

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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT Year B 18th February 2024

Dear Parishioners,

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I pray that our shared Lenten journey may provide us with constant reminders of God's faithful love, just as God provided Noah with the sign of a rainbow in the clouds: 'when the rainbow appears I will recall the covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind.'

Please pray for Arlo Bradley Reeves who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday.

Welcome to Helen Moseley, CAFOD's representative, who will be speaking to us about our support for CAFOD and the forthcoming Family Fast Day on Friday 23rd February. CAFOD envelopes will be distributed this weekend.

During the weekends of Lent, we intend to reflect on familiar prayers and rediscover their freshness and appeal. This weekend we begin with the 'Our Father'.

St Augustine's Community Café takes place this Monday, February 19th from 11.30am to 1.30pm. Everyone is welcome to this increasingly popular social, especially the elderly, lonely and those with the onset of Dementia.

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.

Lenten Breakfasts are available at the Methodist Church; 8.30am Cost £3.00.

Father Dominic would appreciate some help with the Presbytery gardens. Would any Parishioners be able to volunteer an hour or two on the last Saturday of the month-Saturday 24th February at 3pm.

The Parents of First Holy Communion Children are invited to attend one of two Meetings being organised in preparation for the Children's First Holy Communion. The Meetings will take place on Tuesday 27th February and Tuesday 5th March from 7.30pm-9.15pm. We will request free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. **For any of our young** Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Meetings will begin on Tuesday 20th February at 5pm in the Presbytery. Do please spread the word. Deacon Kevin extends an invitation to the Parents of St Augustine's pupils to participate in reflections of our Faith. The Meetings will take place in the Sunshine Room at School beginning Tuesday 20th February from 8.50-9.30am. All are welcome. The Talks, based on the Sycamore Course,

will continue throughout the term.

Monthly Meditation will take place In Sacred Heart and Holy Souls parish meeting room on Monday February 19th and 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 **22-2-24** Week 2 Palm Sunday Triumphant Entrance **29-2-24** Week 3 The Last Supper/ Institution of the Eucharist **7-3-24** Week 4 Good Friday Crucifixion **14-3-24** Easter Saturday Silence **21-3-24** Easter Sunday The Resurrection

Men's Rosary in the City. 17th February Birmingham City center at Victoria Square at 12.00 mid-day.

The Catholic Women's League are holding their next meeting on Monday 19th February at 7:30 in the parish centre. This month we have a speaker who crafts handbags and we would like to extend an invitation any lady who would be interested. The talk and display will begin at 8:00pm. No charge but donations welcome. Refreshments available.

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024: 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or website www.med-irishcentre.com

MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518 ENGLAND: 0044 20 3239 8662 Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com 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

OLAAS MAC- is recruiting Directors and Governors; An information evening will be held on Thursday 29th February at 5.00pm at Bethany House, Our Lady of Compassion RC Primary School. Email communications@olaas.co.uk for more information.

Bishop Challoner Catholic College, Kings Heath, are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic who is, or has potential to be, a dynamic and inspirational Lay Chaplain. Please see www.bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/vacancies for full information and to apply. Closing Date: Friday 8th March 2024, 12pm.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE- 14th Feb-24th March. Leaflets and poster in porch. Kick Off event Sunday 11th Feb 3pm will include a Talk from Dr Calum Miller speaking about abortion and mental health. 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

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place from Monday 27th May until Saturday 1st June 2024. If you are interested in participating, please speak with Fr Dominic and place your name on the form in the main porch. Further details to follow. Applications for doctor, nurses, carers, hospitaliers(handmaid-female non-medical helper and brancardier- male non-medical helper) are now open. Please contact Kath White on 0121 230 6288 or email: lourdes@rcaob.org.uk

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£163:59 Loose :£789.45 Total:£953:04

Last Weekend Second Collection: LIFE £429:02 Next weekend Collection CAFOD Family Fast Day

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 17 th Feb 12.30pm T Duffy	Sunday 18 th February 9am	Sunday 18 th February 11am
Saturday 24 th Feb 12.30pm T Cund	T Nettikkadan	A Kelly
Saturday 2 nd March 12.30pm Bernard		
Sunday 18 th Feb 9am C Ramsey	Sunday 25 th February 9am	Sunday 25 th February 11am
Sunday 18 th Feb 11am H Cettler	J Powers	J Hickey
Sunday 25 th Feb 9am M C Barbour		
Sunday 25 th Feb 11am R Noronha		

