

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B 21st February 2021

Dear Parishioners,

'Alive through the waters of Baptism. We die to the world and live to God through the waters of baptism. We will still be tempted as Christ was in the wilderness, but if we repent and really believe the Gospel then we have nothing to fear. God is faithful to those who keep their promises to Him and we are promised to God through baptism.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I were very pleased to witness such a good start to Lent and we hope and pray that this season of grace and renewal will draw us closer to the God of love and mercy and to one another in charity. During Lent, we have Stations of the Cross on a Wednesday at 11am and on a Friday during the Holy Hour between 5.15pm-6.15pm. Please note that we also have Stations of the Cross recorded on the Parish YouTube channel which you can access on the Parish website by clicking on the link 'access to live stream'

You are welcome to join the weekly 'Lectio Divina' on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. For the Wednesdays of Lent these reflections will be on the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. If you wish to participate, please email Helen Brookes ehb73@yahoo.co.uk

You will find many devotional Services available from neighbouring Parishes and also on E.W.T.N. (Channel No 588). There is also a very interesting website entitled 'Ateleia'.

Paul Northam, the Diocesan Evangelisation Field Worker, is promoting a series of Lent reflections beginning on 19th February from 1.30pm-2.30pm, each Friday for 6 weeks-'The Friends of the Holy Land' have produced a beautiful resource made up of poems, reflections, scripture readings and images, accompanying Jesus through His Passion, Death and Resurrection. If you wish to participate, please email Natalie- natalie.orefice@rcaob.org.uk for the zoom codes. If you wish to purchase the book accompanying this series, please visit the link: <https://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk/lenten-book>.

We have an additional public Mass this Wednesday evening at 6.30pm. Free car parking has been requested in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

Next Friday 26th February is CAFOD's Family Fast Day. We are asked to deny ourselves some food and the monies saved will be taken up in a second collection next weekend. PTO

<p>20th February Saturday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am All People of the Parish Members of the Shields Family-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 9.30am-10.00am</p>
<p>21st February FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT</p>	<p>Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am Deceased Members of the Coburn & Long Families & Friends All People of the Parish Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am Deacon Kevin O'Connor-Intention Jean & Edward Lingard-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am</p>
<p>22nd February Monday FEAST of the Chair of St Peter</p>	<p>1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19 10.00am Live streamed Mass Tony Fegan-RIP Tina Lawless & Family</p>	
<p>23rd February Tuesday Lent Feria St Polycarp</p>	<p>Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15 10.00am Live Streamed Mass Mary & Michael Prendergast Miss Collette Hynes-Intention</p>	
<p>24th February Wednesday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Minnie Bushell-RIP 6.30pm Public & Live streamed Mass Edgar & Danna Dizon-Intention</p>	<p>Private Prayer / Confession 10.45am-11.15am 11.00am Stations of the Cross 'Lectio Divina' at 7.30pm</p>
<p>25th February Thursday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Esther 4:17 Matthew 7:7-12 10.00am Live streamed Mass Mrs Esther Farmer C.W.L.</p>	
<p>26th February Friday Lent Feria CAFOD LENT FAST DAY</p>	<p>Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26 10.00am Live streamed Mass Mary Hayes-RIP Joe & Sally Farrell & Family</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm With Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>27th February Saturday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Paul, Francis & Kevin Hickey-RIP Irene Nicholson-Birthday</p>	<p>Private Prayer 9.30am-10am Confession after 10am Mass</p>
<p>28th February Second Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am Michael & Margaret Fitzmaurice Margaret Lennon-Intention Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am George & Emily Saunders-RIP All People of the Parish</p>	

Our support will help people like Abdella who lives in an extremely remote and mountainous district of Ethiopia. It takes him 10 hours a day to collect water. He says his life is being wasted, as he has no time for anything else. Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate on line at: www.cafod.org.uk/give or by using one of our envelopes. You can also easily give via text. TEXT LENT to 70460 to donate £10. Father Dominic is undertaking a 5 mile sponsored walk for CAFOD on Saturday 6th March. If you would be willing to sponsor him, please go to the Parish website or use the sponsor forms at the stewards desks in Church.

