

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT Year B 25th February 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'God did not spare his own Son. Christ did not come to explain away suffering. He came to fulfil it. Like Abraham we must be prepared to sacrifice everything to God and thus in turn we find fulfilment. God will refuse us nothing now that Christ, risen from the dead, pleads our cause before his Father in heaven.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I find renewed courage from St Paul's words: 'Since God did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that He will not refuse anything He can give.'

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 21st March 7.30-9pm. Please inform Mary Clark or one of the Clergy if you wish to attend.

My sincere thanks for your prayers and good wishes whilst I recovered from a mild Covid. Special thanks to Fr Joseph, Deacon Kevin, Annette and Bernadette for their care and kindness.

Archbishop Hon will celebrate Mass in Cantonese on Wednesday 28th February at 6.30pm in Church. All are welcome.

Thank you for the welcome you gave to Helen Moseley, CAFOD's regional representative, last weekend. Thank you also, for the response to CAFOD's Family Fast Day, the proceeds of which will be taken up in a second collection this weekend.

During the weekends of Lent, we intend to reflect on familiar prayers and rediscover their freshness and appeal. This weekend we continue with the prayer "Christ be with me". Please see the back of the newsletter

Father Dominic would appreciate some help with the Presbytery gardens. Would any Parishioners be able to volunteer an hour or two on the last Saturday of the month-Saturday 24th February at 3pm.

The Parents of First Holy Communion Children are invited to attend one of two Meetings being organised in preparation for the Children's First Holy Communion. The Meetings will take place on Tuesday 27th February and Tuesday 5th March from 7.30pm-9.15pm. We will request free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. **For any of our young** Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Meetings continue on Tuesday 27th February at 5pm in the Presbytery. Do please spread the word. **Deacon Kevin** extends an invitation to the Parents of St Augustine's pupils to participate in reflections on our Faith. The Meetings will take place in the Sunshine Room at School continuing Tuesday 27th February from 8.50-9.30am. All are welcome. The Talks, based on the Sycamore Course, will continue throughout the term.

Please note extra Mass on Monday at 7.30am and Tuesday's Mass starts at 9.45am

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

The Circle of Prayer group will be hosting an evening of reflection during Lent on Thursdays 7-8pm here at St Augustine's. Everyone is welcome to join them; why not do something additional for Lent as well as giving something up **22-2-24** Week 2 Palm Sunday Triumphant Entrance. **29-2-24** Week 3 The Last Supper/ Institution of the Eucharist. **7-3-24** Week 4 Good Friday Crucifixion. **14-3-24** Easter Saturday Silence. **21-3-24** Easter Sunday The Resurrection

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.

Lenten Prayer Breakfasts are available at the Methodist Church; 8.30am Cost £3.00.

For news and events from the Archdiocese please visit: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

MEDJUGORJE IRISH CENTRE PILGRIMAGES APRIL - OCT 2024: 7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 020 3239 8662 or website www.med-irishcentre.com

MEDJUGORJE: 00387 36 651 518 ENGLAND: 0044 20 3239 8662 Email: reservations@med-irishcentre.com 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

OLAAS MAC- is recruiting Directors and Governors; An information evening will be held on Thursday 29th February at 5.00pm at Bethany House, Our Lady of Compassion RC Primary School. Email communications@olaas.co.uk for more information.

Bishop Challoner Catholic College, Kings Heath, are seeking to appoint a practising Catholic who is, or has potential to be, a dynamic and inspirational Lay Chaplain. Please see www.bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk/vacancies for full information and to apply. Closing Date: Friday 8th March 2024, 12pm.

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 izzys@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. 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

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£146:23 Loose :£951:61 Total:£1,097:84 This weekend Collection CAFOD Family

Fast Day 2nd Collection next weekend: Cathedral Maintenance

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 24 th Feb	12.30pm T Cund	Sunday 25 th February	9am	Sunday 25 th February	11am
Saturday 2 nd March	12.30pm Bernard	J Powers		J Hickey	
Saturday 9 th March	12.30pm T Duffy	Sunday 3 rd March	9am	Sunday 3 rd March	11am
		M Coburn		A Keating	
Sunday 25 th Feb	9am M C Barbour				
Sunday 25 th Feb	11am R Noronha				
Sunday 3 rd Mar	9am School Yr 5				
Sunday 3 rd Mar	11am ??				

