

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Fr Paul Devaney Deacon Kevin O'Connor

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 19th January 2020

Dear Parishioners,

'Christ the Light of the Nations! The Spirit of God rested on Christ when He was baptized by John the Baptist. Through the giving of the Spirit John recognises Christ as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We too through the gift of the Holy Spirit are to become the light of the world proclaiming salvation to the ends of the earth.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The Baptismal Preparation evening for February will take place on Thursday 6th and Thursday 13th February at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

The weekly Meetings for those wishing to be prepared for Confirmation, and who do not attend a Catholic school, continue on a Tuesday at 5pm.

The Week of Prayer for the unity of Christians takes place from 18th to 25th January. The Christian Unity Service will be held at Saint Alphege Church on Sunday 19th January at 6.30pm. Do please try to attend during this 800th anniversary year of Christian witness in Solihull. In the coming year St Alphege's congregation are celebrating 800 years of Christian witness in Solihull. A leaflet has been prepared detailing various events taking place over the course of 2020. Please take a leaflet and give the events generous support.

We would like to hold a Mini-Fayre on the first Saturday and Sunday of February after the Masses. The monies raised will go towards the famine relief effort in Zimbabwe and Zambia, being requested by CAFOD. If you have any gifts (perhaps unused Christmas gifts) or donations they will be gratefully received.

The second meeting for the parents of our First holy Communion Children takes place on Thursday 23rd January at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Free carparking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park has been requested.

There is a Funeral Service on Monday 20th January at 12.15pm for Tonino Polidori; also, a Requiem on Friday 24th January at 11.30am for Alice Devaney. There will not be a 10am Mass on Friday morning.

Fr Dominic is on holiday this week. For emergency calls please telephone the Friary-0121 706 0505 or the Columban Fathers – 01564 772096. For the Marie Cure Hospice please contact Fr John Peyton – 0121 743 2367

18th January Saturday	Isaiah 49:3,5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34 12.30pm Sean Miller- RIP Joe Roarke-RIP	Confession/Exposition 10.30-12.00 Noon Lunches/Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass
19th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PEACE SUNDAY	Isaiah 49:3,5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34 9.00am Chris Cotter-Intentions 11.00am Helen Carroll	Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses
20th January Monday Feria In Ordinary Time St Fabian/ St Sebastian	1 Samuel 15:16-23 Mark 2:18-22 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Mary Kilmorton-RIP 12.15pm Funeral Service Tonino Polidori	Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm
21st January Tuesday St Agnes	1 Samuel 16:1-3 Mark 2:23-28 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Margaret Priestley-RIP Michael Kilmorton-RIP	Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm Legion of Mary 6.15pm
22nd January Wednesday Feria In Ordinary Time St Vincent of Saragossa	1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51 Mark 3:1-6 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am John Conneally-RIP	Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm
23rd January Thursday Feria In Ordinary Time St Nicholas Owen	1 Samuel 18:6-9,19:1-7 Mark 3:7-12 12.00pm The Rosary 12.30pm Frank Doherty-RIP Mary Holland-RIP	Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm 12.00-12.30pm Exposition 6.30pm St Alphege-Service for Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
24th January Friday St Anthony St Francis de Sales	1 Samuel 24:3-21 Mark 3:13-19 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am No Mass 11.30am Requiem Alice Devaney 6.30pm Jim Taylor-Intention Mary McGlynn-RIP	No Exposition this morning Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass 6.30pm
25th January Saturday FEAST of the Conversion of St Paul	Isaiah 8:23-9:3 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 Matthew 4:12-23 12.30pm Johnny Markey-RIP Anne & Pat McGowan-RIP James Mooney-RIP	Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee/Lunches available after 12.30pm Mass
26th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 8:23-9:3 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 Matthew 4:12-23 9.00am Nicholas & Moya Halligan-RIP 11.00am Anne Teresa Thomas Joseph McGuire-RIP Frank Doherty-RIP	Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses

Offertory Collection last week: £1,301:82 (Gift Aid £402:70 Loose £899:12)

Second Collection this weekend: Pax Christi - The work of *Pax Christi – the Peace of Christ* – is based on the gospel and inspired by faith. Our vision is of a world where people can live in peace, without fear of violence in any form. Pax Christi is rooted in Catholic Christianity but is open to all who share its values and work.

Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January 2020; Holocaust Memorial Day has a special significance this year because this year marks the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and also the increase in incidents of antisemitism. **'THE GOD WHO SPEAKS'**-Introductory evening Friday 24th January 2020. St George & St Teresa Parish Centre 7.30pm Please see poster in porch for details.

FATHER HUDSON'S CARE- 116th Annual Fundraising Ball Saturday 1st February 2020; 7.30pm-1am. St John's Hotel Warwick Road Solihull. Please see poster in porch for details.

