

**SAINT AUGUSTINE  
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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT ORDINARY TIME    YEAR A 5<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**'Christ conqueror of sin and temptation.** God created the human race free from sin but our first parents yielded to the temptation of the devil. In them each of us has sinned just as in Christ we are given the power like Him to overcome the temptations of the world.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**The second of March's** Baptismal preparation evening takes place this Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 8.00pm. All are welcome.

**Please pray for our young Parishioners** being prepared for the Sacraments by Mrs Coburn.

**They will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation** (their First Confession) this Tuesday afternoon. **We will welcome Year 6 from Saint Augustines** to Church on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March for Stations of the Cross and Confessions. We welcome our Confirmation candidates to the 9.00am next Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup>. After Mass Deacon Kevin will speak to the Candidates. On the Thursday evenings of Lent during March, Paul will lead us on some Lenten reflections based on the Sunday Scripture Readings.

**On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March**, there is a Conference for young people aged 18 upwards at Alton Castle. The title of the Conference is 'Holy Daring' and its aim is to explore a vision for Youth Ministry in the Archdiocese. We have two free tickets for anyone who wishes to attend and who would represent the Parish. Details visit [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

**We would like to invite all our Special Ministers** of Holy Communion to a Meeting on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 10am in the Parish Hall. Deacon Kevin and Father Dan Horgan will be giving some input. The meeting will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in Church at 11am. **Special thanks for your generous** support of the CAFOD Mini-Sale, which brought in £400. **Also our young Parishioner's** cake sale for LEPRA brought in £170. Alexia's family area very grateful for your support.

**Dementia Awareness Week** will take place from 12<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> March. Mrs Frances Molloy of the Pastoral Care Project would welcome our support. There are some very helpful resources on the website: [www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk](http://www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk) We are pleased to announce that the Parents & Toddlers Group is recommencing on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 9.15am-11.00am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome. Please spread the word.

<p align="center"><b>4<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>St Casimir</b> <i>Patron Saint of Poland</i></p>	<p>Isaiah 58:9-14                      Luke 5:27-32  9.00am No Mass  Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7                  Romans 5:12-19  Matthew 4:1-11  <b>12.30pm</b> Maureen Kelly-RIP  Patrick Joseph Kevin Warwick-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition  11.00-12.00 Noon   <i>Tea &amp; Coffee after 12.30pm</i>  <b>Mass</b></p>
<p align="center"><b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b></p>	<p>Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7                  Romans 5:12-19  Matthew 4:1-11  <b>9.00am</b> Michael &amp; Margaret Fitzmaurice   <b>11.00am</b> Jose Carlos Gois Family &amp; Friends,  Living &amp; Deceased</p>	<p>Tea &amp; Coffee after 9.00am and  11.00am Mass</p>
<p align="center"><b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Monday</b> <b>Lent Feria</b></p>	<p>Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18              Matthew 25:31-46  9.35am The Rosary  <b>10.00am</b> David Thomas RIP &amp; Thomas Family</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.00am-12.45pm  'Journeying in Faith'- after  10.00am Mass</p>
<p align="center"><b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Tuesday</b> <b>Lent Feria</b> <i>Ss Perpetua &amp; Felicity</i></p>	<p>Isaiah 55:10-11                      Matthew 6:7-15  9.35am The Rosary  <b>10.00am</b> Sarah Gerard RIP &amp; Scanlon Family  <b>12.30pm</b> Requiem Joyce Volantz</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.00am-12.45pm    Legion of Mary 6.30pm</p>
<p align="center"><b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Wednesday</b> <b>Lent Feria</b> <b>St John of God</b></p>	<p>Jonah 3:1-10                          Luke 11:29-32  9.35am The Rosary  <b>10.00am</b> William, Margaret, Michael, Matty  Ternan-RIP  All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Parents &amp; Toddlers Group-  9.15am-11.00am  Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm  Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm</p>
<p align="center"><b>9<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Thursday</b> <b>Lent Feria</b> <b>St Frances of Rome</b></p>	<p>Esther 4:17                              Matthew 7:7-12  10.00am No Mass  12.05am The Rosary  <b>12.30pm</b> Mary Daly-Intention  Sarah Dennison-RIP</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.00am-12.45pm   Exposition of the Blessed  Sacrament at 12.00pm  SVP Meeting 7.00pm  8.00pm Baptism Preparation  Evening-Presbytery</p>
<p align="center"><b>10<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Friday</b> <b>Lent Feria</b> <b>CAFOD Lent Fast Day</b></p>	<p>Ezekiel 18:21-28                      Matthew 5:20-26  9.35am The Rosary  <b>10.00am</b> Mrs Alice Crosby-Intention  <b>6.30pm</b> Philip &amp; Alice Corr</p>	<p>Exposition of the Blessed  Sacrament after 10am Mass  Until 12.30pm  Exposition 5.00pm-5.45pm  Stations of the Cross 5.45pm  Followed by Mass at 6.30pm</p>
<p align="center"><b>11<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Saturday</b> <b>Lent Feria</b></p>	<p>Deuteronomy 26:16-19              Matthew 5:43-48  9.00am No Mass  Genesis 12:1-4      2 Timothy 1:8-10  Matthew 17:1-9  <b>12.30pm</b> Peter Berry-RIP  Deceased Members of the Lane &amp; Gallagher  Families</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-  12.00 Noon   Tea &amp; Coffee after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p align="center"><b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b></p>	<p>Genesis 12:1-4      2 Timothy 1:8-10  Matthew 17:1-9   <b>9.00am</b> All People of the Parish   <b>11.00am</b> Eileen Ashley-RIP</p>	<p>Tea &amp; Coffee after 9am and  11.00am Mass</p>

**Offertory Collection last week: £933:69 (Gift Aid £230:50 Loose £703:19)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this week: Cathedral maintenance**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection next week: CAFOD Family Fast Day**

A 'Prayer Request' box can now be found in each entrance porch. You are welcome to place the names of those you would like prayers for, or any prayer intention you may have in the box as provided. Your intentions will be transferred to the Sanctuary on a weekly basis, and prayers will be offered for all those mentioned.

**HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SHARE?** Then the Augustinian needs you! The next edition of the Augustinian is due out just before Easter so now is the time to send in articles, comments, stories and of course lots of photos. Even just a few lines or sentences that I can write up would be most welcome. Please remember that without your contributions there is no magazine. You can send material to me by email: [Gerard.burgess1@gmail.com](mailto:Gerard.burgess1@gmail.com) or material may be handed in at the Presbytery. Many thanks. Gerard Burgess.

**LENT MATTERS**-Evening sessions Tuesday evening at 7.30pm-St Alphege Church Please see poster for details. 7<sup>th</sup> March, 14<sup>th</sup> March, 21<sup>st</sup> March, 28<sup>th</sup> March, 4<sup>th</sup> April.

**40 Days for Life Prayerful Witness Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March to Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April** Marie Stopes Abortion Clinic in Arthur Road, Edgbaston from 8am to 8pm daily. People are never left praying alone. To find out more or book your slot please contact Isabel by on [07773 501721](tel:07773501721) or by email [izzyvs@gmail.com](mailto:izzyvs@gmail.com)

**ACTA MEETING- 'CONVERSATIONS'** please note change of date for this meeting- new date 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2017. Venue Birmingham University Catholic Chaplaincy, Newman House Harrison's Road Edgbaston Bham B15 3QS 2pm-4.30pm See Poster on notice board.

**CAFOD Lent Fast Day is Friday, 10 March 2017** Florence is a hard-working mother who is devoted to her family. A few years ago, she was only just making enough to feed her family. However, CAFOD's partner, the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, recognised how determined Florence was to stand on her own two feet and so they gave her 500 tiny fish, tools and training to build a pond and farm fish. By selling some of the fish at market, Florence was able to give her children a future – she was able to send them to school. Please support this Lent Fast Day, to ensure more people like Florence can turn tiny fish into something amazing.

<b>Readers this week</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers this week</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>9.00am</b> Teresa Cund Anthony Killeen	<b>9.00am</b> Angela Keating & Mary Deneny Caroline McGonigle & Ken Bolton
<b>11.00am</b> Marie Watts Sarah Pitchford	<b>11.00am</b> Helen Brookes Annette Kelly
<b>Cleaning Rota: for week beginning March 6th for Services March 11th/12th –D</b> Mary Murray, Pat Ferris, Veronica Norton	
<b>Flower Rota: – for week beginning March 6th for Services March 11th/12th-No Flowers in Lent</b>	

**Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish**

Jayne Hemming	Brian Jones	Anne White	Joseph Lockington
Peter Griffin	Clare Farmer	James Farmer	Kathleen McLoughlin
Martha Sheridan	Katie Kelly	Patricia Jones	Eilish Duffy
Mick Green	Andrew Simpson	Bernadette Day	Anthony Sadler
Christopher Browne	Kate McAvinney	Sarah Maloney	John Balder
Ann Marie Boyd	Kathy Stead	Amando Tenorio	Heath Balder
Maureen McLoughlin	Louisa and Nick	Margaret Kelly	Teresa Farrelley
Angela D'Arcy	Joseph Farmer	Peggy Roper	Therese Coulton
Baby Lily Day	Rose Walsh	Aidan, Patrick and Michael O'Donnell	Norman Hart
Martine and Rita McDonnell	Raymond Shenstone	Cornelius Callanan	Doreen Shirley
Sally & Maddy	John Keaney	Glen Hughes	Finbarr Herron
Michael Cassidy	Susanna Gordon	Mark Andrew Sutton	David Nunan
Dean	Elisabeth Scull	Gavin Jones	Baby Lara Constantinou
Richard Bird	John McIntyre		

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus may we follow you on the pilgrim way of Lent,

May we journey with you into the wilderness,

Willing to move beyond the ordinary,

So that we can discover your unexpected sacred places.

Jesus may we wash our hands and purify our hearts,

Learning to thirst after righteousness and hunger after justice,

May we humble ourselves before you,

Expecting to see you revealed in a new light.

Jesus may we walk with you no matter how challenging the path,

Learning to be patient with darkness and growth,

Willing to live with not knowing,

Until your mustard seeds take root and sprout into life.

### **CAFOD LENT FAST PRAYER**

**God of love, maker of all**

**Transform my heart**

**Through my Lenten journey**

**Of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.**

**Help me to see the dignity in all my sisters and brothers**

**Made in your image and likeness.**

**Inspire me to share the fruits of your creation**

**So that all your people**

**Can become artisans of their own destiny.**

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Please pray for:** Joyce Volante (Requiem Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm; Reception Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm) and Betty Power (Requiem Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 10am; Reception Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March, 4.00pm) Sheila Doyle (Requiem Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 12.00pm) and John Smyth who died recently. Also Dermot McKenna, Mary Adkins, William O'Dwyer, Doris Hart, Lee Farrell, Bernard Wasley, Hilda Corbett, James Bernard Hope, Thomas Masterson, Pamela Marie Quinlan Francis, Alice Butler, Baby Edward Hemming and Raymond Gamble whose anniversaries are at this time.

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