suicide, which include the safety of people who are vulnerable due to external pressures, and the later liberalisation of the law which is evidenced by other countries which have introduced Assisted Suicide. Many voices from the world of disability rights and other allies are also very fearful and fighting this bill. There are a number of important actions in the next weeks. First, to ask you to call people to pray that the Bill will be defeated. Second, to ask that people write to the Peers from their personal experience and share stories which will argue the reasons for opposing the Bill as well as narrate the importance of precious time during the final stages of life. Healthcare and legal professionals should write giving reasons why they oppose the Bill. This needs to be done before the Second Reading on 15th October. Third, to ask parishioners to engage and share stories and reasons against the Bill on social media.

Please pray for: Norman Francis Miley (Woodlands Crematorium, Wednesday 6th October 2.00pm); Christopher Paul Barsby (Thursday 7th October 3pm Robin Hood Crematorium); Cathleen Joyce (Friday 8th October, 11.00am; Reception Thursday 7th October 5.30pm); Adriana Wheatley and Josephine Rumbold, David Heap and Jane Tibbs who died recently.

Also, Michael Jerome Callaghan, Gloria Doorn, Norah Avery, Eileen Dewar, Patrick Gill, Mary Florence Webb, Roger Stanley Oldfield, Father John Fitzpatrick, Christina Pugh, Michael Joseph Hyland and all with anniversaries at this time.

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