QUIZ NIGHT (incl. Fish N Chips Supper) Fundraiser for HCPT Oxford - £10 p.p. - Parish Hall, 7.00 p.m. Friday, 7 February 2020: Join us for a fun-filled night - expect the unexpected! As a team or individually (we'll put you with new friends). Please call Maria asap on 0121 705 8421 to make sure you don't miss out...(and for catering purposes!!) Look forward to seeing you!

CAFOD school volunteers needed! Are you ready to transform lives by choosing a different sort of challenge in 2020? Could you spare some time to volunteer with **CAFOD** and help children and young people learn about global poverty, and motivate them to take action? We are looking for **school volunteers** to visit our local Catholic schools and inspire young people to make a difference. For more information please contact **Sylvester Mutsigwa at CAFOD Birmingham on 01922 722944 or email birmingham@cafod.org.uk**

PARISH MUSICIANS PLEASE - follow the link below and come along if they can to a day that will be enjoyable and provide some Ongoing Formation for those already involved in parish music or some encouragement for those considering future involvement. <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Event/the-god-who-speaks-through-song> It is timed to coincide with the new Sunday of the Word of God, and is on Saturday 25th January (10.30am concluding with the Saturday Vigil Mass)

Marriage Preparation, Enrichment and Support- weekends organized by Marriage Encounter and Retrouvaille. **For those preparing for marriage:-**11-12th July 2020 Residential Engaged Encounter Weekend, held at Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill B44 9AG <https://wwme.org.uk/weekends/residential-engaged-encounter-weekend-oscott-birmingham-3/> 17-18th October 2020 Engaged Encounter Weekend, St Peter's RC Church, Dorma Place, Leamington CV32 5AA <https://wwme.org.uk/weekends/engaged-encounter-weekend-leamington-spa-2/> **For marriage enrichment:-**4-5th July 2020 Marriage Encounter Non-residential weekend, Savio House, Bollington, Nr Macclesfield SK10 5RW Book now at www.wwme.org.uk or for more information contact Charles & Krysia Golabek on 01625 263627 charles.golabek@ntlworld.com or Mark & Liz Dutton on 01625 428498 bookings@wwme.org.uk <https://wwme.org.uk/weekends/residential-marriage-encounter-weekend-rugby-4/> **For marriages in difficulty:-**28th Feb – 1st Mar 2020 Retrouvaille UK residential weekend, Focolare Centre, Welwyn Garden City AL8 6JG To speak to someone in confidence about your marriage difficulties call 07887 296983 or 0797 3380443 More information visit <http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/index.html>

Readers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am SCHOOL YEAR 5
Pam Davies

11.00am Chris Hodrien
Juliana Benjamin

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning January 20th for Services January 25th/26th January-B

Monica Green, Maureen Casey, Bernadette Rourke

Flowers Rota: – for week beginning January 20th for Services January 25th/26th January Margaret Doherty

Eucharistic Ministers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Don & Mary Deneny
Anne & Michael Hallissey

11.00am Henryk Cettler
John Hicky

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish:

Keith Frettsome	Martin Yates	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy	
Joan Kennedy	Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	
Trevor Windle	Colette Hicky	Danny Meadows	Kathleen Beale	Martha Sheridan

PEACE PRAYER

I bow to the sacred in all creation.

May my spirit fill the world with beauty and wonder

May my mind seek truth with humility and openness.

May my heart forgive without limit.

May my love for friend, enemy and outcast be without measure.

May my needs be few and my living simple.

May my actions bear witness to the suffering of others.

May my hands never harm a living thing.

May my steps stay on the journey of justice.

May my tongue speak for those who are poor without fear of the powerful.

May my prayers rise with patient discontent until no child is hungry.

May my life's work be a passion for peace and nonviolence.

May my soul rejoice in the present moment.

May my imagination overcome death and despair with new possibility.

And may I risk reputation, comfort and security

To bring this hope to the children.

Mary Lou Kownacki, Pax Christi USA

Please pray for: Tonino Polidori (Funeral Service Monday 20th January 12.15pm) and Alice Devaney (Requiem Friday 24th January; 11.30am) and Judith Kembery who died recently. Also Roy Wilcox, Margaret Muriel Elliott, Roy Leonard Jones, Christiana Peace, Bernadette Agnes Parsons, Theresa & Sean McMahon, Dorothy Polmer-Roberts, Jose Belson, Mary Josephine Foy, Philip Brian Mathews, James Keogh, Eileen Boyle, Katherine Cox, Francis Joseph Doherty, John Christopher Francis Purtil, Margaret Bourke and Roland(Rollo) Wolfe and all with anniversaries at this time.

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