

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 1st February 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'How happy are the poor in spirit! Jesus gives us the beatitudes and tells us how happy we would be if we were poor in spirit because the kingdom of heaven would be ours. Poverty of spirit means having a correct standard of values in which we put Christ first and everything else is sub-ordinate to him. We are rich in Christ because we know that everything of lasting value comes from him.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners: Father Joseph, (whilst continuing to convalesce in St Joseph's Care Home in Coleshill), **Deacon Kevin and I** invite you to celebrate Racial Justice Sunday, with its theme 'Whoever loves God must also love his brother.' (1 John 4:2) Further details may be found on the diocesan website:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

We welcome members of Saint Vincent de Paul Society and the Mini-Vinnies for their cake sale and bucket collection, this weekend. The monies raised will go towards providing sowing machines and a Masala grinder for families in India. Donated cakes, baked or bought, would be most appreciated, as well as purchases.

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 19th February from 7.30pm-9.00pm. All are welcome. If you would like to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or Father Dominic.

The Parents of our First Holy Communion Children are invited to a Parents' evening in St Augustine's Church Hall on Thursday 5th March or Thursday 12th March from 7.30pm-9.15pm. Please choose one of these evenings to attend. We will request free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

Mike and Elspeth Sullivan invite you to an evening charity concert in the parish hall on Saturday 21st February at 7.00pm. Do please put this date in your diary. Further details to follow.

Please note the change of Mass times on Monday 2nd February. Mass will take place in the evening at 6.30pm. It will be the only Mass on Monday. It is the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple and we have invited the families of all whose children were baptised in 2025 to attend Mass. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

On Wednesday 11th February, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, it is World Day of Prayer for the sick. We will have a Holy Hour between 11-12pm. The anointing of the sick, will take place at the end of the Mass. **I would like to appeal** to any generous Parishioners, willing to make a donation to subsidise a pilgrim Parishioner participating in this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

There is a list of interesting events within the diocese available on the notice board; they include: "A Cantata in Song and Mime", "Marriage Week 2026", "Born For This at Symphony Hall" and "Autism, Friendly Resources".

Please note one Mass on Monday 2nd February 6.30pm; and one Mass on Wednesday 4th there is a Funeral Mass at 10.30am for Laurence Marie Knight.

Each Wednesday evening 'Lectio Divina' (the prayerful reflection on Scripture) takes place by zoom between 7.30pm-8.15pm. You are very welcome to participate. Email staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk and we will provide you with a link.

Each Thursday evening a prayer Meeting in the blue room of the Parish Hall 7pm-8pm. You are welcome to come along.

GIFT AID- if you Gif Aid your Offertory and your circumstance have changed, either you have moved address, or no longer pay tax, or do not use your envelope anymore, please let us know so that we can update our records.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £177 loose £1,089:02 Total: £1,266:02. A special thanks to those who Gift aided their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £44.25

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Daniel Meadows	Kevin McDaid	Jonathan Williams	Michael	Juliana Benjamin	Nora Shearin
Patricia Mann	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Catherine Walton
Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes	Eve	Bethany Tidyman
James Brown	John McCarthy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Roger Cox	Fr Gerard Kelly
Christopher Edmund Poole		Liam Lewis	Joseph Wong	Brige Williams	Angela Hyland
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Molly Saunders	Mike Sassano	Mary & Amanda	Aoife Cook
Rosemary Knowles	Tony & Eilish Duffy	Breda Fleming	Lilian	Andrea Cadman	Mary Philpott
Father Michael White	Benjamin Wort	Callum Graham	Michael Leyland	Wilson Cotton	Angela Keating
Bridget McNamara	Ellen Gilmore	Ian Sanchez	Chris Docker	Jeanette and Robert Walton	
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell			Mrs. Bernie McCann		

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 31 st Jan 12.30pm T Cund	Saturday 31 st January 12.30pm	Sunday 1 st Feb 9am M Coburn/ M Hallissey
Sat 7 th Feb 12.30pm Bernard	J Wong/ A Kelly	Sunday 1 st Feb 11am E Duffy
Sunday 1 st Feb 9am T Choi	Saturday 7 th February 12.30pm	Sunday 8 th Feb 9am J Power/ J Sica
Sunday 1 st Feb 11am H Cettler	R Wong/ Ginny	Sunday 8 th Feb 11am J Hickey
Sunday 8 th Feb 9am SCHOOL Yr 4		
Sunday 8 th Feb 11am R Noronha		

'Bereavement Group - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am **2026**: Wed 11th February 11th March; 8th April 13th May 10th June 8th July Supporting you in 'Bereavement'. **Meditation Group** - Upcoming dates" Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Parish Meeting Room. Mondays 1pm; 9th & 23rd February; 9th & 23rd March; 13th & 27th April; 11th & 25th May; 8th & 22nd June; 6th July A Guide to 'Meditation

For news and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk
Fr Andrew is hoping to organise a pilgrimage to Fatima this year, 11th to 15th September 2026. Fatima is a place where many have found comfort, healing and renewed faith, and we would love to see whether there is interest in forming a group. The estimated cost is around £1000 per person. We need a minimum of 20 to make it viable, the more we get, the more the price reduces. If this is something you may feel drawn to, please email foxvinedesigns@gmail.com to express your interest.

