

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT 2020

Dear Parishioners,

‘ Christ conqueror of sin and temptation. God created the human race free from sin but our first parents yielded to the temptation of the devil. In them each one of us has sinned just as in Christ we are given the power like Him to overcome the temptations of this world.

The baptismal preparation evenings for March are Thursday 12th and Thursday 19th March at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Please remember in your prayers our children preparing for their First Holy Communion, some of whom will celebrate their First Confession this Tuesday afternoon.

The two remaining Parents’ evenings for our First Communion Parents will take place on **Monday morning Lenten Talks** will begin this Monday after the 10am Mass in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

The Walk With Me Booklets and Calendars are available in both porches. Also available are small CTS pamphlets dedicated to ‘The God Who Speaks’, the theme for this year’s deepening understanding of the Scriptures.

The Birmingham Catholic Youth Service have a series of exciting events taking place over the forthcoming weeks and months. For complete details please visit their website: www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk They are also inviting young people (aged 16+) who are looking for experience and professional training in journalism, social media, photography, videography, graphic design or light and sound engineering.

The Catholic Fellowship CHF Oxford acknowledge with thanks the proceeds of the Recent Quiz Night at St Augustine's Parish towards our Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund. Our Sincere thanks to all in the Parish for the support & to Marie W for organising everything for the Quiz. We also thank Fr Dominic for his Huge support as Chaplain to the Fellowship over many years which is much appreciated by the Disabled and Families.

Your support would be greatly appreciated for the various events being organized by St Alphege Church to mark the 800th anniversary of Christian witness in Solihull.

A number of volunteers from the Parish are needed to help with the Lenten Prayer Tree on Saturday 28th March from 11am-1pm at a stall in the High Street. Please see Fr Dominic or Henryk Cettler if you can help.

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| 29th February Saturday | Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11 12.30pm Una Hyland- Intention Mary Surgary-RIP Daniel Brosnan & Members of Brosnan and McGovern Families | Confession/Exposition 10.30-12.00 Noon Lunches/Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass |
| 1st March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11 9.00am Sarah Dennison-RIP 11.00am Mary O'Brien-RIP | Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses |
| 2nd March Monday FEAST St Chad Patron of the Archdiocese | Romans 12:3-13 Luke 10:1-9 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am James Hannon-Intention | Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm |
| 3rd March Tuesday Lent Feria | Isaiah 55:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am PJ & Ita Colreary-Intention | Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm Legion of Mary 6.15pm |
| 4th March Wednesday Lent Feria St Casimir Patron Saint of Poland | Jonah 3:1-1 Luke 11:29-32 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am John Anderson-RIP | Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm |
| 5th March Thursday Lent Feria | Esther 4:17 Matthew 7:7-12 12.00pm The Rosary 12.30pm Margy Brown-RIP Bridget Reel-Intention | Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm 12.00-12.30pm Exposition |
| 6th March Friday Lent Feria FAMILY FAST DAY WORLD DAY OF PRAYER | Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Dermot O'Sullivan-RIP 6.30pm Andrew Cunningham-RIP | Exposition after 10am Mass until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.00pm-5.45pm Stations of the Cross 5.45pm Followed by Mass-6.30pm |
| 7th March Saturday Ss Perpetua & Felicity | Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:18-20 Matthew 17:1-9 12.30pm Rory O'Grady-RIP Margaret Reilly-RIP | Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee/Lunches available after 12.30pm Mass |
| 8th March Second Sunday of Lent | Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:18-20 Matthew 17:1-9 9.00am Francesco Paolo Calia -RIP 11.00am Members of Pat Jones Family Living & Deceased | Tea/Coffee available after 9am & 11am Masses |

Offertory Collection last week: £1,114:10 (Gift Aid £227:00 Loose £887:10)

Marriage Matters(www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk) First Sunday of Lent (Genesis 2:7-9; 3: 1-7)

Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11) Avoid independence

Today, both Eve and Jesus are tempted to become independent, to turn away from the love of God. In marriage, we can think we have a right to fulfil our own desires without considering our partner, but we need to share these deepest hopes and dreams and be prepared to hear the impact on our loved one and our relationship.

