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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD Year B 24th March 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'Jesus is King! The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem gives way to his passion and death. Yet Jesus is King and within a week will rise triumphant from the dead. He is the firm ground of our hope that all sufferings in this life are lost in the power of his resurrection.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I look forward to celebrating with you our Holy Week Services and pray that we may be more closely united with Jesus and with one another. We welcome to the 11am Mass, this Palm Sunday, the Mayor of Solihull, Diana Holl-Allen, MBE.

Mothers' Prayers invite you to join them on Monday evening for the Stations of the Cross at 8pm. Free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park from 7.30pm-9.30pm.

On Tuesday 26th March we have our Lenten Penance Service at St George and St Teresa's in Dorridge at 7pm You are very welcome. **On Wednesday 27th March** Mass will be celebrated at 9.15am. There is a Funeral Service at 10.30am for Mr Aidan Flynn. Please note that there will not be an 11.30am Mass. The Mass of Chrism takes place at St Chad's Cathedral at 11.30am. **On Maundy Thursday** there will not be a morning Mass, we will however meet for Morning Prayers and Rosary at 10am. The Mass of the Lord's Supper will take place at 7pm. There will be Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11pm. (Holy Hour between 8.30pm and 9.30pm) Free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park from 6.30pm-11.30pm. There will be the recommissioning of our Special Ministers of Holy Communion during the Mass of the Lord's Supper.' **On Good Friday** there will Family Stations of the Cross at 10am. All are welcome. The Walk of Witness starts at 11am from St Augustine's. We join members of other local Christian Churches in this public procession. The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion takes place at 3pm and will include the Veneration of the Cross and the Reception of Holy Communion. On Good Friday evening there will be Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Free car parking in the lower level of Dominion Car Park from 6.45pm-8pm. **On Holy Saturday** there will not be the usual 12.30pm Mass. The Church silently awaits the resurrection of the Lord. The Easter Vigil takes place at 8pm. Free Car parking has been arranged from 7pm until 10.30pm.

Please pray for Gabriel Hawker who is to be Confirmed during the Easter Vigil. Your prayers are also asked for Alvin and Yennis who are to be baptised and confirmed at the 12.30pm Mass on Saturday 6th April. Morning Prayers and Rosary will be recited at 10am on Holy Saturday morning. There will be Confessions between 11am-12noon. Walk With Me Booklets and Calendars for Eastertide are available in both porches. On Good Friday there will be a collection for the

Holy Places cared for by the Franciscans in the Holy land. They are especially in need of our help at this time. Thank you for your generous response to Sister Helen's appeal last weekend for her Order's project, of providing a caring home for children with autism.

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".

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

JOB VACANCIES: Administration Support Officer; St Augustine's Classroom Teacher, Deputy Diocesan Solicitor, St Pauls School RE Teacher; For each vacancies please see details on Notice Board.

GOOD FRIDAY....AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES-Deacon Kevin will be leading a special Stations of the Cross Journey of Prayer for children and families on Good Friday 29th March at 10am here at St Augustine's. We would like to invite the children to come along as townspeople, soldiers or women of Jerusalem- wearing their own simple costume from home if they like. We also need readers, and welcome young people who can help with other roles. If you could be a reader, or would like to know more, please contact Libby on 07568 508271 It is recommended to arrive a little early on the day.

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid £ 278: Loose £1,054:91 Total:£1,332:91 2nd Collection last week: Sr Helen. £1,190:92 Collection Good Friday: Holy Places

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 23 rd March 12.30pm Bernard Saturday 6 th April 12.30pm T Cund	Sunday 24 th March 9am J Powers	Sunday 24 th March 11am A Keating
Palm Sunday (Saturday 12.30pm) Narrator Deacon Kevin Individual Speaker Tom Duffy Sunday 24 th Mar 9am Finbar & Cormac Palm Sunday Narrator Deacon Kevin Individual Speaker Sunday 24 th Mar 11am E Young MAUNDY THURSDAY 7pm Reader C Hodrien GOOD FRIDAY H Cettler Narrator Deacon Kevin HOLY SATURDAY H Cettler C Hodrien EASTER SUNDAY 9am M Coburn 11am	MAUNDY THURSDAY A Kelly HOLY SATURDAY 1. A Kelly 2. EASTER SUNDAY 9am	GOOD FRIDAY E Duffy M Coburn EASTER SUNDAY 11am Ginny E Duffy

