

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 21st January 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'Repent and believe the Good News! As Christians we have to review our lives in the light of the Gospel. This process goes on in our daily lives and we ask God to show us his ways so that we may choose the right path. The world as we know it is passing away and therefore, we should not be engrossed in it.'(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I are grateful for all the Blessings we receive from being part of St Augustine's Parish Family. We hope that this 'Year of Prayer' will help us to grow ever more close to Jesus and to discovering the joy of life in His presence. There are many resources available online regarding this 'Year of Prayer.' Do please look on the Diocesan website and on the Birmingham vocations website.

I enjoyed a delightful holiday with my two friends and am grateful to Fr Joseph, Deacon Kevin and so many others for making it possible.

The week of Prayer for the unity of Christian takes place from 18th January to 25th January.

Do please come along to the Christian Unity Service this Sunday afternoon at 5pm in Church. There is free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

As we begin to form the Parish Pastoral Council our first meeting will take place on Sunday 28th January after the 11am Mass. We hope to meet 4 times a year with an AGM in May. We would still welcome Parishioners to form the Pastoral Council based on the Diocesan vision.

QUIZ WITH A TWIST: Feeling in need of some entertainment to combat the January slump? We will be holding a Quiz night (with a twist or two) on **Saturday, 27 January 2024, 7.30 p.m. start in the Parish Hall** (doors open 7.00 p.m.) in aid of the HCPT

Oxford. Tickets £10 per person, bring your own drinks/snacks. Your generous support will be greatly appreciated. Teams of 4 or 6; we will happily put people into 'super teams' if you cannot make up these numbers! Please call Maria on 0121 705 8421 to reserve your seats or email: Marialwatts@talktalk.net Look forward to seeing you there!! We have requested the free use of the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

The Birmingham and Wolverhampton Walsingham Association is organising a pilgrimage to Walsingham this year from Sat 6th April to Mon 8th of April. The cost is £299pp for En-suite and £261pp for budget accommodation. This includes coach travel from various pick-up points across Birmingham and Wolverhampton. For more details and bookings please contact Charles Keily before Friday 19th January on 07710 189036. All are welcome and look forward to seeing you there!"

Thank you for the Christmas Crib Offerings which amounted to:£934:64.

<p>20th January Saturday</p> <p>Sts Fabian/ Sebastian</p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>	<p>Jonah 3:1-5,10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Canon John McKenna-Intention</p> <p>Charlotte Green-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>21st January</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Sunday of the Word of God</p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>	<p>Jonah 3:1-5,10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 Mark 1:14-20 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Nicholas & Moya Halligan-RIP Katie & Patrick McGovern-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p> <p>Christian Unity Service 5pm</p>
<p>22nd January Monday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Vincent</p>	<p>2 Samuel 5:1-7,10 Mark 3:22-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am John Timmins-RIP John Gemmell-RIP</p>	
<p>23rd January Tuesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Nicholas Owen</p>	<p>2 Samuel 6:12-15,17-19 Mark 3:31-35 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.00am Requiem Joseph Naughton David McAdams-RIP</p>	<p>The Parents and Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>24th January Wednesday</p> <p>St Francis de Sales</p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>	<p>2 Samuel 7:4-17 Mark 4:1-20 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30am Tom & Veronica Oliver-RIP</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45-11.15am</p>
<p>25th January Thursday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>Conversion of St Paul</p>	<p>Acts 22:3-16 OR Acts 9:1-22 Mark 16:15-18 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Joe Kelly-RIP Steven Sumerville-RIP</p>	
<p>26th January Friday</p> <p>Ss Timothy & Titus</p>	<p>2 Timothy 1:1-8 OR Titus 1:1-5 Mark 4:26-34 Public & Live Streamed Mass 11.00am Requiem Margaret Byrne</p> <p>6.30pm Philip Flynn-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>27th January Saturday</p> <p>Blessed Edward Oldcorne/ St Angela Merici</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Theresa & Seam McMahon Deceased Members of Lane & Gallagher Families</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>28th January Sunday</p> <p>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am Deceased Members of Halloran Family</p> <p>11.00am Michael Regan-Intention Joan & Dan Brosnan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

Monthly Meditation will take place In Sacred Heart and Holy Souls parish meeting room on Monday January 15th 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.