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	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		

<p>24th February Saturday</p>	<p>Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Georgina Barrett-RIP Fr Biju Panthaloorkaran-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>25th February Sunday</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</p>	<p>Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am Colin Byrne-RIP 11.00am Norah & Patrick Brennan-RIP Liz Taylor-Birthday</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>26th February Monday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Daniel 9:4-10 Luke 6:36-38 Public and Live streamed Mass 7.30am Sp Intention Surgery Success 10.00am Mervyn Steele-Mortimer-RIP</p>	
<p>27th February Tuesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St Gregory of Narek</p>	<p>Isaiah 1:10,16-20 Matthew 23:1-12 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.45am Pakie O'Donnell-RIP Geraldine Beirne-Intention</p>	<p>The Parents and Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>28th February Wednesday</p> <p>Lent Feria St Oswald</p>	<p>Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30am Peggy Green-RIP</p>	<p>Confession 10.45am-11.15am Stations of the Cross 11.00am Lectio Divina 7.30pm: email gilljones1952@gmail.com</p>
<p>29th February Thursday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Sarah Dennison-RIP Claire McBrien-RIP</p>	<p>Lenten reflections Prayer Meeting 7-8pm Parish Hall</p>
<p>1st March Friday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>St David Patron of Wales</p> <p>Women's World Day of Prayer</p>	<p>Philippians 3:8-14 Matthew 5:13-16 Public & Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Father Austin Hughes-Intention 6.30pm Holy Souls</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.00-6.00pm Stations of the Cross-6.00pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>2nd March Saturday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>St Chad Patron of Archdiocese</p>	<p>Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Our Sister Barbara Anderson-RIP Tom & Rose Carberry-Intentions</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>Third Sunday of Lent</p> <p>3rd March</p>	<p>Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25 Public & Live Streamed Mass 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Diane Rowan & Family John Cross-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

St Luke tells us that Our Lady “ pondered these things in her heart “. She thought deeply about her encounter with God and His word to her. Our reflection this week is an invitation to follow her example. Jesus said “ I am with you always “ Matt. Ch 28 v 20. What does this mean for us today. You are invited to reflect on this truth using a verse from the hymn St Patrick’s breastplate .

Christ be with me, Christ within me,
Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me.
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger.
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend or stranger.

Please pray for: Alan Watts, Josephine Mary (Jose) Concannon,(Requiem Monday 4th March,10am;Reception Sunday 3rd March 4.30pm) ,Margaret Freeman (Tuesday 12th March) Margrett Cheung , Raymond Pilkington, Norman Egan , Emma Wilson , Stephen John McGrath (Robin Hood Crematorium on Tuesday 5th March 2024, at 12noon.)Teresa Jukes, Father Christopher Greaney, Father Sandy Brown who died recently.

Also, Robert(Bob) Pritchard, Margaret Mawdsley, Frank McGuinness, Mary Agnes Service, John Francis Mitchell, Leslie Hawkesford, Thomas Anthony Masterson, Veronica Patricia Taylor, Desmond Cushenan, Sarah Caroline Dennison, Hildegard Barbara Lynch, Sheila Ann Harrison, Margaret Mary Possart, 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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN CENTRAL SOLIHULL-Lent Breakfasts Simple Breakfast with cereals and rolls, tea and coffee etc - Cost £3 each All welcome and please bring friends On Saturdays in Lent you are welcome to attend the Methodist Church Breakfasts - all at 8.30am - same place:
Prayer’s Beautiful Messiness 2 March Prayer as Friendship 9 March Prayer as Rhythm March 16 Forms of Prayer 23 March When Prayer is Hard