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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| 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>23rd March Saturday 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 Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD 24th March</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>
<p>25th March Monday Of Holy Week</p>	<p>Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Father Philip Harrop-Intention Michael Duignan-RIP</p>	<p>8.00pm Mothers' Prayers – Stations of the Cross 8.00pm</p>
<p>26th March Tuesday Of Holy Week</p>	<p>Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-33,36-38 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am John & Mary Edge-RIP Bernie Gallagher-RIP</p>	<p>The Toddlers' Group 9.30am- 11.30am</p>
<p>27th March Wednesday Of Holy Week</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthew 26:14-25 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.15am Mrs Terese Hickey-RIP Father Fred Sheldon-intention 10.30am Funeral Service Adrian Paul Flynn</p>	<p>Lectio Divina 7.30pm: email gilljones1952@gmail.com</p>
<p>28th March Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper</p>	<p>MORNING PRAYERS & ROSARY-10am Public & Live streamed Mass Exodus 12:1-8,11-14 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15 7.00pm All People of the Parish Owens & Deery Families-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 8.30pm-9.30pm Waiting at the Altar of Repose until 11pm</p>
<p>29th March GOOD FRIDAY  DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE</p>	<p>NO MASS TODAY 10am Children's Stations of the Cross 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Confession after the Service 7.00pm Stations of the Cross All Live Streamed</p>	<p>Ecumenical Walk of Witness from St Augustine's Church 11am Second Collection on Good Friday: Holy Places in the Holy Land</p>
<p>30th March Holy Saturday</p>	<p>MORNING PRAYERS & ROSARY-10am Genesis 1:1-2:2 Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 14:15-15:-1 Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 28:1-10 8.00pm Easter Vigil- Mr Flynn-RIP Chris Conway-Intention</p>	<p>Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>31st March Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord</p>	<p>Acts 10:34,37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9 9.00am All People of the Parish Stan-Intention 11.00am Francis O'Regan Father Philip Harrop-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

‘Seven Last Words of Jesus’ Reflection 6

‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’ ‘It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’ With these words he breathed his last.’ (Luke 23: 44-6) ‘In Jesus Christ our lives... find their true meaning. He who became one of us, lived as we do, has made holy all that we are and all that we do, except of course, when we sin.’ ‘Our joys and laughter, our daily tasks, as well as our suffering and death are now holy things, sanctified because He has touched them.’ If we are willing, ‘the divine life first given to us at our Baptism will grow, and it is often through pain and suffering that this happens.’ Our daily trials and difficulties, our suffering and death all ‘have within them the joy of resurrection.’ Our Good Friday experiences will lead us ‘to a greater understanding of and sharing in the joys and triumph of Easter Sunday.’ Jesus’ words, ‘Into your hands I commit my spirit,’ can be our prayer too. Suffering of any kind can become a means of surrender to God. ‘Into your hands I commit my spirit.’ These words have been uttered by men and women down the ages, in their daily struggles and anxieties. In their pain and in their death. We cannot, and must not of course, rejoice in suffering, this would be to do violence to our very nature, but we can ‘rejoice in the carrying of our cross.’ It must however ‘be for His sake, to be like Christ and so with Him, He in us and we in Him.’

Prayer

Dear God, at times of suffering, help us to kiss the crucifix, And so, ‘discover Him, who suffered like us and for us.’ Help us as we pray, ‘Father into your hands I commit my spirit’, Then our yoke ‘will be sweeter, our burden lighter.’ Amen.

In the carrying of our cross, we can discover ‘the secret of the resurrection – that new life comes from the dying seed.’ This reflection is with reference to, and with quotations from ‘Seven Last Words,’ by Cardinal Basil Hume. The prayer is an adaptation of the Cardinal’s words.

Please pray for: Teresa Mary Jukes, 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, Margrett Cheung Raymond Pilkington, Emma Wilson , Stephen John McGrath, Alan Watts, who died recently.

Also, Bishop David McGough, Mary Gwendoline Robinson, Annie Bridget McTernan, Philomena Bernadette Mullins, Jaqueline Ann Powers, Alice Behan, Geoffrey Dormer, Edmund(Ted) Wilcock, David Snape, Trixie Stella Maris Cotterill, Carol O’Connor, Constance Cooper, Kathleen Finneran, John Deasy 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 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.