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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR C 14th February 2016

Dear Parishioners,

'The Lord hears our voice. In the midst of all our troubles, God hears us and will lead us into a promised land of peace if only we are prepared to follow Him. There is no temptation which cannot be overcome if we are to be open to the spirit who tells us Jesus is Lord, whom God raised from the dead. God, through the risen Jesus Christ is always with us just as in the Old Testament He rescued the Jews out of their bondage in Egypt.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

This weekend Mr Michael Keating will be speaking at all of the Masses. He will be preparing us for the CAFOD Family Fast Day which falls on Friday 19th February. CAFOD envelopes will be available. The CAFOD website have some very helpful suggestions and reflections for Lent.

The monthly diocesan newspaper 'Catholic Today' is available in both porches- price 50p. There are many interesting articles, including one on 'Future Planning.'

Your prayers are asked for Elizabeth Treadwell who is preparing to be received in to Full Communion at the Easter Vigil. Also, please pray for our Confirmation candidates and our First Holy Communion Candidates, one of who, Emma Wade, is to be baptized at the Easter Vigil.

May we ask for your prayerful support for the event 'Night Fever' which will be taking place here at Saint Augustine's on Saturday 20th February between 8pm-10.00pm. You may wish to come along during this period to pray before the Blessed Sacrament.

Pope Francis has asked for a special time of prayer on Friday 4th and Saturday 5th March. He has asked that for 24 hours we pray before the Blessed Sacrament and that the Sacrament of Reconciliation would be available. Here at St Augustine's we will have Exposition from 10am until 10pm. On each day (apart from when we celebrate the normal Mass times.) A Rota will be available for you to sign indicating which half-hour period you will be available. Would all our Parish groups please try to cover a one-hour period over these two days?

Next weekend we welcome Mr Paul Northam; he is recently appointed Field Evangelisation Worker for the Archdiocese of Birmingham. He will be running a pilot project here at St Augustine's for Evangelisation.

<p>Saturday 13th February Saturday after Ash Wednesday</p>	<p>Isaiah 58:9-14 Luke 5:27-32 9.00am Ann Barnard-Birthday Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13 12.30pm Elizabeth Duffy</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 14th February First Sunday of Lent Day of Prayer for Europe</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 26:4-10 Romans 10:8-13 Luke 4:1-13 9.00am Anne V Ryder 11.00am Nora & Patrick Brennan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p>Monday 15th February Lent Feria</p>	<p>Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18 Matthew 25:31-46 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Angela Naylor-RIP</p>	<p>Journey In faith 10.45am in the Presbytery</p>
<p>Tuesday 16th February Lent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15 9.20am The Rosary 9.45am Tommy & Anne McArdle-Poorly</p>	<p>Legion of Mary 6.30pm</p>
<p>Wednesday 17th February Lent Feria Commemoration of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Requiem Thomas Joseph McGuire</p>	<p>Moms & Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.15am</p>
<p>Thursday 18th February Lent Feria</p>	<p>Esther 4:17 Matthew 7:7-12 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Wing Yan Kong & Family 12.30pm Roy Wilcox-RIP</p>	<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10am Mass until 12.30pm</p>
<p>Friday 19th February Lent Feria CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY</p>	<p>Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Requiem Patrick Joseph O'Reilly 6.30pm Denis O'Sullivan & Staff</p>	<p>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after 10.00am Mass Until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-5.45pm, Stations of the Cross at 5.45pm followed by Mass at 6.30pm</p>
<p>Saturday 20th February Lent Feria</p>	<p>Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Matthew 5:43-48 9.00am Stella Jasmine Aseervatham-RIP Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36 12.30pm Sean Flanagan-RIP</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>Sunday 21st February Second Sunday of Lent Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Philip Pargeter</p>	<p>Genesis 15:5-12,17-18 Philippians 3:17-4:1 Luke 9:28-36 9.00am Nora & James McLaughlin-RIP 11.00am Regina Wade-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>

Offertory Collection last week : £1,137:36 (Gift Aid £362.62 Loose £774.74)

Second Collection last week: Pro Life £557:93

Second Collection next Sunday for CAFOD. Every pound donated to CAFOD during Lent will be matched by the UK government, **doubling the impact of all your donations.** Gift-Aid envelopes available.

JUSTICE AND PEACE TOGETHER WITH CARITAS- Retreat Day, Saturday 5th March 2016 at Oscott College Sutton Coldfield from 10.30am until 4.30pm. The day will be led by Father Hugh Sinclair, Spiritual Director of Oscott College. The day is open to anyone committed to Justice and Peace and Catholic Social Action. Cost is £10, please bring food for a shared lunch. For booking forms email: admin@caritas-aob.org.uk

Your Parish Magazine needs you ! We are now planning the next edition of our Parish Magazine; *The Augustinian*, so please send in your stories, news, ideas and thoughts. Remember that it's your contributions that make the magazine what it is. You can contact me by e-mail at gerard.burgess@tiscli.co.uk or you can hand over material to any of the priests, (please mark it for my attention).

CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY- Training Day Sunday 13th March 10am-5.30pm Don Bosco House Coleshill B46 3EA £5 per person incl. lunch. See poster in porch for details.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN- Join the worldwide movement to protect mothers and children. From February 10th-March 20th our city will join with hundreds of other cities for 40 Days For Life, a life-saving campaign made up of three components. Prayer & Fasting, Community Outreach and Peace Vigil. The 10th peaceful prayer vigil will be held outside Marie Stopes Clinic, 4 Arthur Road Edgbaston B15 2UL Vigil hours 8am-8pm. For details telephone Isabel: 07773501721 or 40daysforlife.bham@gmail.com Also leaflets available in the porch.

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
Sunday 9.00am Gerry Coburn Richard Bird 11.00am Maria Marsay Marie Watts	Sunday 9.00am Joan & Dan Doyle Joan & Dan Doyle 11.00am Tessy Nettikkadan Tessy Nettikkadan
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning February 15th Services February 20th/21st-E Annie Fuller, Trish Embley, Rebecca Davies Flower Rota: No flowers during Lent	

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming	Brian Jones	Anne White	Joseph Lockington
Peter Griffin	Clare Farmer	James Farmer	Kathleen
McLoughlin	Martha Sheridan	Katie Kelly	Patricia Jones
Eilish Duffy	Mick Green	Rose Walsh	Susanna
Gordon	Janet Dodman		
Christopher Browne	Kate McAvinney	Sarah Maloney	John Balder
Ann Marie Boyd	Kathy Stead	Amando Tenorio	Heath Balder
Maureen McLoughlin	Louisa and Nick	Chris Lawton	Margaret Kelly
Angela D'Arcy	Joseph Farmer	Peggy Roper	Therese Coulton
Baby Lily Day	Aidan, Michael and Patrick O'Donnell		Martin and Rita
McDonnell	Susanna Gordon	Andrew Simpson	John Keaney
Maddy	Raymond Shenstone	Bernadette Day	Norman Hart
			Sally & Glen

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus may we follow you on the pilgrim way of Lent,

wilderness,

May we journey with you into the

Willing to move beyond the ordinary,

So that we can discover your unexpected sacred places.

Jesus may we wash our hands and purify our hearts,

Learning to thirst after righteousness and hunger after justice,

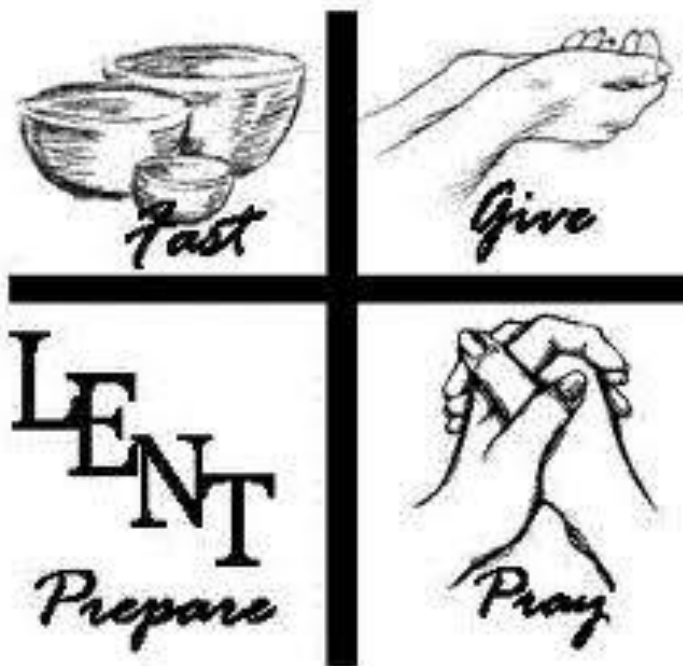
May we humble ourselves before you,

Expecting to see you revealed in a new light.

Jesus may we walk with you no matter how challenging the path,

Learning to be patient with darkness and growth,

Willing to live with not knowing,



Until your mustard seeds take root and sprout into life.

Please pray for: Paul Byrne, Ann Audrey Denton Hawkes, (Service Thursday 18th February, 2.00pm)

Patrick Joseph O'Reilly (Requiem Friday 19th February 10am), Thomas Joseph McGuire (Requiem Wednesday 17th February, Reception Thursday 18th February, 6.30pm) who have died recently. Also Anna & Bernard Czepukojc, Tony Roberts, Baby Eve Fox, Terence Albert Shaw, Thomas Finneran, Joan Maughan, Kathleen Walters, Susan Addis, Mary Ann Callaghan, Nora Catherine McLaughlin, Valerie Wahall, Sean C.Cushenan and Mary O'Sullivan, whose anniversaries are at this time.

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