

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 15th March 2020

Dear Parishioners,

‘ **Christ, the Spring of Life.** Through baptism Christ becomes within us a source of the living waters of grace. Through the Holy Spirit the love of God is poured in to our hearts and our spiritual thirst is quenched. We really come alive. We become in our turn the wells of God’s goodness at which people will drink.’ (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The second of March’s baptismal preparation evenings will take place on Thursday March 19th at 8pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.

The second of the Meetings for the Parents of our First Holy Communion Children will take place on Thursday March 19th at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Free car parking has been requested in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

We welcome the Confirmation Candidates to the 9am Mass this Sunday morning.

The R.E. Inspection of our primary School took place last month. The report may be found on the school website. Congratulations to our Pupils, Headteacher, Teachers, Parents and Governors on a marvellous report.

The Bishops’ Conference continue to issue guidance as regards the precautions needed to contain the spread of the Coronavirus. They have also issued some prayers- copies of which will be available in both porches. Let us also ask the intercession of the Saints, including St Roch, who is invoked against plagues, and Blessed Dominic Barberi, whilst a novena for his canonisation takes place this week.

Penance Service Monday 6th April, 7pm at Our Lady of the Wayside, Shirley. Also, Penance Service and Sacrament of Reconciliation St Thomas More’s Church Sheldon, Tuesday 7th April, 7pm.

St Thomas More’s Church Sheldon are having a Lenten Day of Prayer on Saturday 21st March 2020. Starting at 10.30am with Mass and anointing of the sick. See programme of day in porch

14th March Saturday	Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2,5-8 John 4:5-42 12.30pm Kathleen Cooke-RIP Margaret McNamara-RIP	Confession/Exposition 10.30-12.00 Noon No Lunches/Tea/Coffee after 12.30pm Mass
15th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2,5-8 John 4:5-42 9.00am Thomas Kirkpatrick-RIP 11.00am Val Burgess-RIP	No Tea/Coffee after 9am & 11am Masses
16th March Monday Lent Feria St Frances of Rome	2 Kings 5:1-5 Luke 4:24-30 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Rod Bolton-RIP	Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm Lenten Talks after 10am Mass
17th March Tuesday FEAST St Patrick Patron Saint of Ireland	Jeremiah 1:4-9 Luke 10:1-12,17-20 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Eimmear Quinn-RIP	Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm Legion of Mary 6.15pm
18th March Wednesday Lent Feria St Cyril of Jerusalem	Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 Matthew 5:17-19 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Special Intention Anna, Paul & Pagano	Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm
19th March Thursday SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF MARY	2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16 Romans 4:13,16-18,22 Either Luke 2:41-51 OR Matthew 1:16,18-21,24 12.00pm The Rosary 12.30pm Mary & Hugh Mooney-RIP	Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm 12.00-12.30pm Exposition Baptismal Preparation Evening- Presbytery-8pm
20th March Friday Lent Feria	Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 21:28-34 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Stephen Flaherty-RIP 6.30pm Tom & Mary O'Reilly-RIP	Exposition after 10am Mass until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.00pm-5.45pm Stations of the Cross 5.45pm Followed by Mass-6.30pm
21st March Saturday	1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 12.30pm Sister Sabina-RIP George Core-RIP	Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon No Tea/Coffee/Lunches after 12.30pm Mass
22nd March Fourth Sunday of Lent	1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 9.00am Mary Robb-RIP 11.00am Pat Murray-RIP	No Tea/Coffee after 9am & 11am Masses

Offertory Collection last week: £1,036:23 (Gift Aid £247:30 Loose £788:93)

Second Collection last weekend: CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY-£3,348:60

Marriage Matters(www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk) Third Sunday of Lent (Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John

4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42) Find our 'living water' Jesus' message to the woman at the well reminds us of His first miracle at Cana where He changed water into wine. Today, He promises us "living water where we will never be thirsty again...a spring inside...welling up to eternal life". When His grace is poured into us, into our marriages, it can overflow, strengthening us, reaching out to others.

