

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

4th Sunday of Easter YEAR B 25th April 2021

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: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I, unite with you in prayer on this Vocations Sunday, as we ask Our Lord to continue to call the young and not so young to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life. May Christ, the good Shepherd, continue to bless our families with a clear sense of being chosen and called, to follow in His steps and so to find happiness ourselves and bring happiness to others. There will be a second collection for the Clergy Training Fund, which supports those in training for the Priesthood and the Diaconate. You may donate on line by clicking on the 'second collections' link on the Parish website. Our sincere thanks to those of you who donate regularly to the Clergy Training Fund and to Mrs Stephanie Withers who is the Parish Secretary for this Fund.

We are soon to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation for our young Parishioners. We hope and pray that these important stages in their journey of Faith will help them to realise that they are specially called and chosen by God. On Saturday 8th May Year 3 of St Augustine's School will celebrate their First Holy Communion at a 9.30am and a 12.30pm Mass. (Please note that there **will not** be the usual 10am Mass on this day.) On Tuesday 25th May we will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with our young parishioners being prepared by Miss Libby Service. On Wednesday 16th June Bishop David Evans will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. First Holy Communion gifts from the Piety Stall will be available after each of the Masses next weekend. Please bring cash

Thank you to two Parishioners who have responded to the request for help with Health and Safety matters. It is much appreciated. Our sincere thanks for the continued help from our volunteers acting as Stewards and Cleaners for each of our Masses.

Please remember in your prayers our young Parishioners preparing for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation on the following dates: Tuesday 18th May- the Sacrament of Reconciliation for those children being prepared by Miss Libby Service.

We offer our prayerful congratulations to Jade Lauren Watts and Jean-Tiago Barros Cardoso who are to be married at St Augustine's on Saturday 1st May. **PTO**

<p>24th April Saturday Easter Feria St Adalbert/St Fidelis of Sigmaringen</p>	<p>Acts 9:31-42 John 6:60-69 10.00am Public & Live streamed Mass Frank & Nancy Ryan-RIP Maty & John Edge-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 9.30am Confession after 10am Mass</p>
<p>25th 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 Public & Live streamed Mass All People of the Parish Liam O'Brien- Intention 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Libby Service-Birthday Helen Treanor-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p>
<p>26th April Monday Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 11:1-18 John 10:1-10 10.00am Live streamed Mass Maureen Collins-RIP Maureen Gallagher-RIP</p>	
<p>27th April Tuesday Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 11:19-26 John 10:22-30 10.00am Live streamed Mass Stella Skillen-RIP Terry Culbert-RIP</p>	
<p>28th April Easter Feria Wednesday St Peter Chanel/ St Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort</p>	<p>Acts 12:24-13:5 John 12:44-50 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Holy Souls(Andy) John & Elizabeth Ward-RIP & Patrick Ward-RIP</p>	<p>Private Prayer & Confession 10.45am-11.15am Lectio Divina' at 7.30pm To join in the Meeting please email Helen Brookes who will forward you the link to join the Meeting. Helen's email: ehb73@yahoo.co.uk</p>
<p>29th April Thursday FEAST St Catherine of Siena Patron of Europe</p>	<p>1 John 1:5-2:2 Matthew 11:25-30 10.00am Live streamed Mass Mrs Katarzyna Sienincka-Mowbray-RIP John O'Sullivan-RIP aged 37</p>	
<p>30th April Friday Easter Feria St Pius V</p>	<p>Acts 13:26-33 John 14:1-6 10am Live streamed Mass Patrick Joseph Farragher-RIP Etienne O'Sullivan-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>1st May Easter Feria St Joseph the Worker</p>	<p>Acts 13:44-52 John 14:7-14 10.00am Public & Live streamed Mass Stella Skillen-RIP Margaret Campbell-RIP 1.00pm Wedding Jade and Jean-Tiago</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 9.30am Confession after 10am Mass</p>
<p>2nd May Fifth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 9: 26-31 1 John 3:18-24 John 15:1-8 9.00am Public & Live streamed Mass Maria O'Brien-Intention All People of the Parish 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Pat Ferris-RIP (SVP)</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p>

The new boxes of Offertory envelopes are available for you in the main porch. Please do remember to collect them. **If any Parishioner** would like to use Offertory envelopes or to take out a standing order, please speak with Father Dominic or email the Parish Secretary (F.A.O. Miss Bernadette O'Donnell).

