

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 4th February 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'Everybody is looking for Christ. Christ gives meaning to our lives. Without him life would be no better than hired drudgery, but with his spirit in us all our service of others is done for love of him. It is a service which brings us perfect freedom. The world needs Christ and it is our duty to bring him to everyone.' Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I are led to understand that the answer to Job's pitiful plight is found in the Lord who 'heals the broken-hearted and binds up all their wounds.'

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 15th February from 7.30pm-9pm in the Presbytery. If you would like to attend, please inform Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

SVP and mini Vinnies cake sale 3/4 February. Raising funds for 12 families in Kerala, India to buy bicycles to enable children to get to school. Donation of cakes very welcome. Buy before lent arrives. Sale will take place this weekend, after each of the Masses, and there will also be a Bucket Collection in support of this cause.

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School are looking for volunteers to assist the pupils in reading and art and to help with the School library. If you are able to help please contact the School on: 0121 705 4355 or email the School office: 85office@st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk Volunteers will be subject to the normal safeguarding procedures. **In preparation for the** Season of Lent you may wish to participate in some of the following activities-Reflections on the Scriptures (a form of Lectio Divina) on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm by zoom, starting February 7th. Prayer meeting and Lenten reflections on a Thursday evening between 7pm-8pm starting Thursday 15th February in the Parish hall. **Please note also** the events planned at the Methodist Church for the Saturday mornings of Lent. There are also some resources on the diocesan website;

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

St Augustine's Drop-In Café will take place on Monday 19th February from 11.30am-1.30pm. All are welcome. **For any of our young Parishioners** who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation the Meetings will begin on Tuesday 20th February 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 beginning Tuesday 20th February from 8.50-9.30am. All are welcome. The Talks, based on the Sycamore Course, will continue throughout the term.

Please note, Thursday's Mass begins at 9.30am

Men's Rosary in the City. 17th February Birmingham City centre at Victoria Square at 12.00 mid-day.

<p>3rd February Saturday</p> <p>St Werburg/ St Blaise/ St Ansgar/</p>	<p>Job 7:1-4,6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Mark 1;29-39 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm John Timmons-RIP Jane Smith-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>4th February Sunday</p> <p>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>Job 7:1-4,6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Mark 1;29-39 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish Johnny Green-RIP 11.00am Zonia Morgan Cettler RIP & Julie Beasley-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>5th February Monday</p> <p>St Agatha</p>	<p>1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13 Mark 6:53-56 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Wisea & Anna Koziel-Intention Mrs Anderson-RIP</p>	
<p>6th February Tuesday</p> <p>St Paul Miki & Companions</p>	<p>1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30 Mark 7:1-13 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Mrs Ellen Bolger</p>	<p>The Parents and Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>7th February Wednesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>1 Kings 10:1-10 Mark 7:14-23 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30am John Timmons-RIP Wanda, Marie & Family-Intentions</p>	<p>Confession 10.45am-11.15am Lectio Divina 7.30pm: email gilljones1952@gmail.com</p>
<p>8th February Thursday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Jerome Emiliani</p> <p>St Josephine Bakhita</p>	<p>1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12 Mark 6:7-13 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.30am Natasha-Intention Lexie Keadey-RIP</p>	<p>Day of Prayer For Human Trafficking</p>
<p>9th February Friday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>1 Kings 11:29-32 Mark 7:31-37 Public & Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Cara Brennan-RIP 6.30pm Tom Maguire-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>10th February Saturday</p> <p>St Scholastica</p>	<p>Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Anne McSweeney-RIP Mark Boyle-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Day for the Unemployed</p> <p>World Day of Prayer for the Sick</p>	<p>Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 Mark 1:40-45 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am Michael & Margaret Fitzmaurice-RIP All People of the Parish 11.00am Mary O'Sullivan-RIP Pat Ferris-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

Monthly Meditation will take place In Sacred Heart and Holy Souls parish meeting room on Monday February 19th and 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. 15-2-24 Week 1 In the Wilderness 22-2-24 Week 2 Palm Sunday Triumphant Entrance 29-2-24 Week 3 The Last Supper/ Institution of the Eucharist 7-3-24 Week 4 Good Friday Crucifixion 14-3-24 Easter Saturday Silence 21-3-24 Easter Sunday The Resurrection