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		

<p>17th February Saturday</p> <p>Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Brenda Novak-Intention Anne & Joseph Marshall-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>18th February Sunday</p> <p>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</p> <p>Day of Prayer for the Candidates for the Sacraments</p>	<p>Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish Beatrice McCaffrey-RIP 11.00am Betty Russell-Intention Patrick Ryan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>19th February Monday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18 Matthew 25:31-46 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Les Amond-RIP Kitty Finn-RIP</p>	<p>St Augustine's Community Café 11.30am-1.30pm</p>
<p>20th February Tuesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Mark Boyle-RIP 12.00pm Requiem Norman Egan</p>	<p>The Parents and Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>21st February Wednesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St Peter Damian</p>	<p>Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30am Elizabeth Hope Mary Morgan</p>	<p>Confession 10.45am-11.15am Lectio Divina 7.30pm: email gilljones1952@gmail.com</p>
<p>22nd February Thursday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>Chair of St Peter</p>	<p>1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Baby Justin Cristanto Breeze-Birthday Ann Carberry-RIP</p>	<p>Lenten reflections Prayer Meeting 7-8pm Parish Hall</p>
<p>23rd February Friday</p> <p>St Polycarp</p> <p>CAFOD FAST DAY</p>	<p>Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26 Public & Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Anne O'Kane-Intention 2.15pm Funeral Service Emma Elizabeth Wilson 6.30pm All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.00-6.00pm Stations of the Cross-6.00pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>24th February Saturday</p>	<p>Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Georgina Barrett-RIP Fr Biju Panthaloorkaran-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>Second Sunday of Lent</p> <p>25th February</p>	<p>Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am Colin Byrne-RIP 11.00am Norah & Patrick Brennan-RIP Liz Taylor-Birthday</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day appeal will help hardworking people like James the fisherman in Liberia with resources, tools and training to feed their families for good. Give today using the envelope or online at cafod.org.uk and please join us in praying with James that our sisters and brothers around the world have what they need to feed their families. Use the envelope in church or give online at www.cafod.org.uk

Loving God,
when our boat is rocked
on the sea of life,
by poverty, illness or disaster,
you quiet the waves,
calm the storm, and lead us safely to shore.

When we work hard, for our daily bread,
but at the end of the day go hungry,
you walk alongside us,
calling, "cast out your nets",
knowing there is enough for all.

When we are lost,
and uncertain of how
to make a change in our world,
your words ring out:
"Come, follow me", guiding us to new life with you.

Lead us then, Lord, to play our part
in calming the storm
and sharing your gifts with each other,
so that all people throughout the world may look to the future with hope. Amen.

Please pray for: Alan Watts, Josephine Mary (Jose) Concannon, (Requiem Monday 4th March, 10am; Reception Sunday 3rd March 4.30pm) Margrett Cheung, Raymond Pilkington, Norman Egan (Tuesday 20th February 12.00pm), Emma Wilson (Funeral Service Friday 23rd February, 2.15pm), Teresa Jukes, Father Christopher Greaney, Father Sandy Brown who died recently.

Also, Thomas Finneran, Bernard Joseph Concannon, Elizabeth 'Anne' Howitt, Carole Ann Akel, Joan Maughan, Kathleen Walters, Susan Addis, Mary Ann Callaghan, Nora Catherine McLaughlin, Valerie Wahall, Sean C. Cushenan, Mary O'Sullivan, Kathleen Theresa Forbes, Mary Quinn, Patrick Joseph John Ryan, John Christopher Lynch, Kathleen Lynch, Father Sean McTernan, Jean Lingard, Gerard Anthony Kavanagh, Sheila Emily Doyle, Rita Shanley, Sheila Irene Quinn 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 Representatives are Anne Ryder and Teresa Cund. They 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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CENTRAL SOLIHULL-Lent Breakfasts Refugees, Asylum Seekers & Other Vulnerable Migrants in Solihull - where do our churches fit in. **Saturday 17th February** 2024 8.30am to 9.30am Felix Kupay from Entraide **Saturday 24th February** 2024 8.30am to 9.30am John Bradley to talk about Solihull Sanctuary Solihull Methodist Church, B91 1LG by Solihull Station - car park off Station Road Simple Breakfast with cereals and rolls, tea and coffee etc - Cost £3 each All welcome and please bring friends On further Saturdays in Lent you are welcome to attend the Methodist Church Breakfasts - all at 8.30am - same place: **Prayer's Beautiful Messiness 2 March Prayer as Friendship 9 March Prayer as Rhythm March 16 Forms of Prayer 23 March When Prayer is Hard**