

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

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR B 31st January 2021

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 to His own native villagers at Capernaum. When we free ourselves from worrying about the wrong things we become free 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.)

This weekend we are celebrating Racial Justice Sunday. The theme chosen is: **'A Time To Act.'** Action is needed to further the cause of racial justice. In the Church we proclaim that everyone of whatever racial origin should be Welcomed, Protected, Promoted and Integrated. In the words of the Holy Father: 'This is a moment to dream big, to rethink our priorities- what we value, what we want, what we seek-and to commit to act in our daily life on what we have dreamed of. God asks us to dare to create something new. Please visit the Catholic Association for Racial Justice website. There will be a second collection for this Association this weekend.

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish you a big Share in the peace and joy of the risen Lord. We realise that these are anxious times for so many of us and we wish to assure you of our daily prayers for all your intentions. St Paul in today's second reading states: 'I would like to see you free from all worry.' May this be so for each of us as we open our hearts to that peace which only God can give.

We are making a slight adjustment to the manner in which we distribute Holy Communion. Holy Communion will now be distributed at the end of Mass. So, we ask that as you enter Church through the side porch, you would kindly place your Sunday Offering in the baskets provided and gel your hands. Having received Holy Communion please leave Church immediately, collecting a Newsletter and using the hand gel as you do so. Our intention is to make the Church environment as safe as we can so that we may continue to gather for Mass. Our thanks to the Volunteer Stewards for all their help and kindness.

A Requiem Mass for Father Pat Joyce will take place at Erdington Abbey on Friday 12th February at 10am, presided at by Archbishop Bernard. You may follow the Mass on Facebook the link is: www.facebook.com/groups/frjoycefuneral Please remember in your prayers Canon Giles Goward, the Rector of Oscott who died peacefully this Thursday, 28th January. PTO

<p>30th January Saturday</p>	<p>Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 Mark 4:35-41 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Mark Tomilson-RIP Bernard Adkins-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am</p>
<p>31st January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Racial Justice Sunday</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Pat Jones & Family-Intention Albert Woodruff-RIP</p>	<p>Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am</p>
<p>1st February Monday Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Hebrews 11:32-40 Mark 5:1-20 10.00am Live streamed Mass John Hamill-RIP McKiernan & Keaney Families-RIP</p>	
<p>2nd February Tuesday FEAST Presentation of the Lord</p>	<p>Malachi 3:1-4 OR Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 10.00am Live Streamed Mass Patrick, Maureen & Martin O'Donnell-RIP Con Giorgio-RIP</p>	
<p>3rd February Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Werburg/ St Blaise/ St Ansgar</p>	<p>Hebrews 12:4-7 Mark 6:1-6 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Catherine Walton-Intentions Neil Burr-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.</p>
<p>4th February Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24 Mark 6:7-13 10.00am Live streamed Mass Zonia Morgan Cettler-RIP Elizabeth & John Morgan-RIP</p>	
<p>5th February Friday St Agatha</p>	<p>Hebrews 13:1-8 Mark 6:14-29 10.00am Live streamed Mass Ellen & Pat-Intention Gerard Brosnan-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>6th February Saturday St Paul Miki & Companions</p>	<p>Hebrews 13:15-17,20-21 Mark 6:30-34 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Ann Moran & Familiy –Intentions Colette Hickey-RIP</p>	<p>Private Prayer 9.30am-10am Confession after 10am Mass</p>
<p>7th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Job 7:1-4,6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Mark 1:29-39 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am Beatrice McCaffrey-RIP Des Smythe-RIP 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass All People of the Parish James Farmer-RIP</p>	

A Parishioner has available, free of charge, a 4-wheel walker with a front seat. If interested contact the Presbytery. **Father Joseph and I** took part in a virtual Christian Unity Prayer Service, which is now available for you to watch from 3pm on Sunday 24th January and thereafter. The theme for the Service is 'Abide in my Love and you shall bear much fruit.' Please follow this link: <https://youtu.be/DhXNzszJmdU> Details are also available on the Churches Together in Central Solihull website- www.centralsolihullchurches.org.uk

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

The following links have been forwarded to us by Mr Paul Northam, the Diocesan Evangelisation Worker. Paul meets each month with our Parishioners who form part of the Evangelisation Meeting, which any Parishioner is welcome to join. www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk The Bible in a year- <https://bibleinayear.fireside.fm>

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Deuteronomy 18:15-20 1 Corinthians 7:32-35 Mark 1:21-28) Evangelisation through our Sacrament St Paul infers a deeper spirituality is found among the unmarried, yet writing to the Ephesians (5:32), he speaks of 'the profound mystery' of marriage and compares it to the relationship between Christ and the Church. The Lord is at the heart of our love for one another, providing the grace for daily living and evangelisation, through our Sacrament.