The Catholic Women's League are holding their next meeting on Monday 19th February at 7:30 in the parish centre. This month we have a speaker who crafts handbags and we would like to extend an invitation any lady who would be interested. The talk and display will begin at 8:00pm. No charge but donations welcome. Refreshments available.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024: 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or website www.med-irishcentre.com **MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518 ENGLAND: 0044 20 3239 8662 Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com** 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

OLAAS MAC- is recruiting Directors and Governors; An information evening will be held on Thursday 29th February at 5.00pm at Bethany House, Our Lady of Compassion RC Primary School. Email communications@olaas.co.uk for more information.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE- 14th Feb-24th March. Leaflets and poster in porch. Kick Off event Sunday 11th Feb 3pm will include a Talk from Dr Calum Miller speaking about abortion and mental health. St Joseph & St Helen's RC Church Hall, 84 Northfield Road, Kings Norton, B Ham B30 1JG 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 and place your name on the form in the main porch. 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:£136 Loose :£850:60 Total:£986:60 Next Weekend Second Collection: LIFE

Last weekend 2nd Collection: Racial Justice:£462:11

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 3 rd Feb	12.30pm T Cund	Sunday 4 th February	9am	Sunday 4 th February	11am
Saturday 10 th Feb	12.30pm Bernard	M Hallissey		B Ngala	
Saturday 17 th Feb	12.30pm T Duffy				
Sunday 4 th Feb	9am Finbar	Sunday 11 th February	9am	Sunday 11 th February	11am
	Cormac Joe	D Nettikkadan		E Duffy	
Sunday 4 th Feb	11am M Watts				
Sunday 11 th Feb	9am M Coburn	Sunday 18 th February	9am	Sunday 18 th February	11am
Sunday 11 th Feb	11am E Young	T Nettikkadan		A Kelly	

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 McDaid	Don Deneny	Jonathan Williams
Patricia Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans
Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Paulina Samathar,	Michael Keating	Rita Titchmarsh
James Brown	John McCarthy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto		
Christopher Edmund Poole	Eve	Roger Cox	Liam Lewis	Joseph Wong	Briege Williams
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Mike Sassano
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Angela Hyland	Mary & Amanda	Helen Brookes

A Parent's Prayer to St. Joseph

O glorious St. Joseph,
to you God committed the care
of His only begotten Son
amid the many dangers of this world.
We come to you
and ask you to take under your special protection
the children God has given us.
Through holy baptism
they became children of God
and members of His holy Church.
We consecrate them to you today,
that through this consecration
they may become your foster children.
Guard them,
guide their steps in life,
form their hearts
after the hearts of Jesus and Mary. Amen.

Please pray for: Alan Watts, Josephine Mary (Josie) Concannon, (Requiem Monday 4th March, 10am; Reception Sunday 3rd March 4.30pm), Raymond Pilkington, Norman Egan, Emma Wilson, Margrett Cheung, Ellen Teresa Farrelly, Joseph (Joe) Naughton, Margaret Byrne, Father Christopher Greaney, Father Sandy Brown who died recently.

Also, Zonia Morgan Cettler, Lena Cahall, Denis Neale, George Galbraith, Doris Chalmers, John Farrell, John Patrick O'Brien, Mary Margaret Dowie, John James Green, Margaret Mary Francis, Christopher John Fuller, Mary Lee, Denis Driscoll, Mary Bridget Pickerill, Monica Robinson 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 Refugees, Asylum Seekers & Other Vulnerable Migrants in Solihull - where do our churches fit in. **Saturday 17th February** 2024 8.30am to 9.30am Felix Kupay from Entraide **Saturday 24th February** 2024 8.30am to 9.30am John Bradley to talk about Solihull Sanctuary Solihull Methodist Church, B91 1LG by Solihull Station - car park off Station Road Simple Breakfast with cereals and rolls, tea and coffee etc - Cost £3 each All welcome and please bring friends On further 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**