

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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year B 28th January 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'Christ taught with authority. Christ is the great prophet for all times. He speaks to us today with the same authority as he did in his own native village at Capernaum. When we free ourselves from worrying about the wrong things, we become freer to serve the Lord who will himself put his words in our mouths. In this way we become his prophets.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin (in his absence) and I ask that we may take to heart the refrain of today's psalm: 'O that today you would listen to His voice! Harden not your hearts.'

After today's 11am Mass we will have a Meeting in the Parish Hall to continue the formation of a Parish Pastoral Council. Amongst other things we will discuss is how best to celebrate the year of prayer requested by Pope Francis, in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025.

This Saturday, January 27th, we invite you to join a **QUIZ WITH A TWIST:** We will be holding a Quiz night (with a twist or two) **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 next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 15th February from 7.30pm-9pm in the Presbytery. If you would like to attend, please inform Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

For any of our young Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation the Meetings will begin on Tuesday 20th 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 beginning Tuesday 20th February. All are welcome. The Talks, based on the Sycamore Course, will continue throughout the term.

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.

<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</p> <p>Public & Live Streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Theresa & Seam McMahon Deceased Members of Lane & Gallagher Families</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>28th January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME <i>Racial Justice Sunday</i></p>	<p>Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28</p> <p>Public & Live Streamed Masses</p> <p>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>
<p>29th January Monday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>2 Samuel 15:13-14,30, 16:5-13 Mark 5:1-20</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Rose McGlynn-RIP Molly Foley-RIP</p>	
<p>30th January Tuesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>2 Samuel 18:9-10,14,24-25, 30-19:3 Mark 5:21-43</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Bernard Adkins-RIP Maureen McDermott-RIP</p>	<p>The Parents and Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>31st January Wednesday</p> <p>St John Bosco</p> <p><i>Apostle of Youth</i></p>	<p>2 Samuel 24:2,9-17 Mark 6:1-6</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Masses</p> <p>11.30am Esther & Pat Murphy-RIP Andrew & Joseph Lockington & Family- Intentions</p>	<p>Confession 10.45am-11.15am</p>
<p>1st February Thursday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12 Mark 6:7-13</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>10.00am Joe & Marianne Smiles-Intention John Rice-RIP</p>	
<p>2nd February Friday FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD <i>World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life</i></p>	<p>Malachi 3:1-4 OR Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40</p> <p>Public & Live Streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am John Buglass-Intention 6.30pm Alan Homer-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>3rd February Saturday St Werburg/ St Blaise/ St Ansgar/</p>	<p>Job 7:1-4,6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Mark 1;29-39</p> <p>Public & Live Streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm John Timmons-RIP Jane Smith-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>4th February Sunday</p> <p>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Job 7:1-4,6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Mark 1;29-39</p> <p>Public & Live Streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am All People of the Parish. Johnny Green-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Zonia Morgan Cettler RIP</p> <p>Julie Beasley-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.

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

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!"

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.

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

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

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

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

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£171:23 Loose :£845:21 Total:£1,016:44 This weekend 2nd Collection: Racial Justice

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 27 th Jan 12.30pm T Duffy	Sunday 28 th January 9am	Sunday 28 th January 11am
Saturday 3 rd Feb 12.30pm T Cund	M Coburn	A Keating
Saturday 10 th Feb 12.30pm Bernard		
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	Joseph Wong	Rita Titchmarsh
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Michael Keating	Mike Sassano
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Angela Hyland	Mary & Amanda	Helen Brookes
Paulina Samathar,	Lali Ratnaraja	Philomena Baretto			

RACIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY 28th JANUARY 2024

‘The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all.’

Proverbs 22:2

As we gather to mark this Racial Justice Sunday.

Remind us that even as we gather here today,

Many arrive on our shores, bereft, Fleeing oppression and war,
Seeking safety, security and sanctuary. God of justice and peace,

May we see Your beauty in each one of Your dear children,

Recognising the fingerprints of a loving God

Who made all of us in the image of the Divine. Knowing deeply that it was You,

O God, Who breathed life and beauty into us all.

May we welcome one another here today, and May we welcome Your children into our communities

With the same passion and zeal that we welcome Your presence with us.

Unite us as the family of God,

Called to love and transform the world, That Your dream may come true for all people. Amen

God of all, You have named each and every one of us.

as Your child.

Remind us that we are God breathed, beloved and imbued with beauty and dignity.

As we gather in Your presence on this Racial Justice Sunday

In different communities around the country, Unify us in Your love

And join our different and distant voices into one song of worship to You. Amen

Please pray for: Jose Concannon, Margrett Cheung , Ellen Teresa Farrelly , Joseph (Joe) Naughton, Margaret Byrne, Father Christopher Greaney, Father Sandy Brown who died recently.

Also, Nuala Therese Carthy, John Michael Reid, Clifford Aplin, Bernard Adkins, Sylvia Pickering, Eileen Ashley, Albert Thomas Kennedy, Mary Elizabeth Stock, Jim Quinn, Albert Woodruff, Thomas Josph McGuire, John Smith, Ann Aubrey Denton-Hawkes, George Core, Wiolette Makselon, Phelim Gerard (Philip) McCabe, Noel Blackwell, Michael Waldron, Irene Mary Clipson, Mary Ray, Ignatius Anthony Poole, Sarah Jane Weston Smith, Mary Jones 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 ENTRAL SOLIHULL-Lent Breakfasts Refugees, Asylum Seekers & Other Vulnerable Migrants in Solihull - where do our churches fit in. **Saturday 17th February** 2024 8.30am to 9.30am Felix Kupay from Entraide **Saturday 24th February** 2024 8.30am to 9.30am John Bradley to talk about Solihull Sanctuary Solihull Methodist Church, B91 1LG by Solihull Station - car park off Station Road Simple Breakfast with cereals and rolls, tea and coffee etc - Cost £3 each All welcome and please bring friends On further 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**