

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

**5th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 7th February 2021**

**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.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I greet you with the peace and joy of the risen Lord, 'who heals the broken-hearted and binds up all their wounds.' (Psalm 146) We hope and pray that you continue to keep well. Please pray for Deacon Kevin who is unwell at this time. Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February, Ash Wednesday, marks the beginning of Lent and is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. There will be two Masses, one at 11.30am and one at 7pm. For the 7pm Mass we will request free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. The season of Lent is a period of grace and renewal and providentially coincides with springtime. As nature comes to life after winter, so the Church calls us to springtime in our hearts. **'The day is come,** the accepted day, when grace, like nature, flowers anew. Trained by Thy hand the surer way, rejoice we in our springtime too.' There are a number of resources on line, which you may find helpful. Do please take the **'Walk With Me' Booklets and Calendars,** which are available in both porches. During Lent, there will be many opportunities for deepening our prayer life. You may wish to join 'Lectio Divina' on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm From Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February each week's Meeting will reflect on the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. If you wish to participate, please email Helen Brookes who will send you a link. [ehb73@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:ehb73@yahoo.co.uk) **On Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February,** we celebrate the Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes, which is designated as a special day of prayer for the sick. May her intercession bring us comfort, healing and hope. **We are making a slight adjustment** to the manner in which we distribute Holy Communion, so as to minimise the movement in Church and so minimise possible virus carrying air currents. Holy Communion will now be distributed at the end of Mass. So, we ask that as you enter Church through the side porch, you would kindly place your Sunday Offering in the baskets provided and gel your hands. Having received Holy Communion please leave Church immediately, collecting a Newsletter and using the hand gel as you do so. Our intention is to make the Church environment as safe as we can so that we may continue to gather for Mass. Our thanks to the Volunteer Stewards for all their help and kindness. PTO

<p>6th February Saturday St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</p>	<p>Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21      Mark 6:30-34 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 10.00am Ann Moran &amp; Family –Intentions  Colette Hickey-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am</p>
<p>7th February 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 &amp; Live streamed Mass 9.00am Beatrice McCaffrey-RIP Des Smythe-RIP 11.30am Public &amp; Live streamed Mass All People of the Parish James Farmer-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am</p>
<p>8th February Feria in Ordinary Time  St Jerome Emiliani / St Josephine Bakhita  Day for Victims of Human Trafficking</p>	<p>Genesis 1:1-19      Mark 6:53-56 10.00am Live streamed Mass James &amp; Jean O'Brien-RIP  Angelina Farmer-Intention</p>	
<p>9th February  Tuesday  Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Genesis 1:20-2:4      Mark 7:1-13 10.00am Live Streamed Mass Jenny Matthews-RIP  Lali &amp; Family</p>	
<p>10th February Wednesday St Scholastica</p>	<p>Genesis 2:4-9,15-17      Mark 7:14-23 11.30am Public &amp; Live streamed Mass Des Smythe-RIP  Mrs Leonara De Souza-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.</p>
<p>11th February Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time Our Lady of Lourdes</p>	<p>Genesis 2:18-25      Mark 7:24-30 10.00am Live streamed Mass Savio-Intention Tom Finnegan</p>	
<p>12th February Friday Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Genesis 3:1-8      Mark 7:31-37 10.00am Live streamed Mass Eilish-Intention Alice McBrien-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>13th February Saturday Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Genesis 3:9-24      Mark 8:1-10 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 10.00am Francis Bigby-Intention Breed Gallagher-Intention</p>	<p>Private Prayer 9.30am-10am Confession after 10am Mass</p>
<p>14th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Day for the Unemployed</p>	<p>Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1      Mark 1:40-45 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 9.00am Constance Fernandes-RIP Chris Fuller-RIP 11.30am Public &amp; Live streamed Mass Norah &amp; Patrick Brennan-RIP  Father Eamonn Corduff-Intention</p>	

**A Parishioner has available**, free of charge, a 4-wheel walker with a front seat. If interested contact the Presbytery. **Father Joseph and I** took part in a virtual Christian Unity Prayer Service, which is now available for you to watch. The theme for the Service is 'Abide in my Love and you shall bear much fruit.' Please follow this link:

<https://youtu.be/DhXNzszJmdU> Details are also available on the Churches Together in Central Solihull website- [www.centralsolihullchurches.org.uk](http://www.centralsolihullchurches.org.uk)

