

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

Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God 1st January 2023

Dear Parishioners, 'God sent his Son born of a woman. Mary is the mother of Christ and the mother of the Church. By the power of the Spirit, she is linked to God in a unique way. She is also our spiritual mother who encourages us to say 'yes' to God as our Father.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish to thank you for the beautiful Christmas Cards and messages, for your gifts and generous Christmas Offerings, for your prayers and for the Masses offered for our intentions. We do thank you sincerely.

We were delighted with the good attendance and prayerful participation at our Christmas Masses. Our thanks to those of you who beautified the Church with the flower arrangements, the Cribs and Christmas trees; to those who cleaned the Church and the silver and brassware and the altar linen; to our Church Wardens and Stewards. Special thanks to those involved directly with the Liturgies- our Choir, Choir Mistress, organists, readers, Special Ministers of Holy Communion and altar servers. Thank you to Mr Bobby Ryder for keeping the website up to date and informative. We thank the Holy Child of Bethlehem who has inspired such generous service in each and every one of you.

At the beginning of this new calendar year, we ask Mary, the Mother of God, to surround you with her love and protection each and every day.


Our next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 19th January at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. If you would like to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

Starting on Thursday 5th January at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall we will have the showing of the 'Chosen'. It will take place each week for 8 weeks. It tells of the background and people so closely involved in Jesus' life and His mission. It is a very inspiring portrayal of the time of Jesus. You are very welcome, even if you only attend occasionally.

For those of our young Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and who are not attending St Augustine's Catholic Primary School, the Meetings will begin on Tuesday 10th January at 5pm in the Presbytery. If you wish to be prepared for this Sacrament, then please inform one of the Clergy

The Diocesan Directories are on sale and are priced at £3.00

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<p>31st December Saturday St Sylvester</p>	<p>Public and Live streamed Mass Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 12.30pm Michael Whyte-RIP Lali Ratnaraja & Family</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>1st January SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD</p>	<p>Public and Live streamed Mass Numbers 6:22-27 Galatians 4:4-7 Luke 2:16-21 9.00am Geraldine Kelly- RIP 11.00am Catherine Hinckes & Family-Intentions Benefactors of St Augustine's Church</p>	
<p>2nd January Monday St Basil the Great & St Gregory Nazianzen</p>	<p>1 John 2:22-28 John 1:19-28 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Colin Anthony Dunne-RIP Robert Joanes-RIP</p>	
<p>3rd January Tuesday Christmas Feria Most Holy Name of Jesus</p>	<p>1 John 26:29-3: John 1:29-34 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Michael Belton- RIP Mary Elizabeth Gardner-RIP</p>	
<p>4th January Wednesday Christmas Feria</p>	<p>1 John 3:7-:10 John 1:35-42 Public & Live streamed Masses 11.30am Esther & Pat Murphy-RIP Margaret Hedges-RIP</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45-11.15am Lectio Divina' at 7.30pm To join in the Meeting please email Helen Brookes who will forward you the link to join the Meeting. Helen's email: ehb73@yahoo.co.uk</p>
<p>5th January Thursday Christmas Feria St Charles of St Andrew</p>	<p>1 John 3:1-21 John 1:43-51 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Mildred Piper-RIP Hen Quinn-Intention</p>	
<p>6th January Friday SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY Holy Day of Obligation</p>	<p>Public and Live streamed Masses 12.30pm Maggie McCarthy & Family-living & deceased 2.00pm Requiem Gervais McMahon Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 7.00pm Andrew Barker-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm </p>
<p>7th January Saturday Christmas Feria St Raymond of Penyafort</p>	<p>Public and Live streamed Mass Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17 12.30pm John & Elizabeth Ward-RIP John Ownsworth-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11.00am-12.00midday Confessions 11.00-12.00 midday</p>
<p>Sunday 8th January Feast of the Baptism of the Lord</p>	<p>Public and Live streamed Masses Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Dorothy Hall-RIP</p>	