SVP and Mini Vinnies Cake sale and bucket collection 31Jan/1Feb This year we are raising funds to provide 7 sewing machines and a masala grinder & sealing machine for 8 families in India. We would welcome your support. Any cakes baked or bought would be very much appreciated. We are hoping to raise £660.

St Augustine's Baby and Toddler Group welcomes babies and toddlers (9.30am-11.30am Tuesdays) with carers to the Parish Hall. Free play, music, and activities like discovery sessions and games. Refreshments include toast and drinks. Friendly group with diverse families. New families and volunteers welcome. Suggested donation £2. See posters in porches for more information. Join us.

31st January Saturday St John Bosco	Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Ann & Mike Withers-Intentions Father Paul Johnson-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
1st February FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Racial Justice Day	Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Barbara Bolton-RIP Maha Ereifej-RIP	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses
2nd February Monday FEAST Presentation of the Lord World Day of Prayer for Consecrated	Malachi 3:1-4 OR Hebrew 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 Public and Live streamed Mass 6.30pm For all those baptised in the last Year & Their Families Adam Carl Breeze-Intention	
3rd February Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Werburg/ St Blaise/ St Ansgar	2 Samuel 18:9-10,14b,24-25,30-19:3 Mark 5:21-43 10.00am Kathryn Gilkes Phil Brown-Intention	Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am
4th February Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time	2 Samuel 24:2,9-17 Mark 6:1-6 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.30am Requiem Laurence Marie Knight	Confession 11.15am-11.45am 'Lectio Divina' 7.30-8.15pm. Please email staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk for the link
5th February Thursday St Agatha	1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12:1 Mark 6:7-13 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Annie Galvin-RIP	
6th February Friday St Paul Miki & Companions	Sirach 47:2-11 Mark 6:14-29 Public & Live streamed Mass 6.30pm Callum Reidy-RIP Deceased Members of Healy & Paulger Families	Holy Hour and Exposition 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass 6.30pm
7th February Saturday	Isaiah 58:6-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Rota Mass CWL Beatrice McCaffrey-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
8th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 58:6-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am Robin Easterby -RIP 11.00am Moya & Nicholas Hall – RIP	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses

Racial Justice Sunday

Our Father who are in heaven,
Creator of all the races in your world
Hallowed by Thy name,
Praised and beloved by all your people of whatever colour and race.
Thy Kingdom come,
Where racial justice prevails and all are welcome
Without favour or discrimination.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven
Where we will strive to live as sisters and brothers bound together as your children.
Give us this day
A day of enlightenment when we recognise all peoples are equal in your sight
Our daily bread
To share with our neighbours of whatever colour, race or creed.
Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us
Forgive the wrong of the colonial past, the oppression of slavery, the assumption of white privilege
and the ongoing racism hidden in ourselves and our communities.
Lead us not into temptation
Of pride and denial of truth,
But deliver us from the evil
Of racism which divides communities and destroys lives.
As Christian men and women, we pledge our active commitment to seek racial justice and equity for
everyone both individually and institutionally.
For Thine is the Kingdom, the Pover and the Glory,
Which will transform us all
For ever and ever,
Amen.

Please pray for: Margaret Byrne, Barbara Bolton, Sheila Griffin, Donald Platt, Brenda Carney, Geoffrey Doyle, Laurence Marie Knight, (February 4th 10.30am), Paulina Samathar, Patricia Butler (Requiem Friday 13th February 11.30am), Clare Elizabeth Klein (Requiem 27th February 10.30am), Stephen Jenkins, Chris Johnson, Funeral Service, Robin Hood Crematorium, Tuesday 3rd March;12pm) Kate Nelson and Cornelius Callanan who died recently.

Also, Alan Watts, Ann Aubrey Denton-Hawkes, George Core, Wioletta Makselon, Phelim Gerard (Philip) McCabe, Patricia Murray Embley, Noel Blackwell, Michael Waldrone, Irene Mary Clipson, Mary Ray, Ignatius Anthony Poole, Sarah Jane Weston Smith, Mary Jones, Zonia Morgan Cettler, Lena Cahall, Denis Neale, George Galbraith, Margaret Freeman, Doris Chalmers, John Farrell, John Patrick O'Brien, Mary Margaret Dowie, John James Green, Margaret Mary Francis, Christopher John Fuller 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 Susan Wakeham.

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.

This Church live streams Mass and other events. Please see notices in Church for more details.