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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (LAETARE SUNDAY) YEAR B 14th March 2021

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: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish you God's special Blessings on this Laetare Sunday (mid-Lent Sunday), when we begin to experience the joyful climax of our Lenten journey, knowing that 'God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not be lost but may have eternal life.' It is also Mothering Sunday and we pray that each one of us may experience the warmth of our Blessed Lady's love.

We welcome Mrs Gill Jones who will speak to us about a 'Retreat in Daily Life', which the Parish are organising. You are welcome to participate in this, which will take place over four weeks beginning the middle of April.

On Friday, we have an additional Public Mass to celebrate the Solemnity of St Joseph on Friday 19th March at 10.00am. Pope Francis has dedicated this year to the guardianship of St Joseph. Please use the booking system for this Mass. There will also be an additional Public Mass on Thursday 25th March, the Feast of the Annunciation at 10am.

The Holy Hour next Friday, between 5.15pm-6.15pm will be used as an opportunity to pray for a renewal of family life and that a sense of Vocation will be fostered within our families.

As we look forward to celebrating the beautiful ceremonies of Holy Week, which will be simplified this year, we would like to encourage you to use the Eventbrite booking system on the Parish website or to request the telephone number from the stewards when you next come to Church.

The Mass of the Lord's Supper 7pm; The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion 3pm; The Easter Vigil 8pm. May we ask that you book for **only one** of these three Services at the present moment. If nearer the time there are spaces available, you would be welcome to attend other Services.

Thank you most sincerely for your generous sponsorship of Henryk Cettler's and my PTO

13th March Saturday Lent Feria	Hosea 5:15-6:6 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Joan & Dan Doyle-Intentions Lawrence Ariyanayam-RIP	Luke 18:9-14 Church open for Private Prayer 9.30am-10.00am
14th March FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT LAETARE SUNDAY	2 Chronicle 36:14-16,19-23 Ephesians 2:4-10 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am All People of the Parish Julian Kuzminski-Intention Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am C.J.- Intention Franco Calia-RIP	John 3:14-21 Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am
15th March Monday Lent Feria	Isaiah 65:17-21 10.00am Live streamed Mass Roseamma Aservatham-RIP Joan Lynch-Intention	John 4:43-54
16th March Tuesday Lent Feria	Ezekiel 47:1-9 10.00am Live Streamed Mass Thomas Attridge-RIP Maureen Collins-RIP	John 5:1-3,5-16
17th March Wednesday FEAST St Patrick Patron of Ireland	Jeremiah 1:4-9 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Theresa & Sean McMahon-RIP	Luke 10:1-12,17-20 Private Prayer / Confession 10.45am-11.15am 11.00am Stations of the Cross 'Lectio Divina' at 7.30pm
18th March Thursday Lent Feria St Cyril of Jerusalem	Exodus 32:7-14 10.00am Live streamed Mass Lewis Fernandez-RIP	John 5:31-47
19th March Friday SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN	2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16 Matthew 1:16,18-21,24 10.00am Public & Live streamed Mass Francis Rodrigues-RIP Teresa Boyd-Intention	Romans 4:13,16-18 OR Luke 2:41-51 Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm With Stations of the Cross
20th March Saturday Lent Feria	Jeremiah 11:18-20 10.00am Public & Live streamed Mass Holy Souls(Andy) John Walshe-RIP	John 7:40-52 Private Prayer 9.30am-10am Confession after 10am Mass
21st March Fifth Sunday in Lent	Jeremiah 31:31-34 John 12:20-33 9.00am Public & Live streamed Mas All People of the Parish Mina Hanson-RIP 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Patrick Horsfield-RIP Tony Fagan-RIP	Hebrews 5:7-9

participation in the 'Big Walk for Water'. We thoroughly enjoyed the Walk and are delighted with the amounts raised; £430 on line; £938 collected- making a total of £1368 The proceeds from CAFOD Family Fast Day amount to £617:80, making a very handsome amount of £1,985:80 for CAFOD's Lenten project.

A joint Penance Service with Our Lady of the Wayside Parish will take place on Tuesday 30th March at 7pm at Our Lady of the Wayside. Please keep this date in your diary, as you are very welcome.

Deacon Kevin continues to improve and hopes to join us for the Holy Week ceremonies. He is so grateful for your prayers. May I also ask for your prayers this coming Wednesday. I am having a procedure, an Ablation, at Walsgrave Hospital in Coventry, please pray that it will be successful."

OFFERTORY COLLECTION Last week: Gift Aid £188 Loose £385:68 Total £573:68

CAFOD Second Collection: £617:80

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Fourth Sunday of Lent (2Chronicles 36: 14-16, 19-23 Ephesians 2: 4-10 John 3: 14-21) Called to be a 'sign' The world often ridicules marriage saying 'it's just a piece of paper', but Scripture draws attention to God's powerful message. St. Paul says: "We are God's work of art; created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning He had meant us to live it." Let us shine out so the world sees what it's missing.

You are welcome to join the weekly 'Lectio Divina' on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. For the Wednesdays of Lent these reflections will be on the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. If you wish to participate, please email Helen Brookes ehb73@yahoo.co.uk

The Jesuits are also producing daily Lenten reflections which you will find on the link 'Pathways to God.'

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 or tel: 07568 508 271

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email. Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

Ask your MP to attend a parliamentary event on the dangers of DIY abortion

Governments are currently deciding on whether to make permanent the temporary measure allowing 'DIY' home abortions in England, Wales and Scotland. To ensure that politicians are aware of the negative impact of 'DIY' home abortions, the All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group will be hosting a parliamentary event on Tuesday 23 March where experts will cover the latest evidence on how 'DIY' home abortions are placing women at risk. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool that will enable members of the public to easily contact their MPs asking them to attend this event. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds!

www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionMeeting

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.

Would anyone like to represent St Augustine's Parish on the Solihull Town Centre Chaplaincy team? It is a very easy and enjoyable undertaking. If you would like more information, please speak with myself.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Keith Frettsome	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish,	Tony Duffy	Martha Sheridan	Fr Fred Sheldon
Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Maureen Cody	Michael McGovern
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	Pauline Yeates	Malachy Hanly	Sandra Evans
Margaret Lennon	James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Deacon Kevin O'Connor	Eve
Christopher Edmund Poole		Ken Bolton	Roisin Brown	Esther Brasil	For the Mbah family

Mothering Sunday March 14th

Loving God,
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,
whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,
whose patience seems to have no end.
May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love
or time, or patience.

We ask you to bless them with your own special love.

We beseech You to send Your Holy Spirit, the Comforter,

to all mothers who sorrow for children that have died,

are ill or estranged from their families, or who are in trouble or danger of any kind.

Help grieving mothers to rely on Your tender mercy and fatherly love for all your children.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.

Amen

Pope's Prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.
Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

Please pray for: Patrick Joseph Gallagher (requiem Monday 12th April 10am), Kathleen Boland, Margaret Timms, Steve Evans, Kevin Smith, Clare Baxter, Anne (Eithne) O'Sullivan, Joan Kennedy, Denis Lynch, Mary Mbah Oguefio, Clare Brewer and Margareta McKeivitt who died recently.

Also Mary McCormack, Iris May Toolan, Jean Shakespeare, Ellen Ennis, Stephen Gerald Bakewell, Joseph Miller, Winifred Black, Alma O'Dwyer, Paul Willett, Kathleen Helena Brown, Ellen Shinton, Alexander Anthony Clark, Alice Crow, Margaret Baker, Frank Edward Davenport and all with anniversaries at this time.

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