

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT Year B 17th March 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'I will write my law on their hearts. Christ, like a grain of wheat which dies in order to produce new life, dies for us. Following his example, we must realise that if we want eternal life, we must be prepared to give our lives to God. He writes his law in our hearts, and we submit humbly to his will even when it causes us pain. We obey through suffering. There is no greater school in which to grow in holiness.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish our pupils, teachers and ancillary staff a fruitful final week of term. We now enter into this period of Passiontide and try to focus more on the sufferings of Jesus and on the love He has for us.' This weekend we welcome Sister Helen Omeje who will be present to speak to us about raising funds for building a special school in the Anambra State ,Nigeria. Sister will be selling CDs and we will hold a bucket collection.

The Archbishop has written a pastoral letter for this weekend. Copies available in both porches.

This week the electricians will be completing our project of installing all LEDs in the Church. They will be working in the main porch from Monday to Wednesday. Please use the entrance of the old porch or the side porch when visiting the Church, in order to attend Mass or for a private visit.

We have produced some lilac-coloured sheets detailing all the Holy Week Services. Do please take one from either porch. **Please note Mass on Tuesday morning will begin at 9.30am**

Would our Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion please sign the rota in the Sacristy indicating your availability for Holy Week.

This Sunday afternoon we celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at 4pm in Church. We will be joined by members of Our Lady of the Wayside and St George & St Teresa's Dorridge.

The Penance Service will take place at St George & St Teresa's in Dorridge on Tuesday 26th March at 7pm. All are welcome.

Deacon Kevin extends an invitation to the parents of St Augustine's pupils to participate in reflections on our Faith. The final Meeting will take place in the Sunshine Room at School on Tuesday morning from 8.50am to 9.30am. All are welcome.

Next Sunday, Palm Sunday, we welcome the Mayor of Solihull to the 11am Mass. May I ask for help with tidying the front garden on Saturday 23rd March at 2.30pm.

There is a Parish walk this Sunday afternoon, leaving the Church car park at 2pm. You are very welcome to join in.

On Thursday of Holy Week(28th March) and on Holy Saturday(30th March) you are welcome to join us for Morning Prayer and the Rosary.

St Augustine's Community Café meets on Monday 18th March, 11.30am-1.30pm. All are welcome.

Monthly Meditation will take place In Sacred Heart and Holy Souls parish meeting room on March 18th at 1.00pm. It is an opportunity to be still and to experience how much we are loved by God. You are most welcome to come and join us.

The Circle of Prayer group will be hosting an evening of reflection during Lent on Thursdays 7-8pm here at St Augustine's. Everyone is welcome to join them; why not do something additional for Lent as well as giving something up. **21-3-24** Easter Sunday The Resurrection.

Marriage Care, a Catholic organisation providing support and counselling for married couples, and marriage preparation days/evening, are wishing to recruit volunteers for their work. They are based at St Joseph's Centre, at Holy Souls Church, Acocks Green. If you would like to know more, please speak to a member of the Marriage Care Team on- 0800 389 3801

Many people have chosen to leave a gift in their Will to CAFOD and these generous donations fund one third of CAFOD's long-term support to help people out of poverty . For more information and to take up CAFOD's free will-writing offer go to www.cafod.org.uk/give/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/free-will-service

CHURCHES Together-Lent Prayer Breakfasts Simple Breakfast with cereals and rolls, tea and coffee etc - Cost £3 each All welcome and please bring friends On Saturdays in Lent you are welcome to attend the Methodist Church Breakfasts - all at 8.30am - same place: **March 16 Forms of Prayer 23 March When Prayer is Hard**

40 DAYS FOR LIFE- 14th Feb-24th March. Leaflets and poster in porch. St Joseph & St Helen's RC Church Hall, 84 Northfield Road, Kings Norton, B Ham B30 1JG for details: Isabel- 07773501 721 or izzys@gmail.com

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£215 Loose :£1027:24 Total:£1242:24 2nd Collection last week: Aid To the Church in Need £2,546:68

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 16 th March 12.30pm T Cund	Sunday 17 th March 9am	Sunday 17 th March 11am
Saturday 23 rd March 12.30pm Bernard	D Nettikkadan	A Kelly
Saturday 6 th April 12.30pm T Cund	Sunday 24 th March 9am	Sunday 24 th March 11am
	J Powers	A Keating
Sunday 17 th Mar 9am M Coburn	Sunday 31 st March 9am	Sunday 31 st March 11am
Sunday 17 th Mar 11am M Watts		
Sunday 24 th Mar 9am Finbar & Cormac	EASTER ROTA	EASTER ROTA
Sunday 24 th Mar 11am E Young		