Deacon Kevin is preparing any young people requiring the Sacrament of Confirmation who do not attend a Catholic School. The Meetings will take place each Tuesday evening at 5pm in the Presbytery, starting this Tuesday April 20th. For further details, please speak with Deacon Kevin or with Father Dominic.

Thank you for your contributions towards last week's Offertory Collection: 18th April-Gift Aid £270 Loose and non-Gift Aid £1,568 Total £1,838:12, this amount includes 4 cheques totalling £1,165

Second Collection this weekend: Clergy Training Fund

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Fourth Sunday of Easter (Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 1 John 3:1-2 John 10:11-18) We lay down our lives, we go beyond... Couples can relate to the notion of 'shepherding' with regards to their children: "I know my own and my own know me". Even in crowds, our children will recognise our voices and we theirs. Also, just as Jesus spoke today of 'laying down His life', when marrying, we made a solemn vow to lay down our lives for one another.

Bishop Challoner TSA is currently working with around 40 Primary and Secondary schools in the Birmingham area to help new teachers into the profession. Anyone is welcome to join for a free online information event on **Wednesday 28th April at 6pm** or **Thursday 13th May at 5pm** to find out more about the School Direct / PGCE route into this exciting and rewarding profession. See www.bctsa.org for details, or email teachingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

Let Us Dream Pope Francis's reflections for the post-pandemic Church were published as a book under the title "Let Us Dream", just before Christmas. It is being widely used in parishes – it is a wonderful, challenging and inspiring book. Parishioners throughout the deanery are invited to join a Zoom group, reading and discussing it after Easter. There will be 4 sessions at fortnightly intervals, and a choice of either meeting on Monday afternoons or Friday evenings. The book is available online from Amazon at: Amazon.co.uk : [let us dream pope francis](http://letusdreampopefrancis.com)

For more information, or to discuss it please email fr.robert.taylorson@rcaob.org.uk
Or phone 01564 772098 Fr Rob Taylorson (St George & St Teresa, Dorridge)

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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.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Keith Frettsome	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish,	Tony Duffy	Martha Sheridan	Fr Fred	
Sheldon	Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Ken Bolton
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	John Doyle	Dan Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien	
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White	
Diane Burgess	Kathleen Clark	Kathryn Farmer	Malachy Hanly	Sandra Evans	Roisin Brown	
Margaret Lennon	James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Deacon Kevin O'Connor	Eve	
Christopher Edmund Poole	for protection and peace in the Mbag Family				Peggy Lundy	
Nicole Plummer	Greta & Bucks Moran	Keith Richie	Pat Brogan	Amanda Stellfox	Thelma Cole	
Mary Johnson	Anne Deary	Jane Tibbs	Joan Lynch			

Pope Benedict XVI Emeritus issued a message for Vocations Sunday.

“It is in this soil of self-offering and openness to the love of God, and as the fruit of that love, that all vocations are born and grow. By drawing from this wellspring through prayer, constant recourse to God’s word and to the sacraments, especially the Eucharist, it becomes possible to live a life of love for our neighbours, in whom we come to perceive the face of Christ the Lord .”

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.



Please pray for Father Joseph, Father Anthony, and Sister Camilla who died recently from Father Joseph’s home diocese of Raipur

Also Eileen Ellen Allcock, William(Will)Kevin Byrne, Margaret Winifred Isaacs, Anatol Power, Annie Slattery, Victor Abell, Mary Burt, Mary Helen Treanor, John Tipping, James McDermott, Doreen Bertha Hughes, Vincent Lynch, Albert Eric Newman, Ann Tyndall, Jonathan Buckley, Mary & Thomas Moran, Alfred Baker, Marian Webster and all with anniversaries at this time.

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