Please note that the time of Mass on Monday 2nd January and Monday 9th January will be **at 9.30am**
The Memory Box Café will next meet on Thursday 12th January between 2.00pm-3.30pm. Those with Dementia, family members and carers are very welcome to this social gathering, as are any elderly members of the Parish.
The Week of Prayer for the Unity of Christians takes place from 18th to 25th January 2023.
 A prayer lunch will be held on Wednesday 18th January at the United Reformed Church on the Warwick Road from 12.30pm-1.30pm. All are welcome. Please bring your own lunch. Hot drinks will be provided.
 The Christian Unity Service will take place on Sunday 22nd January at 4pm at Solihull Methodist Church.
 Father Hudson's Care are seeking further Host families to support our Ukranian Guests. If you are able to host an individual/family please email Liudmyla Sadova, Ukranian Refugees' Support Coordinator, at liudmylasadova@fatherhudsons.org.uk or ring Father Hudson's Care on- 01675 434 000, Monday to Friday 8.30-5pm.
 The Archdiocese are looking for Volunteers to look after assisted pilgrims on the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage takes place from Saturday 27th May until Friday 2nd June 2023 in Lourdes, France. Nurses, Doctors and Carers, Handmaids and Brancardiers are very welcome. For further details please visit the diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk or contact Kate White, Lourdes Pilgrimage Administrator, on- 0121 230 6288 or via email- admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk I am hoping to accompany the Oxford handicapped fellowship group from May 26th to May 31st and will inquire if there are any places for any Parishioners who may wish to accompany us. Please let me know if you are interested.

URGENTLY NEEDED APF Mission Promoters to assist in the distribution of magazines and collections from box holders, just a few hours four times a year - contact Frank Miller 681 7031 or frankandmary@blueyonder.com
 We are working with Catholic schools in the Birmingham area to help new trainee Teachers into this rewarding profession. We have Primary and Secondary School Direct places with bursaries available.
 Come and take part in our School Experience Days at Bishop Challoner Catholic College
 See our website www.bctsa.org for details, or email trainingschool@bishopchalloner.bham.sch.uk.

Interested? Self-employed Cleaner Columban Missionaries Britain are seeking a self-employed cleaner for Saint Columban's office in Solihull. You will be expected to do a weekly clean on Saturday mornings. Detailed tasks and responsibilities will be discussed in due time. This is a long-term arrangement, and you will report to the Mission Office Administrator, and you will meet with them when needed to plan the work required and to monitor progress. For more details about this arrangement, please contact or email the HR Advisor at 07562657382 or Hr@columbans.co.uk

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 31 st Dec 12.30pm M.Green	Sunday 1 st January 9am	Sunday 1 st January 11am
Saturday 7 th Jan 12.30pm T.Duffy	T.Nettikkadan	A.Kelly
Saturday 14 th Jan 12.30pm T.Cund	Sunday 8 th January 9am	Sunday 8 th January 11am
Saturday 21 st Jan 12.30pm M.Green	M.Coburn	B.Ngala
Sunday 1 st Jan 9am M.Coburn	Sunday 15 th January 9am	Sunday 15 th January 11am
Sunday 1 st Jan 11am J.Benjamin	D.Nekkikkadan	E.Duffy
Sunday 8 th Jan 9.00am Finbar, Joe & Cormac	Sunday 22 nd January 9am	Sunday 22 nd January 11am
Sunday 8 th Jan 11am C.Hodrien	M.Hallissey	J.Hickey
	Sunday 29 th January 9am	Sunday 29 th January 11am
	T.Nettikkadan	A.Keating
Sunday 15 th Jan 9.00am M.Pearsall		
Sunday 15 th Jan 11.00am M.Watts		
Sunday 22 nd Jan 9.00am C.Ramsey		
Sunday 22 nd Jan 11.00am H.Cettler		

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish and Tony Duffy	Fr Fred Sheldon	Mary Ryan	William Moran	
Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Anne Deary
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	John Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien	Don Deneny
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White
Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Gillian Jones	Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Noreen O'Connor	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto
Christopher Edmund Poole		for protection and peace in the Mbag Family		Eve	
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Mike Sassano	Roger Cox Eileen Nolan



The Epiphany

**O God,
by your heavenly star,**

you guided those who were wise

to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ.

**May your blessing come to rest on our home and all of us.
Make our lives wise with your wisdom,
true to your teaching,
and enlivened by your love.
May your Word made flesh
make his home among us. Amen.**



Please pray for: Gervais McMahon (Requiem Friday 6th January 2023 2pm; Reception Thursday 5th January 6pm) ;Steve Bates, Regina White, Eamonn Priestley, Brendan McCartney, Mary Jo Byrne, Roishin Helen Brown, Margaret Hayde, David Carroll who died recently.

Also, Francis Gerard Kelly, Ann(Hilda) Hammond, Irene Elizabeth Whitehouse, Alice Devaney, Thomas Coyle, Reg Breakwell, John Francis McCabe, Audrey Williams, Thomas Christopher Houghton, Marian Agnes Kelly, Margaret Priestley, Catherine Donnelly, Archibald Ruddock, Daniel Anthony Devlin, Thomas Kennedy, John Preston, Patrick McCann, Patrick Joseph O'Reilly, and all with anniversaries at this time.

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