The Jesuits are also producing daily Lenten reflections which you will find on the link 'Pathways to God.'

If you know of any young Parishioners not attending a Catholic School who wish to be prepared for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please let the Clergy or Miss Libby Service know. Miss Service's email is: 1st4activities@gmail.com or tel: 07568 508 271

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email. Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

2nd Collection next week: CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk First Sunday of Lent (Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15) We hunger for closeness 'Wilderness' can be a reality in our marriage relationship at times, a kind of 'desert experience': hungering for a gentle touch or return of the closeness in our relationship. Yet, we can look back on such times and recognise the Spirit was at work. God's grace was in our yearning, calling us to choose life and turn away from self-indulgence.

ST AUGUSTINE'S SVP 'FRIENDS IN NEED' Do you know someone who needs the support of a phone call? Or a person or family going through hardship? Or perhaps you feel you could donate non- perishable food, drinks or toiletry items for people in need during these times? If so, please don't hesitate to phone or text the SVP on: 07568 508271.

The Prince's Trust based at Chelmsley Wood Police station are looking for young adults aged between **16-25 years old** to join their programme, starting on **Monday 15th March 2021.** **The course will be a 5 day a week, 12-week programme** with certain measures put into place due to Covid-19. The course will be run with up to 14 learners and the learners will be in the team room Monday to Friday 09:30-15:30 with breaks throughout the day.

The learners will work towards 2 qualifications over the 12 weeks, the Prince's Trust Certificate in Employability, Teamwork and Community and BTEC Level 1 Work Skills with the majority of the programme remaining the same. The main change will be no residential, but plans have been made to cover the teamwork unit in other ways whilst in the venue. Please contact either team leader if you are interested in joining the programme

Sam Colbourne: email scolbourne@warwickshire.ac.uk Tel: 07740 405 016

Clare Johnson: email clare.johnson@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk Tel: 07388 373 901

Columban Missionaries Britain is seeking a part-time HR Advisor to join its team, based at St. Columban's in Solihull. Salary: £20,000-25,000 per annum pro rata 1 Hours of work: 9.00am to 5.00pm on 2 days per week Monday to Friday. Flexible working arrangements will be considered. For more details about the position and to apply, please visit the latest updates on www.columbans.co.uk or email to hr@columbans.co.uk Deadline for applications: Midnight on Sunday 28th February 2021

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Keith Frettsome	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy	Martha Sheridan	Fr Fred Sheldon
Joan Kennedy	Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Maureen Cody
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Anne(Eithne) O'Sullivan	John Doyle	Dan Doyle
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White
Diane Burgess	Kathleen Clark	Kathryn Farmer Pauline Yeates	Malachy Hanly	Michael McGovern
Margaret Lennon	Joan Kennedy	James Brown John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Deacon Kevin O'Connor
Sandra Evans	Christopher Edmund Poole	Sue Hodrien	Kevin McDaid	

CAFOD FAMILY FAST PRAYER

God of all wholeness,
Heal our hearts
Of all that prevents us responding
To our sisters and brothers,
Excluded by poverty
And prevented from living a full
And healthy life.

This Lent, may we:
Implore justice through our prayer,
Stand in solidarity through our fasting,
And reach out through our giving.

Send your life-giving power
To revive the weary,
Restore the broken
And renew the face of the earth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Friday 26th February is CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST DAY

Please pray for: Pat Ferris, (Requiem Monday 1st March, 10am) Ron Carson, John Smith, (Requiem Friday 5th March, 12.15pm) Father Pat Joyce, Kathleen Boland, Margaret Timms, Steve Evans, Kevin Smith, Clare Baxter, Anne White, Denis Lynch, Martin Yeates and Mildred Geary who died recently.

Also John Christopher Lynch, Kathleen Lynch, Father Sean McTernan, Jean Lingard, Gerard Anthony Kavanagh, Sheila Emily Doyle, Rita Shanley, Sheila Irene Quinn, Robert(Bob) Pritchard, Margaret Mawdsley and Frank McGuinness and all with anniversaries at this time.

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