

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Year B 21st April 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'Jesus Christ the Good Shepherd. Christ the Good Shepherd lays down his life for us. This gives us some idea of how lavish God's love is when he allows us to be called his children. We do so only in the name of the Lord Jesus, and we can be sure that through him one day we shall see God as He really is in himself.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I give thanks today for the gift of our vocation and for each and every vocation. May the example of Jesus, the bonnie shepherd, be our continual inspiration, protection and help. Father Joseph will be visiting his family in Kerala, southern India, from this Monday. We wish him a safe journey and a very enjoyable time with his family.

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 2nd May from 7.30pm until 9pm. In the Presbytery. If you wish to attend, please speak with Mrs Mary Clark or with one of the Clergy. **Deacon Kevin invites** parents to join him in the Sunshine Room at St Augustine's School on Tuesday mornings between 8.50am and 9.30am to reflect on the gift of Faith. **Members of the Prayer Group** have requested to hold a prayer meeting each fortnight in the blue room of the Parish Hall, from 7pm to 8pm. The next meeting will take place on Thursday 25th April and then on Thursday 9th May. You are welcome to attend.

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Sunday 28th April between 12.15pm-1.30pm. If you have any items for the Agenda, please let us have them by Wednesday 24th April. I am pleased to tell you that Mrs Gill Jones has agreed to chair the meetings and Mr. Henryk Cettler to continue to act as secretary. Please keep the progress of the Pastoral Council in your prayers.

The parents of our First Holy Communion children of St Augustine's Year 3 pupils are invited to attend a Workshop at School on Friday 26th April between 9-10.30am. The First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Saturday 11th May at 9.30am. For those youngsters whom Miss Libby Service is preparing, their First Holy Communion will take place on Sunday 19th May.

The charity LEPRA are celebrating their centenary year this year. We will hold an appeal for this charity on the weekend of 4th/5th May. '

For News and Events across the Archdiocese please visit the Diocesan website:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk These events include a Diocesan Thanksgiving Mass for marriage, which takes place on Saturday 4th May at 12.00 noon. Archbishop Bernard will be the chief celebrant. Please register attendance by Sunday 21st April. There are other interesting events and job and volunteering opportunities.

FIRST FIVE SATURDAY FATIMA DEVOTION For peace in the world. On 13 July 1917 Our Lady requested “The Communion of reparation [by the Church] on the First Saturdays”.

GIFT AID- If you are a taxpayer please consider joining the Gift Aid scheme; for every £1 you donate to the Church we can claim a further 25p from the government. There are two different ways to donate; set up a standing order or weekly envelopes. Please speak to Father Dominic for details.

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 <https://cafod.org.uk/give/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/free-will-service>

Meditation –this is one way to pray. It is an opportunity to be still and experience how much we are loved by God. The Meditation is taking place on Monday 27th May and Monday 1st July. It takes place at 1.00pm in the Parish Meeting Room at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Acocks Green. Everyone is welcome.

Annual Thanksgiving Mass for Marriage

An invitation is extended to married couples, those celebrating a milestone anniversary and those preparing to marry this year, to our annual Mass for Marriage at St Chad's Cathedral on Saturday 4th May at 12 Noon, followed by light refreshments. Please visit www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass

Missio and the Red Box-Missio are looking for a volunteer to take on the role of Local Secretary for St Augustine’s. Working with your fellow volunteers, and supported by the Missio team, your role is to coordinate the collection of Red Box donations and the distribution of the Mission Today magazine four times a year. Please talk to Fr Dominic if you are interested in taking on this important ministry. Current Red Box holders can collect Mission Today from Church and either hold onto their donation until a new volunteer is in place or donate directly to Missio online:

www.missio.org.uk/donate

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.

