

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 14th January 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'Here I am, Lord! We are called by Christ to follow him. We become one spirit with him and offer our lives to his cause thus becoming parts of his Church. When he calls us in every situation in which we find ourselves we reply: 'Here I am since you called me.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I hope that our pupils, teachers, parents, ancillary staff have all settled happily into the Spring Term and may enjoy God's special Blessings throughout this period.

St Augustine's Community Café takes place on Monday 15th January between 11.30am-1.30pm. All are welcome.

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 18th January from 7.30pm-9pm in the Presbytery. If you wish to attend, please speak with Mrs Mary Clark or with one of the Clergy.

The week of Prayer for the unity of Christian takes place from 18th January to 25th January.

The Christian Unity Service will take place here at St Augustine's on Sunday 21st January at 5pm. Do please come along and join in with the members of the local Christian Churches. We have requested free car parking in the Lower level of the Dominion Car Park in Herbert Road.

Our sincere thanks for the donations made to the Bucket Collection to supplement the Christmas Crib Offerings.

As we begin to form the Parish Pastoral Council our first meeting will take place on Sunday 28th January after the 11am Mass. We hope to meet 4 times a year with an AGM in May. We would still welcome Parishioners to form the Pastoral Council based on the Diocesan vision.

Whilst I am away, for sick calls please contact the Friary 0121 706 0505 or Our Lady of the Wayside 0121 744 1967

QUIZ WITH A TWIST: Feeling in need of some entertainment to combat the January slump? We will be holding a Quiz night (with a twist or two) on **Saturday, 27 January 2024, 7.30 p.m. start in the Parish Hall** (doors open 7.00 p.m.) in aid of the HCPT

Oxford. Tickets £10 per person, bring your own drinks/snacks. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated. Teams of 4 or 6; we will happily put people into 'super teams' if you cannot make up these numbers! Please call Maria on 0121 705 8421 to reserve your seats or email: Marialwatts@talktalk.net. Look forward to seeing you there!! We have requested the free use of the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

<p>13th January Saturday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Hilary</p>	<p>1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20 John 1:35-42</p> <p>Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Pauline Moody-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>14th January</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Peace Sunday</p>	<p>1 Samuel 3:3-10,19 1 Corinthians 6:13-15,17-20 John 1:35-42</p> <p>Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Stephen Troth-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>15th January Monday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>1 Samuel 15:16-23 Mark 2:18-22</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Patricia Hodnette-Intention</p>	<p>St Augustine's Community Café 11.30am-1.30pm</p>
<p>16th January Tuesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>1 Samuel 16:1-13 Mark 2:23-28</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Jim O'Kane-RIP</p>	<p>The Parents and Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>17th January Wednesday</p> <p>St Anthony</p>	<p>1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51 Mark 3:1-6</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30am Vancy & Reina Albuquerque-Thanksgiving</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45-11.15am</p>
<p>18th January Thursday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time Octave of Christian Unity</p>	<p>1 Samuel 18:6-9,19:1-7 Mark 3:7-12</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Holy Souls</p> <p>Maura Rice-Intentions</p>	<p>Baptismal Preparation Evening. 7.30pm-9pm. Presbytery</p>
<p>19th January Friday</p> <p>FEAST St Wulstan Octave of Christian Unity</p>	<p>Romans 6:17-19,20-23 John 10:11-15</p> <p>Public & Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Requiem Ellen Teresa Farrelly</p> <p>6.30pm Fiona & Martin Smith & Family-Intentions</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>20th January Saturday</p> <p>Sts Fabian/ Sebastian</p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>	<p>Jonah 3:1-5,10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20</p> <p>Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Canon John McKenna-Intention</p> <p>Charlotte Green-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>21st January Sunday</p> <p>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Sunday of the Word of God</p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>	<p>Jonah 3:1-5,10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20</p> <p>Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Nicholas & Moya Halligan-RIP Katie & Patrick McGovern-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p> <p>Christian Unity Service 5pm</p>

Pray24 Brum – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, this prayer initiative - now in its 10th year - will be held at St Philip’s Anglican Cathedral, Colmore Row, B3 2QB (sometimes known as Pigeon Park!). 24 hours of prayer in and for our city and world, celebrating our unity across different Christian traditions. Each tradition will lead an hour of prayer across Friday 19th January 7.30am to 6.30pm and Saturday 20th January from 8.30am to 7pm. People are welcome to pop in and pray at any time. Archbishop Bernard Longley will lead the hour of prayer on Saturday 20th from 1pm to 2pm. Music by Jo Boyce (CJM Music). Further details: www.birminghamchurches.org.uk

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock & Co Mayo, 14th April 2024. £899 pp. Price includes flight, 10kg hold luggage, 5 nights in 4* Castlecourt Hotel, Westport with Dinner, Bed & Breakfast. Lunch on three days. All entertainment, excursions and transport included. Visit Knock, Galway City, Kylemore Abbey, Croagh Patrick & Ashford Castle. Single supplement on Enquiry. Contact Patricia or Natali on 01268 762 278 or 07740 175557 or email: knockpilgrimages@gmail.com

The Parents and Toddlers’ Group have expanded to include babies, toddlers and pre-school children. Meeting on a Tuesday morning between 9.30am-11.30am

First 5 Saturday devotion : St George and St Therese A devotion recommended by Our Lady of Fatima Confession 9:15 Rosary 9:30 Mass 10am See leaflet in porch for more details.