**If you know of any young** Parishioners not attending a Catholic School who wish to be prepared for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please let the Clergy or Miss Libby Service know. Miss Service's email is: [1st4activities@gmail.com](mailto:1st4activities@gmail.com) or tel: 07568 508 271

**The following links** have been forwarded to us by Mr Paul Northam, the Diocesan Evangelisation Worker. Paul meets each month with our Parishioners who form part of the Evangelisation Meeting, which any Parishioner is welcome to join [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) The Bible in a year- <https://bibleinayear.fireside.fm>

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next week: Pro Life**

**MARRIAGE MATTERS** [www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk](http://www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk) Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Job 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23 Mark 1:29-39) Making the time to talk and to listen As married couples we need time to grow in knowledge and understanding of each other. This week let us make time when we are not tired, to talk together, to share what's happened in the day, our thoughts and feelings, the things that worry us or make us happy. Perhaps we can also plan a regular celebration of our love.

**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.

**Ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain** A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below:

[www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion](http://www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion)

**Ready, steady, census** The decennial census is almost upon us.

Households across Solihull will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes.

Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is March 21.

For more information, visit [census.gov.uk](http://census.gov.uk).

**The Alliance of Catholic Marriage Organisations** exists out of a shared desire to be united around our service to the Church and our commitment to offer clearer, more joined-up pathways of support for couples. The Alliance recognises that this commitment is best achieved through the deepening of our relationships - not formal structures - but with the hope that a more visible display of our unity will be a blessing to the Church and the couples we serve.

For information: [www.allianceofcatholicmarriageorganisations.org.uk](http://www.allianceofcatholicmarriageorganisations.org.uk)

**TWO WEBINARS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS** seeking to unite their Christian faith and practice. 10am February 13<sup>th</sup> and 10am Saturday 13<sup>th</sup>

March. For details: [www.christianheritagecentre.com/events](http://www.christianheritagecentre.com/events) Mini retreat for care givers in the midst of the COVID pandemic Prepared by Ben Bano at Welcome Me As I Am, a scripture based reflection every day for a week (see attached).For more info visit <https://www.welcomemeasiam.org/resources/resources-for-carers>

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

Keith Frettsome	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy	Martha Sheridan	Fr Fred Sheldon		
Joan Kennedy	Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Sue Hodrien	Maureen Cody	
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Anne(Eithne) O'Sullivan	John Doyle	Pat Ferris	Dan Doyle	
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White	Ron Carson
Diane Burgess	Kathleen Clark	Kathryn Farmer	Pauline Yeates	Malachy Hanly	Kevin McDaid	Michael McGovern
Margaret Lennon	Joan Kennedy	James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Deacon Kevin O'Connor	
Sandra Evans	Christopher Edmund Poole					

OUR LADY OF LOURDES February 11th

*O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy,  
you are the refuge of sinners, the health of the sick,  
and the comfort of the afflicted. You know my wants,  
my troubles, my sufferings. By your appearance at the Grotto of Lourdes  
you made it a privileged sanctuary  
where your favours are given to people  
streaming to it from the whole world.  
Over the years countless sufferers  
have obtained the cure for their infirmities -  
whether of soul, mind, or body. Therefore, I come to you  
with limitless confidence to implore your motherly intercession.  
Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests.  
Through gratitude for Your favours, I will endeavour to imitate Your  
virtues,  
that I may one day share in Your glory. Amen.*



**Please pray for:** John Smith, Father Pat Joyce, Martin Yeates (Requiem Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February, 12.30pm) Kathleen Boland, Margaret Timms, George Branwell-Rushforth, Sue Franklin (Mother Of Fr Andy Franklin), Steve Evans, Kevin Smith, Clare Baxter, Anne White, Denis Lynch, Mildred Geary and Canon Giles Goward who died recently.

Also Margaret Mary Francis, Christopher John Fuller, Mary Lee, Denis Driscoll, Mary Bridget Pickerill, Monica Robinson, George Galbraith, Terence James O'Brien, Olive Alma Hulse, Anne Marshall, Mary Gertner, Bernard Powell, Dreda Wheatley, Halima Peace, James Joseph Millane, Maria Grazia Rizzo and all with anniversaries at this time.

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