Candlelight vigil on Sat 27th April 7.30pm, to remember those affected by the Abortion Act implemented on this date in 1968. Please join March for Life UK at Westminster Cathedral Plaza where there will be speeches from various Christian leaders, hymns and prayer. Candles/posters will be supplied. For more info contact info@marchforlife.co.uk

JOB VACANCIES: Administration Support Officer; Deputy Diocesan Solicitor, St Pauls School RE Teacher; For each vacancy, please see details on Notice Board

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid £221:11 Loose £851:68 Total:£1,072:79 This weekend 2nd Collection: Clergy Training Fund

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 20 th April 12.30pm T Duffy	Sunday 21 st April 9am	Sunday 21 st April 11am
Saturday 27 th April 12.30pm T Cund	T Nettikkadan	E Duffy
Saturday 4 th May 12.30pm Bernard		
Sunday 21 st April 9am Finbar Joe	Sunday 28 th April 9am	Sunday 28 th April 11am
Cormac	J Powers	J Hickey
Sunday 21 st April 11am R Noronha		
Sunday 28 th April 9am YEAR 4		
Sunday 28 th April 11am C Hodrien		

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	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes
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		Michael		

<p>20th April Saturday</p>	<p>Public & Live streamed Mass Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18 12.30pm Mary Murray-RIP William Stevenson-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon Confession 11am-12 noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>21st April FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER World Day of Prayer for Vocations</p>	<p>Acts 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18 9.00am Beata Pierzchala-RIP & Minnie Bushell-RIP 11.00am Mary Ryan-RIP All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>22nd April Monday Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 11:1-18 John 10:1-10 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Frances McCarthy-Birthday</p>	
<p>23rd April Tuesday SOLEMNITY OF ST GEORGE <i>Patron of England</i></p>	<p>Apocalypse 12:10-12 John 15:18-21 OR John 15:1-8 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Joyce Mary Lander-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>24th April Wednesday Easter Feria <i>St Adalbert/ St Fidelis of Sigmaringen</i></p>	<p>Acts 12:24-13:5 John 12:44-50 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.30am Mary & John Edge-RIP</p>	<p>Confession 10.45am-11.15am Lectio Divina 7.30pm Gilljones1952@gmail.com</p>
<p>25th April Thursday FEAST St Mark</p>	<p>1 Peter 5:5-14 Mark 16:15-20 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Maria Thurai Rajah</p>	
<p>26th April Friday Easter Feria</p>	<p>Public & Live streamed Masses Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6 10.00am Annie Woodhouse-RIP 6.30pm Maureen Collins-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5,15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>27th April Saturday</p>	<p>Public & Live streamed Mass Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8 12.30pm Jim Cronin-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>28th April FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>Public & Live streamed Masses Acts 9:26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8 9.00am Liz Cyrkunowicz RIP & Sofia & Wincenty Cyrkunowicz-RIP 11.00am Noreen Donohoe-RIP Helen Treanor-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

Pope Francis-WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS 21st APRIL 2024

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves.

Vocation Prayer:

Lord Jesus,
you said to your disciples:
“The harvest indeed is great
but the labourers are few.” We ask that we may know
and follow the vocation
to which you have called us. We pray for those called to serve
those whom you have called,
those you are calling now,
and those you will call in the future.
May they be open and responsive
to the call of serving your people.



Jesus said: “I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”

Please pray for: Gwendolyn Barton, Teresa Mary Jukes, Adrian Paul Flynn, Irene Margaret Petronella Nicholson, Maria Ann Sharples, Mary Ellen Drew, Pat Butler (Funeral Service 30th April 12.30pm) Patricia Belcher (Service Robin Hood, Wednesday, 1st May 11.30am), Joan Doyle (Requiem Wednesday 1st May; Reception Tuesday 30th April 5pm) Margaret Freeman, Margrett Cheung, Raymond Pilkington, Emma Wilson, Stephen John McGrath, Alan Watts, Gretchen Dean, who died recently.

Also, Bishop Leo McCartie, Manuel De Freitas, Teresa Ford, Vincent Buckley, Louis Reeves, Lilian Mary Power, Hugh McTernan, Christine Lawton, Professor Kenneth Walter Walton, Eileen Ellen Allcock, William (Bill) Kevin Byrne, Mary Agnes Elliott, Margaret Winifred Isaacs, John Kelly, Anatol Power, Annie Slattery 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.