

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

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th October 2021

Dear Parishioners,

'The poverty of riches. Rich people are often too pre-occupied with their worldly possessions to follow Christ. He tells us that those with riches find it hard to enter the kingdom of God but the most important thing is the world is to be wise through God's word and see wealth in its proper perspective. We will then appreciate the richness of poverty for Christ's sake.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I find real joy in our celebration of Mass with and for you. We particularly welcome our recently arrived Parishioners from Hong Kong and hope that you will settle happily within the bosom of our Parish community. We would like to draw your attention to a monthly Mass celebrated for the Chinese Community at St Catherine's, Bristol Street, Birmingham. B5 7BE. The next Mass will take place on Tuesday 26th October at 1.30pm. The Chaplain, Father Joseph Liang, comes up from London to celebrate this monthly Mass. You may also be interested to know of the annual intercultural Mass which this year will take place at St Osburg's Church in Coventry on Saturday 16th October at 12.30pm., linking it to Coventry's designation as 'City of Culture' this year. Bishop David Evans will be the leading celebrant. There will be a social gathering afterwards. All are welcome and you may bring food to share.

We are very pleased to see the return of several groups meeting in the Parish Hall. This week the SVP will be meeting on Thursday 14th October between 7pm-8pm. You are very welcome to join them.

We will be distributing the Parish Census forms this weekend and we would greatly appreciate your returning them at your earliest convenience. **The organisation 'Time 4 Change** have organised a Racial Reconciliation Gathering at St Andrews, home of Birmingham City Football Club, on Sunday 17th October at 4pm. (Doors open 3pm). If you would like to attend, please visit the Diocesan website and book your place- www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

We would welcome some more volunteers to help at the 12.30pm Mass and to be a presence in Church, in twos, so that we may keep the Church open for longer periods during the day. If you feel able to help and would like to know more of what is involved, please speak with Father Dominic or Deacon Kevin.

<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 Confessions 10.30am-10.45am</p>
<p>11th October Monday Feria in Ordinary Time Blessed William Howard/ St John XXIII</p>	<p>Romans 1:1-7 Luke 11:29-32 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Cathleen Joyce RIP</p>	
<p>12th October Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Wilfrid</p>	<p>Romans 1:16-25 Luke 11:37-41 10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Marian Ronaldo Manorina-RIP</p>	<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30-11.00am</p>
<p>13th October Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Edward the Confessor</p>	<p>Romans 2:1-11 Luke 11:42-46 Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am Joseph Thurai Rajah-RIP 2.00pm – Requiem Josephine Mary Rumbold</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>14th October Thursday St Callistus 1</p>	<p>Romans 3:21-30 Luke 11:47-54 10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Manorina Family-Intentions Molly McCarthy-RIP</p>	<p>SVP Meeting 7.00pm-8.00pm</p>
<p>15th October Friday St Teresa of Jesus</p>	<p>Romans 4:1-8 Luke 12:1-7 6.30pm Public & Live streamed Mass Tommy Ryan- RIP Father Paul Watson-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>16th October Saturday St Hedwig/ St Margaret Mary Alacoque</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45 12.30pm Public and Live streamed Mass Val Burgess-RIP Tommy Beggan</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.45am Confession 11.45am-12.15pm</p>
<p>17th October Twenty- ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Isaiah 53:10-11 Hebrews 4:14-16 Mark 10:35-45 9.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Pauline Glen-Intention 11.00am Public and Live streamed Mass All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 10.30am Confession 10.30am-10.45am</p>

BABY LOSS AWARENESS WEEK- <https://www.sands.org.uk/baby-loss-awareness-week-2021>

Next week 9th- 15th October is baby loss awareness week and a time for parents who may have lost a baby to miscarriage or still- birth to remember. The website offers support for bereaved parents. They recommend lighting a candle on 15th October at 7pm to remember and pray for lost babies and their parents.

There may be members of our congregation in need of such support.

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.

Senior Office Administrator Salary: £25,000 - £30,000 per annum (depending on relevant skills and experience)

Would you like the opportunity to lead a small office team supporting the work of the diocese and education in Catholic schools? Are you interested in gaining experience of assisting and leading others in an office environment? - Are you keen to further develop your range of office skills? Would you enjoy working with the leadership team as well as your own team? The Diocesan Education Service is looking to recruit to the position of a senior office administrator. The successful applicant will be part of an office-based team supporting the work of Diocesan officers and deputy directors. It will be a permanent full-time post. You will be based at our office in Coleshill. Training and induction will be provided to the successful applicant. If you wish to discuss this further, please contact us to arrange a visit to our office at Don Bosco House, Coventry Road, Coleshill B46 3EA for the chance to meet the team and learn more about this opportunity and the work of the Diocesan Education Service. We look forward to hearing from you! Further information and application packs are available on request by contacting the director of education by phone on 01675 464755 or by email on: a.hardy@bdes.org.uk

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30) The call to change: no his or hers Today, the Gospel calls us to share ALL that we have. We promised to do this on our wedding day when we said that we would change the things that come between us and develop the things that bring us together. It is this journey of change that makes our marriage the sign of Jesus' love for us all.

Thank you for your Offertory contributions. 3rd October Gift Aid: £189: Loose £676:79 Total £865:24

CAFOD Collection last weekend from Family Fast Day: £898:24 **Second Collection this week: Pact-Prison**

Advice & Care Trust Pact is a major Catholic charity for the support of prisoners and their families, working in prisons in England & Wales. Some Gift Aid envelopes available.

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.

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.

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		Steve Bates
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Amanda Stellfox	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	
Mary Johnson	Anne Deary	William Moran			

Assisted Dying Bill, which is due to receive its Second Reading, with full debate, on Friday 22 October 2021

Novena to St John Paul II

There will be a national novena seeking the intercession of St John Paul II, on whose feast the Second Reading falls. **It will run from 13th-22nd October.** You will find a short and simple novena prayer for use in parish newsletters in the weeks ahead. This will also be accompanied by digital resources within the next few days which can be accessed via this link: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/life-issues/>

Bishop John Sherrington (the Bishop responsible for the Day for Life) has said of the Novena:

'Jesus told his disciples to pray at all times and not lose heart. Providentially the discussion of Baroness Meacher's Bill in the House of Lords falls on the feast of St John Paul II on 22nd October. The novena, asking the intercession of St. John Paul II, who spoke courageously about the infinite worth of each human person and witnessed to the cross in his final illness, calls upon Catholics and all who share our view that assisted suicide is wrong, to pray with perseverance that this Bill will be defeated. St. John Paul II, pray for us.'

The Novena Prayer for Parish Newsletters

Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be...

Please pray for: Adriana Wheatley and Josephine Rumbold (Requiem Wednesday 13th October 2pm), David George Heap (Robin Hood Crematorium, Wednesday 20th October, 10.30am) Mary Cusack and Jane Tabbs who died recently.

Also, Valerie Turner, Maimie O'Connor, Helena Bartoszewicz, Thomas Scanlon, Ann Jones, Edward Lingard, John Rice, Rita Flynn, Patrick Joseph O'Connor, Maurice Mullane, Sheila Smith and Stephen Patrick Delaney and all with anniversaries at this time.

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