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Eileen Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Don Deneny	Jonathan Williams
Patricia Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans
Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Pauline Samathar	Michael Keating	Rita Titchmarsh
James Brown	John McCarthy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Eve	Roger Cox
Christopher Edmund Poole		Liam Lewis	Joseph Wong	Briege Williams	Angela Hyland
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Mike Sassano	Mary & Amanda
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Helen Brookes	Paulina Samathar	

<p>16th March</p> <p>Saturday</p>	<p>Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrew 5:7-9 John 12:20-33 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Maureen Collins-RIP Angela Martyn-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</p> <p>17th March</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrew 5:7-9 John 12:20-33 Public & Live Streamed Mass 9.00am Mary Ryan Family & Friends-Intentions 11.00am Michael McGovern-RIP Mary Dolan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p> <p>4.00pm- Anointing of the Sick</p>
<p>18th March Monday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St Cyril of Jerusalem</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 John 8:1-11 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Kathleen Brown-RIP Eamonn Horgan-RIP</p>	<p>St Augustine's Community Café 11.30am-1.30pm</p>
<p>19th March Tuesday</p> <p>SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16 Romans 4:13,16- 18,22 Matthew 1:16,18-21,24 OR Luke 2:41-51 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Marie Facey-80th Birthday Pearsall Family-Intention</p>	<p>The Toddlers' Group 9.30am- 11.30am</p>
<p>20th March Wednesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Daniel 3:14-20,24-25,28 John 8:31-42 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30am Anne McGettigan-RIP Mary Morgan-RIP</p>	<p>Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p> <p>Lectio Divina 7.30pm: email gilljones1952@gmail.com</p>
<p>21st March Thursday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Special Intention (Deacon Kevin) All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Lenten reflections Prayer Meeting 7-8pm Parish Hall</p>
<p>22nd March Friday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42 Public & Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Ann Naughton-RIP 1.30pm Requiem Teresa Jukes 6.30pm Eve-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.00-6.00pm Stations of the Cross-6.00pm</p> <p>Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>23rd March</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>St Turibius of Mongrovejo</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Seamus McGrory-RIP Patrick & Margaret McBride-Sp Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>24th March</p> <p>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am Frank & Mary Miller-Intentions 11.00am All People of the Parish John Fitzpatrick-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

Reflection for Psalm 23

This I know:

My life is in Your hands. I have nothing to fear. I stop, breathe, listen.

Beneath the whirl of what is

Is a deep-down quiet place. You beckon me to tarry there.

This is the place

Where unnamed hungers

Are fed, the place of clear water, refreshment.

My senses stilled, I drink deeply,

At home in timeless territory.

In peril I remember:

Death's dark vale holds no menace.

I lean into you:

Your eternal presence comforts me.

I am held tenderly.

In the midst of all that troubles,

That threatens and diminishes,

You set abundance before me.

You lift my head; my vision clears

The blessing cup overflows.

This I know; You are my home and my hope,

My strength and my solace, and so shall You ever be.

Please pray for: Teresa Mary Jukes,(Requiem Friday 22nd March;1.30pm) Adrian Paul Flynn,(Service, Wednesday 27th March at 10.30 am, followed by committal at Robin Hood Crematorium at 12 noon),Irene Margaret Petronella Nicholson(Requiem 4th April 12.pm; Reception 3rd April 6pm),Maria Ann Sharples (Funeral Service 11th April 11am) Margaret Freeman, Bernard Mackey, Margrett Cheung ,Raymond Pilkington, Emma Wilson , Stephen John McGrath, Alan Watts, who died recently.

Also, Joseph Miller, Winifred Black, Alma O'Dwyer, Michael John McGovern, Timothy Warre, Pat O'Donnell, Paul Willett, Kathleen Helena Brown, Ellen Shinton, Alexander Anthony Clark, Alice Crow, Margaret Baker, Frank Edward Davenport, Gerard Jerome McBrien, Scott MacLean, Anne(Nancy)Flynn, Lily Sage, Josef Guixe, Bernadette(Brandy) Julia Lawrence, Ronald William Manton and all with anniversaries at this time.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is Anne Ryder. She can be contacted at: sg.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.