

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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year B 10th March 2024**

**Dear Parishioners,** 'God is generous with his mercy. Jesus Christ is given to the world by God so that those who believe in his name may be saved. He brings us new life because previously we were dead through sin but now, we are saved through grace. We are God's work of art created in Jesus Christ.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I join in wishing all our Parishioners, especially Mothers, a blessed Mothering Sunday; may each of us feel the warmth of our Blessed Mother Mary's love for us. **Please pray** for Cecilia Grace Piaz-Kavanagh (my great niece) who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday during the 11am Mass. The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm-9.00pm in the Presbytery. If you would like to attend, please speak with Mary Clark or with one of the Clergy.'

**This 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, available. There will be a bucket collection for this Charity. The following weekend Sister Helen Omeje will be present to speak to us about raising funds for the building of a special school in the Anambra State, Nigeria. Sister will be selling CDs and we will have a bucket collection.

**Mr James Oliver** is organising a Parish walk for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm, leaving from the Church Car Park. All are welcome.

**We welcome** Years 4 & 5 from St Augustine's School who will be joining us for Mass on Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The children will also be undertaking Stations of the Cross and celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

**As we hasten** towards Easter, we will be holding a Service for the Anointing of the Sick on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 4pm here at St Augustine's. 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 26<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. **For any of our young** Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Meetings began on Tuesday 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 of our Faith. The Meetings will take place in the Sunshine Room at School continuing each Tuesday morning from 8.50-9.30am. All are welcome. The Talks, based on the Sycamore Course, will continue throughout the term. **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 join us.

**The Kenelm Youth Trust** invite our young parishioners aged between 16-29 years to join them on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May until Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June. For further details please visit: [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk) or speak with one of the Clergy. You are also very welcome to join Father Dominic's Fellowship group travelling to Lourdes on these same dates.

**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 Week 4 **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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](http://www.cafod.org.uk/give/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/free-will-service)

**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. **The Novena to St Joseph** begins on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March in preparation for the Solemnity of St Joseph on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**WALK OF WITNESS- GOOD FRIDAY-** 11am outside St Augustine's Church-please bring a palm if you can. Should finish by 12.15pm at St Alphege followed by Coffee and Hot Cross Buns in the Oliver Bird Hall.

**For news and Events** across the Archdiocese please visit: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CENTRAL SOLIHULL** – Lent Prayer Breakfasts at Solihull Methodist Church at 8.30am. March 16<sup>th</sup> – Forms of Prayer. March 23<sup>rd</sup> – When Prayer is Hard

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE-** 14<sup>th</sup> Feb-24<sup>th</sup> March. Leaflets and poster in porch.

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£141 Loose :£983:16 Total:£1,124:16 CAFOD Family Fast Day :£2,339:70.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Collection last weekend: Cathedral Maintenance:£524:67

**READERS**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm T Duffy	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> March 11am
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm T Cund	M Hallissey	B Ngala
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March 12.30pm Bernard		
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar 9am M Pearsall	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 11am
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> Mar 11am C Hodrien	D Nettikkadan	A Kelly
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar 9am M Coburn		
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> Mar 11am M Watts		

**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	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	Sek Leung	

<p>9th March Saturday</p>	<p>2 Chronicle 36:14-16,19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10      John 3:14-21 Public &amp; Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Mary Murray-RIP Michael Snell-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT 10th March</p>	<p>2 Chronicle 36:14-16,19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10      John 3:14-21 Public &amp; Live Streamed Mass 9.00am Paul Mann-RIP All People of the Parish 11.00am Alan Watts-RIP Angela Martyn-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>11th March Monday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 65:17-21      John 4:43-54 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Michael Cusack-Successful Operation Mary Cassidy - Intentions</p>	
<p>12th March Tuesday Lent Feria Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Ezekiel 47:1-9      John 5:1-3,5-16 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Mary Farrelly-Intention  12.00pm Requiem Maureen Freeman</p>	<p>The Parents and Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>13th March Wednesday Lent Feria Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Isaiah 49:8-15      John 5:17-30 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30am Patricia Wiggins-RIP  Father Fred Sheldon-Intention</p>	<p>Confession 10.45am-11.15am  Lectio Divina 7.30pm: email gilljones1952@gmail.com</p>
<p>14th March Thursday Lent Feria Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Exodus 32:7-14      John 5:31-47 Public &amp; Live streamed Masses 10.00am Chris &amp; Emily &amp; Family-Intentions  Special Intention Holmes Family-Tara-Sarah-George junior</p>	<p>Lenten reflections Prayer Meeting 7-8pm Parish Hall</p>
<p>15th March Friday Lent Feria Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Wisdom 2:1,12-22      John 7:1-2,10,25-30 Public &amp; Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Teresa &amp; Chris &amp; Family-Intention  6.30pm Maureen Farrell-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.00-6.00pm Stations of the Cross-6.00pm  Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>16th March Saturday Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Jeremiah 31:31-34      Hebrew 5:7-9 John 12:20-33 Public &amp; Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Maureen Collins-RIP Angela Martyn-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>17th March Fifth Sunday of Lent Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Jeremiah 31:31-34      Hebrew 5:7-9 John 12:20-33 Public &amp; Live Streamed Mass 9.00am Mary Ryan Family &amp; Friends-Intentions  11.00am Michael McGovern-RIP Mary Dolan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

FOR

Because there was a reason, because there was purpose. His reason and His purpose are love.

GOD

Creator, sustainer, Father,

SO LOVED

Not has loved, not might love, but does love. Unconditionally, totally, eternally, beyond measure, completely.

THE WORLD

All creation, every person, those you care for, YOU. God loves YOU, now today.

THAT WHO EVER BELIEVES.

Trusts in, follows, listens to, depends on, obeys

IN HIM

Saviour, Redeemer, Friend, Shepherd, LORD,

SHALL NOT PERISH.

Can never fall out of His embrace, never be lost, never abandoned.

BUT HAVE EVER LASTING LIFE.

Can never be separated from Him, never lose His love. Will be known and remembered

By HIM. Held in His grace, always.

We know that, because of His love for the world, God gave His only begotten Son for us. He did this for all people. Do we really understand that He did this for each person ?. What does it mean to say that God gave Jesus for your sake. Our reflection today is an opportunity to consider what it means for us to so loved by God. Bible reading John 3 v 16.

Please pray for: Margaret Freeman (Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 12.00pm),Margrett Cheung , Raymond Pilkington, Emma Wilson , Stephen John McGrath, Teresa Jukes (Requiem Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March;1.30pm) Aidan Paul Flynn,( Service, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 10.30 am, followed by committal at Robin Hood Crematorium at 12 noon ) Margaret Petronella Nicholson (Requiem 4<sup>th</sup> April 12.pm; Reception 3<sup>rd</sup> April 6pm),Alan Watts, who died recently.

Also, Alice Butler, Baby Edward Hemming, Raymond Gamble, Anthony Dean, Kathleen Mary Lyddiatt,Helen Doyle, Ronald Morgan, Joan Olive Western, Louis O'Rourke, Petronilla Netsai Ndlovu, Megan Jean Zarebski, Walter Ashley, Mary Cormack, Iris May Toolan,Stephen Gerald Bakewell Jean Shakespeare, Ellen Ennis, 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](mailto:sg.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.