

SAINT AUGUSTINE

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 11th February 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'Be cured! We are like lepers who cry out to Christ who alone can cure us. He feels sorry for us and touches us with his grace telling us to be cured. We belong through him to the company of the saints and are now called to do everything for the glory of God. We are a people then of joy because we know that Christ delivers us from our sins.' (Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish our Parents, teachers and Pupils a peaceful and fruitful half term holiday. We look forward to the Season of Lent beginning this Wednesday, Ash Wednesday, Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am and 7pm.

In preparation for the Season of Lent you may wish to participate in some of the following activities-Lectio Divina- Wednesday 7.30pm by zoom. Prayer meetings- Thursday 7pm-8pm in the parish hall. Stations of the Cross- Friday 6pm. Lent Breakfasts at Methodist Church 8.30am Cost £3.00. See inside for full details of these events.

Marriage Care, a Catholic organisation providing support and counselling for married couples, and marriage preparation days/evenings, are wishing to recruit volunteers for their work. They are based at St Joseph's Centre, at Holy Souls Church in Acocks Green. If you would like to know more, please speak to a member of the Marriage Care Team on- 0800 389 3801


Father Dominic would appreciate some help with the Presbytery gardens. Would any Parishioner be able to volunteer an hour or two on the last Saturday of the month- Saturday 24th February at 3pm.

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.

This Sunday, February 11th, is designated as a World Day of Prayer for the Sick. February 11th is the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. We will hold a Holy Hour between 4pm-5pm.

The Parents of our First Holy Communion Children are invited to attend one of two Meetings being organised in preparation for the Children's First Holy Communion. The Meetings will take place on Tuesday 27th February and Tuesday 5th March from 7.30pm-9.15pm We will request free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

<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 Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>11th February Sunday</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</p> <p>11.00am Mary O'Sullivan-RIP Pat Ferris-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p> <p>Holy Hour 4pm-5pm</p>
<p>12th February Monday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>James 1:1-11 Mark 8:11-13 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am P J Egan-RIP</p>	
<p>13th February Tuesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>James 1:12-18 Mark 8:14-21 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Clare McBride-RIP Albert Woodruff-RIP</p>	<p>The Parents and Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>14th February Wednesday</p>  <p>Day of Fast & Abstinence</p>	<p>Joel 2:12-18 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6,16-18 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30am CWL Rota Mass Vera Manton-RIP</p> <p>7.00pm All People of the Parish Margaret Naylor-RIP</p>	<p>Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p> <p>Lectio Divina 7.30pm: email gilljones1952@gmail.com</p>
<p>15th February Thursday After Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Luke 9:22-25 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Joe McLean-Intention Vic Davies-RIP</p>	<p>Lenten reflections Prayer Meeting 7-8pm Parish Hall</p> <p>Baptismal Preparation Evening 7.30pm-9pm-Presbytery</p>
<p>16th February Friday After Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>Isaiah 58:1-9 Matthew 9:14-15 Public & Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Rita Deane-Special Intention</p> <p>6.30pm Anna & Wiese Koziel</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.00pm-6.00pm 6.00pm Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>17th February Saturday</p> <p>Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Brenda Novak-Intention Anne & Joseph Marshall-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>First Sunday of Lent</p> <p>18th February</p> <p>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</p>	<p>Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am Beatrice McCaffrey-RIP 11.00am Betty Russell-Intention Patrick Ryan-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

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

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

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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.

SVP and Mini Vinnies Cake Sale-We had an absolutely fantastic response, raising £1028. Our grateful thanks to all who contributed in any way. We have exceeded our bicycle target and will use the surplus funds in our work of helping the poor and needy in our local area. Mass in thanksgiving will be offered for all our intentions.

Bishop Challoner Catholic College, Kings Heath, are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic who is, or has potential to be, a dynamic and inspirational Lay Chaplain. Please see www.bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/vacancies for full information and to apply. Closing Date: Friday 8th March 2024, 12pm.

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:£181:18 Loose :£984:63 Total:£1,165:81, Weekend Second Collection: LIFE

Last weekend SVP collection:£1.028:27

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 10 th Feb	12.30pm Bernard	Sunday 11 th February	9am	Sunday 11 th February	11am
Saturday 17 th Feb	12.30pm T Duffy	D Nettikkadan		E Duffy	
Saturday 24 th Feb	12.30pm T Cund				
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	
Sunday 18 th Feb	9am C Ramsey				
Sunday 18 th Feb	11am H Cettler				

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	Pauline 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		

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: Alan Watts, Josephine Mary (Jose) Concannon, (Requiem Monday 4th March, 10am; Reception Sunday 3rd March 4.30pm) Margrett Cheung, Raymond Pilkington, Norman Egan, (Requiem Tuesday 20th February 12pm) Emma Wilson, Ellen Teresa Farrelly, Joseph (Joe) Naughton, Margaret Byrne, Father Christopher Greaney, Father Sandy Brown who died recently. Also, George Galbraith, Terence James O'Brien, Olive Alma Hulse, Anne Marshall, Mary Gertner, Bernard Powell, Dreda Wheatley, Halima Peace, James Joseph Millane, Joan Kennedy, Maria Grazia Rizzo, Anna & Bernard Czepukoic, Joyce Matilda Volante, Tony Roberts, Joyce Elizabeth Power, Margaretta Josephine McKeivitt, Baby Eve Fox, Terence Albert Shaw, Mary Margaret Hedges, Peter James Cole, Norah Keating, Thomas Finneran, Bernard Joseph Concannon, Elizabeth Anne Howitt, Carole Ann Akel, Joan Fitzpatrick 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**