St Peter's Catholic School alumni – Do you know any ex St Peter's students who deserve recognition? This may be because of sporting achievements, charity work or professional success. The staff are putting together a vocations wall. Please contact Ciaran Clinton, Deputy Head if you would like to nominate someone by emailing him at:-clintonc@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk

JOB VACANCIES (Maternity cover) – Administration Assistant and Finance Assistant The Columban Missionaries invites applications for the part-time, temporary (maternity cover) roles of Administration Assistant and Finance Assistant. Based in the Columban Mission Office at St. Columban's in Solihull, the roles will support the work of Columban mission in Britain and internationally. For more information and to apply tel: 01564 772 096 or email: hr@columbans.co.uk. Deadline: Sunday 8th March.

The Birmingham Diocesan Trust is looking to appoint a Finance Support Manager to its Finance Team based at Cathedral House, St. Chad's, Queensway. Please see details on notice board in the porch.

HMP Hewell Chaplain. HMP Hewell seeks a RC Chaplain, which may be a lay person. Please use the following link for the advertised post:<https://justicejobs.tal.net/vx/lang-en-GB/mobile-0/appcentre-1/brand-15/candidate/so/pm/1/pl/3/opp/32278-32278-Roman-Catholic-Ordained-Deacon-Religious-Brother-or-Sister-Lay-Person/en-GB>

The Flag Day this year in aid of Solihull Churches Action On Homelessness, SCAH, is on Saturday 14 March. If anyone is able to offer an hour with a collection can in the town centre please give their names to one of the priests.

GREAT BIG HOSPICE QUIZ- in aid of Marie Curie & Acorns Hospices; **Saturday 21st March 2020.** Archbishop Ilsey School 7pm. Teams of up to 6-£3 per head. Bring your own refreshments. Contact Rita- 07887656648

Evening of Recollection for lay ministers of Holy Communion at Maryvale on 2nd. April. Registration & Coffee 5.30pm. Please see poster in porch for details.

Readers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am SCHOOL Yr 6
School Rec/KS1

11.00am Chris H.
Juliana B.

Eucharistic Ministers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Madeleine C. & Gerry C.
Anne & Michael H

11.00am John H.
Helen B

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning March 16th for Services 21st/22nd March-E

Mary Co, Geraldine S, Philip S, Bob A

Flowers Rota: – No Flowers in LENT

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish:

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

**NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR THE CANONISATION OF
BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI**

WEDNESDAY 11th MARCH TO THURSDAY 19th MARCH 2020

Prayer to be used each day:

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.

We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord Amen.

Mary, Mother of Mercy: pray for us.

Blessed Dominic Barberi: Pray for us.

Saint John Henry Newman: Pray for us.

Dementia Family Prayer

Lord Jesus, you are the Word made flesh.

We rejoice that you dwell amongst us, that you have shared our joys and sorrows, our frailty and pain.

We bring to you all those who struggle with the confusion of dementia.

We pray that you might touch their inmost hearts with the peace of your presence.

For ourselves we beseech the gift of your Holy Spirit, that we, who know and love them, may serve them with your compassion, your understanding and your peace.

May that same Holy Spirit raise us up into the presence of your Father.

This we ask through the same Christ our Lord.

Rt Rev David McGough Auxiliary Bishop of Birmingham and Lead Bishop to Pastoral Care Project.

Dementia family Prayer Cards available from www.rpbooks.co.uk/dementia-prayer-card-5-pack and resources www.pastoralcareproject.org.uk

Please pray for: Owen Grant who did recently. Also Ellen Ennis, Joseph Miller, Winifred Black, Alma O'Dwyer, Paul Willett, Ellen Shinton, Alice Crow, Margaret Baker, Frank Edward Davenport, Gerard Jerome McBrien and Scott Maclean and all with anniversaries at this time.

Safe Guarding Representatives are: Anne Ryder 0121 705 3067

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GIFT AID SCHEME Please inform Fr Dominic or telephone the Parish Office of any changes to address or tax situation so that accurate records may be kept. If you wish to join the scheme there are forms in the porch. Thank you