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. Thank you!

Ask your MP to sign a parliamentary motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain A new parliamentary motion (EDM 1340) is calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. The evidence that babies can feel pain in the womb, and during many abortions, highlights the humanity of the unborn child and provides another important reason to introduce legislation to protect the unborn child from abortion. Right To Life UK have set up an easy-to-use tool which makes it simple to contact your MP, and ask them to sign this motion calling on the Government to introduce new guidance on fetal pain. It only takes 30 seconds using this easy-to-use tool. This tool can be accessed by visiting the link below:

www.righttolife.org.uk/FetalPainMotion

Ready, steady, census The decennial census is almost upon us.

Households across Solihull will soon be asked to take part in the nationwide survey of housing and the population. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

Information from the digital-first census will help decide how services are planned and funded in your local area. This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, housing or new bus routes.

Households will receive a letter with a unique access code in the post, allowing them to complete their questionnaire online. Paper questionnaires will be available on request. Census day is March 21.

For more information, visit census.gov.uk.

The Alliance of Catholic Marriage Organisations exists out of a shared desire to be united around our service to the Church and our commitment to offer clearer, more joined-up pathways of support for couples. The Alliance recognises that this commitment is best achieved through the deepening of our relationships - not formal structures - but with the hope that a more visible display of our unity will be a blessing to the Church and the couples we serve.

For information: www.allianceofcatholicmarriageorganisations.org.uk **TWO WEBINARS FOR MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS** seeking to unite their Christian faith and practice. 10am February 13th and 10am Saturday 13th March. For details: www.christianheritagecentre.com/events Mini retreat for care givers in the midst of the COVID pandemic Prepared by Ben Bano at Welcome Me As I Am, a scripture based reflection every day for a week (see attached). For more info visit <https://www.welcomemeasiam.org/resources/resources-for-carers>

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Keith Frettsome	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy	Martha Sheridan	Fr Fred Sheldon	
Joan Kennedy	Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Sue Hodrien
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Anne(Eithne) O'Sullivan	John Doyle	Pat Ferris	Dan Doyle
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	
Diane Burgess	Kathleen Clark	Kathryn Farmer	Malachy Hanly	Kevin McDaid	
Margaret Lennon	Joan Kennedy	James Brown	Steve Evans,	Maureen Cody	Kath Reidy

Feast of the Presentation February 2nd



Simeon took him in his arms and praised God,
saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have
promised,
you now dismiss your servant in peace. For
my eyes have seen your salvation,
which you have prepared in the sight of all
people, a light for
revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your
people Israel."

**Lord God, you are the source of everlasting light.
Your son, our beloved Lord Jesus
was presented in the temple 40 days after his birth.
He was recognized by Simeon and Anna,
and welcomed as the promised Messiah.
May we like them, behold the glory of the Lord Jesus.
Grant that we may stand before you
with hearts cleansed by your forgiving love.
May we serve you all our days
and make your name known
as we worship you as our Lord.
So may we come by your grace
to eternal life.
Amen.**

**O God, who in the work of creation commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may shine into the hearts of all
your people, dispelling the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, and revealing to them
the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen**

Please pray for: Ann Davis, Father Pat Joyce, Martin Yeates (Requiem Friday 19th February, 12.30pm)
Kathleen Boland, Margaret Timms, George Branwell-Rushforth, Mrs. Sue Franklin (Mother of Father Andy
Franklin) and Canon Giles Goward who died recently.

Also Mary Elizabeth Stock, Jim Quinn, Albert Woodruff, Thomas Joseph McGuire, Ann Aubrey Denton-Hawkes,
George Core, Wioletta Makselon, Noel Blackwell, Michael Waldron, Irene Mary Clipson, Mary Ray,
Ignatius Anthony Poole, Sarah Jane Weston Smith, Mary Jones, Zonia Morgan Cettler, Lena Cahall, Denis Neale,
George Galbraith, Doris Chalmers, John Farrell, John Patrick O'Brien, Margaret Mary Dowie and all with anniversaries
at this time.

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