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 cafod.org.uk/give/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/free-will-service

Pray24 Brum – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024 During the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, this prayer initiative - now in its 10th year - will be held at St Philip's Anglican Cathedral, Colmore Row, B3 2QB (sometimes known as Pigeon Park!) 24 hours of prayer in and for our city and world, celebrating our unity across different Christian traditions. Each tradition will lead an hour of prayer across Friday 19th January 7.30am to 6.30pm and Saturday 20th January from 8.30am to 7pm. People are welcome to pop in and pray at any time.

Archbishop Bernard Longley will lead the hour of prayer on Saturday 20th from 1pm to 2pm. Music by Jo Boyce (CJM Music). Further details: birminghamchurches.org.uk

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY-Monday 29th January 2024 Banqueting Suite Council House, Victoria Square B Ham B1 1BB 11am-12.30pm Doors open 10.30am

SVP and mini-Vinnies cake sale 3/4 February. Raising funds for 12 families in Kerala, India to buy bicycles to enable children to get to school. Donation of cakes very welcome. Buy before lent arrives.

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 izzyvs@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

VACANCIES ST PAUL'S GIRLS SCHOOL- Three vacancies are advertised on notice board in main porch.

PASTORAL SUPPORT WORKER-part time 2-year fixed term role for fluent Cantonese and English speaker. See notice board for details.

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£218 Loose :£611:70 Total:£829:70

Last Weekend Second Collection: Pax Christi:£424:53

Next weekend 2nd Collection: Racial Justice

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 20 th Jan 12.30pm Bernard	Sunday 21 st January 9am	Sunday 21 st January 11am
Saturday 27 th Jan 12.30pm T Duffy	J Powers	J Hickey
Saturday 3 rd Feb 12.30pm T Cund		
Sunday 21 st Jan 9am SCHOOL Yr 4	Sunday 28 th January 9am	Sunday 28 th January 11am
Sunday 21 st Jan 11am C Hodrien	M Coburn	A Keating
Sunday 28 th Jan 9am M Pearsall	Sunday 4 th February 9am	Sunday 4 th February 11am
Sunday 28 th Jan 11am M Keating	M Hallissey	B Ngala
Sunday 4 th Feb 9am Finbar		
Cormac Joe		
Sunday 4 th Feb 11am M Watts		

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Anne Deary
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Eileen Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien	Don Deneny
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer
Sandra Evans	Gillian Jones	Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Jennifer O'Donnell
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Eileen Keaton
Christopher Edmund Poole	Eve	Roger Cox	Liam Lewis	Margrett Chung	Joseph Wong
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Mike Sassano
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Angela Hyland	Mary & Amanda	Helen Brookes

2024 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Theme

The 2024 theme of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is *"You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself"*.

Based on Luke 10:27, the international theme and materials call Christians to act like Christ in loving like the Good Samaritan, showing mercy and compassion to those in need, regardless of their religious, ethnic, or social identity.

Lord Jesus Christ, may our eyes not look away,

but be wide open to the world around us. As we travel through life,

may we stop and reach out, bind up the wounded and in so doing experience your presence in them. Give us a renewed commitment to journey with you towards unity. Amen.



Please pray for: Mary Geraldine Ryan, Maria Arlete Ferreira Gomes Rodrigues, Ellen Teresa Farrelly (Friday 19th January 2024, 10am) Joseph (Joe) Naughton (Requiem Tuesday 23rd January 11am; Reception 22nd January 6pm),Margaret Byrne (Requiem Friday 26th January, 11am),Father Christopher Greaney, Father Sandy Brown who died recently.

Also, Dorothy Plomer-Roberts, Jose Belson, Mary Josephine Foy, Philip Brian Matthews, James Keogh, Eileen Boyle, Katherine Cox, Francis Joseph Doherty, John Christopher Francis Putil, Mary Maria Curry, Thomas Anthony Oliver, Margaret Bourke, Roland(Rollo) Wolfe, Beatrice Eaglesfield, Grace Helen Pedley, Eileen Nimmo, Kevin Tynan, Bridget Bevan, Margaret Johnston Kirkpatrick Gillot 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.