

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

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B 28th February 2021

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 find fulfilment. God will refuse us nothing now that Christ, risen from the dead, pleads our cause before His and our Father in heaven.'**(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)**

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I continue to remember you in our prayers and ask for your prayers in return. Deacon Kevin is making very good progress. We are sure that the news that all our children will return to school on March 8th will be welcomed by our parents, teachers and of course by the youngsters themselves. We will remember you all in our prayers. In addition to the weekly schedule of both public and private Masses we are having additional public Masses on the following Feast days during March: Tuesday 2nd March 10am St Chad's Feast day; Friday 19th March 10am Solemnity of Saint Joseph; Thursday 25th March 10am Solemnity of the Annunciation. Please remember in your prayers Mrs Pat Ferris whose Requiem Mass takes place on Monday 1st March at 10am and Mr John Smith whose Requiem takes place on Friday 5th March at 12.15pm. **All** Masses are live streamed. **Thank you to our Volunteers** for their generosity with their time. Are there any Parishioners who wish to volunteer for the Holy Week Services? If so, please speak with Mrs Madeleine Coburn, Mrs Annie Fuller or myself.

St Augustine's Stations of the Cross are recorded on the Parish website and may be accessed at any time.

We received letters of thanks from P.A.C.T. (Prisoners' Advice and Care Trust) and from The Friends of the Holy Land for donations received from the Parish.

Would anyone like to represent St Augustine's Parish on the Solihull Town Centre Chaplaincy team? It is a very easy and enjoyable undertaking. If you would like more information, please speak with myself.

Please remember Year 6 pupils of St Augustine's who are preparing for their Confirmation. On Tuesday 2nd March at 1.30pm, they are taking part in an enrolment Service.

Finally, my sincere thanks for sponsoring me on the CAFOD 'Big Walk for Water' Lenten undertaking. Henryk Cettler and I will be undertaking a sponsored 5 miles walk on Saturday 6th March in response to CAFOD's Lenten appeal.

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<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>Church open for Private Prayer 9.30am-10.00am</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 Margaret Lennon-Intention Michael & Margaret Fitzmaurice Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am All People of the Parish John Smith-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am</p>
<p>1st March Monday FEAST St David Patron of Wales</p>	<p>Philippians 3:8-14 Matthew 5:13-16 10.00am Live streamed Mass Requiem Pat Ferris</p>	
<p>2nd March Tuesday FEAST St Chad Patron of Archdiocese</p>	<p>Romans 12:3-13 Luke 10:1-9 10.00am Public & Live Streamed Mass Father Paul's Family-Intentions Shirley Madge Bowden-Intention</p>	
<p>3rd March Wednesday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Ann Moran & Family-Intention George & Emily Saunders-RIP</p>	<p>Private Prayer / Confession 10.45am-11.15am 11.00am Stations of the Cross 'Lectio Divina' at 7.30pm</p>
<p>4th March Thursday Lent Feria St Casimir Patron Saint of Poland</p>	<p>Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31 10.00am Live streamed Mass Colette Hickey-RIP Margaret Timms-RIP</p>	
<p>5th March Friday Lent Feria Women's World Day of Prayer</p>	<p>Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 Matthew 21:33-43,45-46 12.15pm Live streamed Mass Requiem John Smith</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm With Stations of the Cross</p>
<p>6th March Saturday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Micah 7:14-15,18-20 Luke 15:1-3,11-32 10.00am Public & Live streamed Mass Malachy Hanly & Family-Intentions Savio Baretto-Intention</p>	<p>Private Prayer 9.30am-10am Confession after 10am Mass</p>
<p>7th March Third Sunday in Lent</p>	<p>Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25 9.00am Public & Live streamed Mas All People of the Parish Peter Hannigan-RIP 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Ron Carson-RIP James Brown-Intention</p>	

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY 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.

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

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

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Second Sunday of Lent (Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10) Free to be ourselves Sometimes we can be overwhelmed by each other's generous sensitivity, thoughtfulness and kindness which have helped us grow in confidence to share our deepest feelings, fears and joys. Let us try this week to find ways of growing in that confidence and trust so that in our relationship we radiate God's joy through the way we love each other.

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 this week: CAFOD LENTEN FAMILY FAST **2nd Collection next week: Cathedral Maintenance**
Last Week's Contributions: Gift Aid: £343 Loose: £615:51 Total £958:51

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 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
Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Maureen Cody	Michael McGovern
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	Pauline Yeates	Malachy Hanly	Sandra Evans
Margaret Lennon	James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Deacon Kevin O'Connor	

Our prayer for the Lent Family Fast Day:

Loving God,
we hear your call to all who thirst for a brighter future:
Come to the water. Pour out your Spirit upon us
and lead us to walk alongside one another.
Let a desire for change well up within us.
May we overflow with compassion and love.
And as a stream wears away stone,
may we reshape our world together
to reflect your kingdom of hope for all.
Amen

Please pray for: Pat Ferris, (Requiem Monday 1st March, 10am) ,John Smith, (Requiem Friday 5th March, 12.15pm) Father Pat Joyce, Kathleen Boland, Margaret Timms, Steve Evans, Kevin Smith, Clare Baxter, Anne (Eithne) O'Sullivan, Joan Kennedy, Denis Lynch, Joanna Christine O'Shea and Mildred Geary who died recently.

Also 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 Wallace, William(Bill) Michael Burton, Robert Jones, Frank Alexander Patrick Barwell, Dermot McKenna, Mary Adkins ,John McIntyre and all with anniversaries at this time.

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