JOB VACANCIES (Maternity cover) – Administration Assistant and Finance Assistant The Columban Missionaries invites applications for the part-time, temporary (maternity cover) roles of Administration Assistant and Finance Assistant. Based in the Columban Mission Office at St. Columban's in Solihull, the roles will support the work of Columban mission in Britain and internationally. For more information and to apply tel: 01564 772 096 or email: hr@columbans.co.uk. Deadline: Sunday 8th March.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER- Friday 6th March 2020 10.30am Christ Church, Warwick Road-opposite House of Fraser. All welcome

The Birmingham Diocesan Trust is looking to appoint a Finance Support Manager to its Finance Team based at Cathedral House, St. Chad's, Queensway. Please see details on notice board in the porch.

'Enormous thanks to the Parish of St Augustine's who have jointly raised £680 from the weekend cake/raffle sale toward the final payment of the School altar. It is an amazing result and shows great generosity and commitment of the parish towards links between church and school. Many thanks also go to the support from local business, Aldi, Waitrose and Morrison. With much gratitude'

LENT BREAKFAST TALKS- 5 Saturdays beginning 29th February-28th March. Solihull Methodist Church B91 1LG 9am see poster in porch for details. (breakfast available from 8.30am. Talk begins at 9.00am)

The Flag Day this year in aid of Solihull Churches Action On Homelessness, SCAH, Is on Saturday 14 March. If anyone is able to offer an hour with a collection can in the town centre, please give their names to one of the priests.

GREAT BIG HOSPICE QUIZ- in aid of Marie Curie & Acorns Hospices; **Saturday 21st March 2020.** Archbishop Ilesley School 7pm. Teams of up to 6-£3 per head. Bring your own refreshments. Contact Rita- 07887656648

CAFOD Lent Family Fast Day on Friday 6 March is the 60th anniversary of the first Family Fast Day led by our founding mothers and, as it has been for sixty years, is an opportunity to reach out and support highly-skilled local experts around the world who help the poorest members of our global family. Please collect your Family Fast Day envelope this week and give whatever you can to help experts like Sister Consilia - a nun and trained pharmacist who treats people in rural Zimbabwe - continue their vital work. Michael Keating our Parish CAFOD representative will address the Parish congregation this weekend about the Family Fast Day.

Readers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Bernard McH
Michael K.

11.00am Chris H
Marie W.

Eucharistic Ministers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Ken B. / Don D

Madeleine C & Gerry C

11.00am Henryk C
John H

Cleaning Rota: for week beginning March 2nd for Services 7th/8th March-C

Marguerite P. Anne H. Julia McG. Katrina H.

Flowers Rota: – for week beginning March 2nd for Services 7th/8th March LENT

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish:

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| Keith Frettsome | Martin Yates | Virginia Gregory, | Angela, Eilish, Tony Duffy | Ethenie O'Sullivan |
| Joan Kennedy | Roberto Cordora | Kevin Fahy | Sandy Simia | Adam Cole |
| Trevor Windle | Colette Hicky | Danny Meadows | Kathleen Beale | Martha Sheridan |

CAFOD FAMILY FAST PRAYER

God of all wholeness,
Heal our hearts
Of all that prevents us responding
To our sisters and brothers,
Excluded by poverty
And prevented from living a full
And healthy life.

This Lent, may we:
Implore justice through our prayer,
Stand in solidarity through our fasting,
And reach out through our giving.

Send your life-giving power
To revive the weary,
Restore the broken
And renew the face of the earth.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for: Vincent Cullen (Requiem Ambrose Barlow Church Hall Green, Monday 16th March 12.00 noon) who died recently. 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, Dermott McKenna, Mary Adkins, John McIntyre, William O'Dwyer, Doris Hart, Lee Farrell, Bernard Wasley, and Hilda Corbett and all with anniversaries at this time.

Safe Guarding Representatives are: Anne Ryder 0121 705 3067
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GIFT AID SCHEME Please inform Fr Dominic or telephone the Parish Office of any changes to address or tax situation so that accurate records may be kept. If you wish to join the scheme there are forms in the porch. Thank you