The Birmingham and Wolverhampton Walsingham Association is organising a pilgrimage to Walsingham this year from Sat 6th April to Mon 8th of April. The cost is £299pp for En-suite and £261pp for budget accommodation. This includes coach travel from various pick-up points across Birmingham and Wolverhampton. For more details and bookings please contact Charles Keily before Friday 19th January on 07710 189036. All are welcome and look forward to seeing you there!”

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

VACANCIES ST PAUL’S GIRLS SCHOOL- Three vacancies are advertised on notice board in main porch.

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER-part time 2-year fixed term role for fluent Cantonese and English speaker. See notice board for details.

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£261 Loose :£1,237:96 Total:£ This Weekend Second Collection: Pax Christi
Christmas Crib collection:£934:64

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 13 th Jan	12.30pm T Cund	Sunday 14 th January	9am	Sunday 14 th January	11am
Saturday 20 th Jan	12.30pm Bernard	T Nettikkadan		E Duffy	
Saturday 27 th Jan	12.30pm T Duffy				
Sunday 14 th Jan	9am M C Barbour	Sunday 21 st January	9am	Sunday 21 st January	11am
Sunday 14 th Jan	11am R Noronha	J Powers		J Hickey	
Sunday 21 st Jan	9am SCHOOL Yr 4	Sunday 28 th January	9am	Sunday 28 th January	11am
Sunday 21 st Jan	11am C Hodrien	M Coburn		A Keating	
Sunday 28 th Jan	9am M Pearsall				
Sunday 28 th Jan	11am M Keating				

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Anne Deary
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Eileen Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien	Don Deneny
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer
Sandra Evans	Gillian Jones	Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Jennifer O'Donnell
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Eileen Keaton
Christopher Edmund Poole		Eve	Roger Cox	Liam Lewis	Margrett Chung
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Mike Sassano
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Angela Hyland	Mary & Amanda	Helen Brookes
Joseph Wong					

PEACE SUNDAY 14th JANUARY 2024

For his theme for the World Day of Peace in 2024, Pope Francis has chosen 'Artificial Intelligence and Peace'. Whilst this might seem a strangely technical theme, we do need to think about the consequences of the advances in AI for peace and justice. Certainly, governments around the world are taking the development of AI seriously.

In that light, Pope Francis is raising a highly contemporary theme and one he has spoken on before when he has addressed the risks in the development of technology. He has already said it is a theme he will return to on World Communications Day 2024, when he will consider 'Artificial Intelligence and wisdom of the heart for a fully human communication'.

For many of us, the first question is: 'what exactly is 'Artificial Intelligence?' It is a concept that has entered our everyday language and yet we are not quite sure what it encompasses. Inevitably, there are a number of definitions but that used by the UK Information Commissioner is helpful:

"AI is an umbrella term for a range of technologies and approaches that often attempt to mimic human thought to solve complex tasks. Things that humans have traditionally done by thinking and reasoning are increasingly being done by, or with the help of, AI."

We are already familiar with a number of its uses – internet search engines like Google, the ability of applications like Amazon, YouTube and Netflix to recommend something to buy, watch or listen to, based on our previous choices, software like ChatGPT which can generate articles and essays, or design software that can generate images.

Prayer

God our creator and sustainer, we thank you for the gifts of creativity you have given us, for the ability to explore science and understand your creation. We ask your forgiveness for the times we have used science for evil and not for good, for war and not for peace. Make us vigilant as we develop technology, that violence and discrimination may not take root, that injustice and inequality will not be fuelled, that the poor and vulnerable will not pay the cost. May all that we create contribute to peace and justice.

Please pray for: Mary Geraldine Ryan, Maria Arlete Ferreira Gomes Rodrigues, Ellen Teresa Farrelly (Friday 19th January 2024, 10am) Joseph (Joe) Naughton (Requiem Tuesday 23rd January 11am; Reception 22nd January 6pm), Margaret Byrne (Requiem Friday 26th January, 11am), Father Christopher Greaney, Father Sandy Brown who died recently.

Also, Stephen Garry Troth, Mary Elizabeth Rowley, William McCoy, Mary Cassidy, Anne Priestland, Ivy Draper, Michael Keane, Kathleen Mulhearn, Lou Clark, Robert Maskell, Edward Caffery, Aleyne Fenton, Roy Wilcox Maureen Gertrude MacDonald, Margaret Muriel Elliott, Roy Leonard Jones, Christiana Peace, Bernadette Agnes Parsons, Theresa & Sean McMahon and Maureen Lilian Lawrence and all with anniversaries at this time.

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