

**SAINT AUGUSTINE  
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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT    YEAR A    26<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2017**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**'Christ our Shepherd and king.** Christ is descended from the line of David, a shepherd, who was anointed King by Samuel. Christ is our King who guides us with the tender service of a shepherd. With Him by our side we shall want for nothing even though we walk in the valley of darkness.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**The next baptismal Preparation** evening will take place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

**This weekend we will hold a White Flower Appeal** for the Society for the Protection of Unborn children. In 2017, we are commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the 1967 Abortion Act. Over 8.7 million unborn children have lost their lives due to abortion in the last 50 years. Please help make 2017 a landmark year in SPUC's history campaign to win legal protection for unborn children.

**You may wish to purchase a new publication** entitled 'A Glow with Light' by Carmel Comerford C.P. Where to find it! Amazon.UK Books/Religious Price £5 Proceeds to the Homeless. (Carmel attends Mass regularly at St Augustine's.)

**There is a one-day conference** for young men of our diocese aged 14-18 years of age; to be held at the national Motorcycle Museum on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2017. The aim of the conference is to provide young men from the Archdiocese with an opportunity to explore what it means to respond to the call of Christ in their lives. Please see poster in porch for details.

**Thank you so much for your most generous** response to CAFOD's further appeal for those affected by drought in east Africa. A cheque for £3,590:45 has been forwarded to CAFOD.

**A list will be available shortly** in the Sacristy requesting our Readers and Special Ministers to sign indicating their availability for Holy Week and Easter.

**We will hold a Penance Service** with Our Lady of the Wayside Parish on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm at Our Lady of the Wayside, Stratford Road. There will also be a Penance Service at St Thomas More's Church, Sheldon on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm. Additional Confessions will be available at St Augustine's on Tuesday mornings during the Rosary.

**Please note there will be a 7.30am Mass next Wednesday, 29th March. Also a Requiem for John McIntyre at 10am**

<p>25th March Saturday <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b></p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14    Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38 9.00am No Mass 1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13    Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 12.30pm Marian Fraser-RIP Patrick Brady-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon  Tea &amp; Coffee after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>26th March <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i></p>	<p>1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13    Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41  9.00am Mildred Pountney-RIP  11.00am Brendan McGovern-Birthday</p>	<p>Tea &amp; Coffee after 9.00am and 11.00am Mass  Stations of the Cross 4.00pm</p>
<p>27th March Monday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 65:17-21    John 4:43-54 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Emily &amp; George Saunders-RIP Joseph Morgan-92<sup>nd</sup> Birthday</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.00am-12.45pm 'Journeying in Faith'- after 10.00am Mass</p>
<p>28th March Tuesday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Ezekiel 47:1-9,12    John 5:1-3,5-16 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am John Scott-RIP All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.00am-12.45pm   Legion of Mary 6.30pm  Youth group 7.00pm</p>
<p>29th March Wednesday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 49:8-15    John 5:17-30 9.35am The Rosary 7.30am Jo Rouke &amp; Family 10.00am Requiem John McIntyre</p>	<p>Parents &amp; Toddlers Group 9.15am-11.00am Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm</p>
<p>30th March Thursday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Exodus 32:7-14    John 5:31-47 10.00am No Mass 12.05am The Rosary 12.30pm Mary Christie-RIP Kathleen McCarthy-Poorly</p>	<p>Pre-School 9.00am-12.45pm  Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 12.00pm</p>
<p>31st March Friday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Wisdom 2:1,12-2    John 7:1-2,10,25-30 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Patrick Dunlea-RIP 6.30pm Doris Pountney-RIP</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>1<sup>st</sup> April Saturday</p>	<p>Jeremiah 11:18-20    John 7:40-52 9.00am No Mass Ezekiel 37:12-14    Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45  12.30pm Kevin Grant Juuenal De Caires Gouveia-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00- 12.00 Noon  Tea &amp; Coffee after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>2<sup>nd</sup> April <b>Fifth Sunday of Lent</b> <i>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</i></p>	<p>Ezekiel 37:12-14    Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45  9.00am Susan Joyce-RIP  11.00am Eileen Ashley-RIP</p>	<p>Tea &amp; Coffee after 9am and 11.00am Mass  Stations of the Cross 4.00pm</p>

**Offertory Collection last week: £1,006:57 (Gift Aid £262:76 Loose £743:81)**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection last week: CAFOD Emergency Appeal East Africa-£3,590:45**  
**This Weekend-White Flower Appeal for the Society for the Protection of Unborn children**

**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.

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

**Paid Internship Scheme at St. Peter's Solihull Teaching School Alliance** Are you in your second year of University studying Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics. Or do you know someone who is? Then you may be interested in a paid internship. See Poster in porch for details.

**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 without your contributions there is no magazine. You can send material to me by email at: [Gerard.burgess1@gmail.com](mailto:Gerard.burgess1@gmail.com) or material can be handed in at the Presbytery. Many thanks Gerard Burgess

**Programme Co-ordinator** St. Mary's Oscott College is seeking to make a full-time appointment to work in liaison with the Director of Studies on the co-ordination and development of significant changes in the seminary programme of studies. A successful candidate must have a degree or relevant equivalent professional experience of a degree programme or student administration within a Higher Education setting. Application Closing Date: 31st March 2017

Interview Date: 11th April 2017 For more information on the work of Oscott College please visit: <http://www.oscott.net>  
Please send CV including details of relevant experience to [jobs@oscott.org](mailto:jobs@oscott.org)

**OLIVET TO CALVARY**-Olton Friary 7.30pm Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2017. Olton Friary Choir & Gerry Poole Organist

**WALSINGHAM**- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017 .For details please see poster in porch or telephone 0121 440 8623

**GIFT-AID ENVELOPES**- Please collect your new box of envelopes from the front porch; please inform Father Dominic of any changes to address or tax situation so that accurate records may be maintained. **If you wish to join the Gift Aid Scheme forms are available in the Sacristy.**

<b>Readers this week</b>	<b>Eucharistic Ministers this week</b>
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>
<b>9.00am</b> Michael Keating Don Deneny	<b>9.00am</b> Madeleine & Gerry Coburn Madeleine & Gerry Coburn
<b>11.00am</b> Juliana Benjamin Mary Clark	<b>11.00am</b> Dasan Nettikkadan Dasan Nettikkadan
<b>Cleaning Rota: for week beginning March 27th for Services April 1<sup>st</sup>/2nd -G</b> Tracey Dunleavy, Dasan & Tessie Nettikkadan	
<b>Flower Rota: - for week beginning March 27th 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	Chris Docker		

## MOTHERING SUNDAY 26<sup>th</sup> March

### Most Gracious Heavenly Father,

We thank You for our mothers to whom You have entrusted the care of every precious human life from its very beginning in the womb.

You have given to woman the capacity of participating with You in the creation of new life. Grant that every woman may come to understand the full meaning of that blessing, which gives her an unlimited capacity for selfless love for every child she may be privileged to bear, and for all Your children.

Watch over every mother who is with child, strengthen her faith in Your fatherly care and love for her and for her unborn baby. Give her courage in times of fear or pain, understanding in times of uncertainty and doubt, and hope in times of trouble. Grant her joy in the birth of her child.

To mothers You have given the great privilege and responsibility of being a child's first teacher and spiritual guide. Grant that all mothers may worthily foster the faith of their children, following the example of Mary, Elizabeth, and other holy women who follow Christ. Help mothers to grow daily in knowledge and understanding of Your Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, and grant them the wisdom to impart this knowledge faithfully to their children and to all who depend upon them.

Assist all "spiritual mothers", those who, though they may have no children of their own, nevertheless selflessly care for the children of others -- of every age and state in life. Grant that they may know the joy of fulfilling this motherly calling of women, whether in teaching, nursing, religious life, or in other work which recognizes and fosters the true dignity of every human being created in Your image and likeness.

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 your blessing on all those to whom You have entrusted motherhood. May Your Holy Spirit constantly inspire and strengthen them. May they ever follow the example of Mary, mother of Our Lord, and imitate her fidelity, her humility, and her self-giving love. May all mothers receive Your Grace abundantly in this earthly life, and may they look forward to eternal joy in Your presence in the life to come.

We ask this through our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.

**Please pray for:** John Smyth (Our Lady of the Wayside Church, Requiem Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 11.00am; Reception Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 7.00pm) John McIntyre (Requiem Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 10.00am) ; Anna Bernadette O'Driscoll (Requiem 5<sup>th</sup> April, 12.15pm) and Iris May Toolan (Robin Hood Chapel 12.00pm, Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April) who died recently. Also Alice Behan, Geoffrey Dormer, Edmund (Ted) Wilcock and Constance Cooper whose anniversaries are at this time.

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