

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

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

**Dear Parishioners,** 'Jesus is King! The triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem gives way to his passion and death. Yet Jesus is King and within a week will rise triumphant from the dead. He is the firm ground of our hope that all sufferings in this life are lost in the power of his resurrection.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)


**Father Dominic writes:** 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I look forward to the celebrations of Holy week and pray that you will find the opportunity to participate prayerfully in the events of this Holy Week.

**This Sunday** afternoon at 3pm in Church we will celebrate the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. We will welcome Parishioners from Our Lady of the Wayside and from St George and St Teresa's. Free car parking has been requested for the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

**On Tuesday evening** we will have a shared Penance Service at St George and St Teresa's in Dorridge at 7pm. All are welcome. **On Wednesday** the Mass of Chrism at St Chad's Cathedral is at 11.30am. You are welcome to attend this Mass.

**On Maundy Thursday** there will be only one Mass, the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7pm. After the Mass there will be Watching at the Altar of Repose until 11pm. There will be a Holy Hour from 8.30pm-9.30pm. Free car parking has been requested in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park until 11.15pm. **On Good Friday** we have Family Stations of the Cross at 10am All families are welcome. At 11am we have an Ecumenical Walk of Witness, starting outside St Augustine's Church. All are welcome.

**The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion** takes place at 3pm on Good Friday afternoon. This service will include Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion. On the evening of Good Friday we have Stations of the Cross at 7pm. Free car parking has been requested for the Stations of the Cross in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. **On Holy Saturday** we will have Morning Prayers and Rosary at 10am. Please note, there **will not** be a 12.30pm Mass on Holy Saturday. The Easter Vigil will take place at 8pm to celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord. **Please pray for those** who are to be baptised at the Easter Vigil and for those who are also to be Confirmed and Received into Full Communion, including Heidi, Agnes, Yode and Yode's daughter Tai. On Easter Sunday, Mass will be celebrated at 9am and 11am. the normal arrangements for free car parking for Sunday Masses remains. **Introduction to the Diocesan Vision.** First meeting Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> April at Our Lady of the Wayside.

<p>1st April Saturday</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:11-54 Public Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Lali Ratnaraja &amp; Family-Intentions John White- RIP</p>	<p>Prayer &amp; Life Workshop 10am-12.00pm  Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>2nd April <b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</b></p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:11-54 Public Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish  11.00am Susan Joyce-RIP Bernadino Pedro- RIP</p>	<p>Anointing of the Sick 3.00pm</p>
<p>3rd April Monday of Holy Week</p>	<p>Isaiah 42:1-7 John 12:1-11 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am James Healy-RIP Gerry Conway-RIP</p>	<p>Mothers' Prayers – Stations of the Cross 8.00pm</p>
<p>4th April Tuesday of Holy Week</p>	<p>Isaiah 49:1-6 John 13:21-33,36-38 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Anna &amp; Eugene O'Donnell-RIP Maria Thurai-Rajah-RIP</p>	
<p>5th April Wednesday of Holy Week</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-9 Matthew 26:14-25 Public &amp; Live streamed Masses 11.30am Robert Kells-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: <a href="mailto:ehb73@yahoo.co.uk">ehb73@yahoo.co.uk</a></p>
<p>6th April Maundy Thursday</p>	<p>Exodus 12:1-8 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-15 7.00pm Maura Blackwell-RIP Dan Doyle-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 8.30pm-9.30pm Wating at the Altar of Repose until 11.00pm Public and Live streamed Mass</p>
<p>7th April  Good Friday Day of Fast and Abstinence</p>	<p>10.00am Children's Stations of the Cross <b>NO MASS TODAY</b> 3.00pm Commemoration of the Lord's Passion Confession after the Service  7.00pm Stations of the Cross  All Live Streamed</p>	<p>Walk of Witness from St Augustine's Church 11am  Second Collection on Good Friday: Holy Places in the Holy Land</p>
<p>8th April Holy Saturday</p>	<p>Genesis 1:1-2:2 Genesis 22:1-18 Exodus 14:15-15:-1 Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 28:1-10 8.00pm Easter Vigil George &amp; Emily Saunders-RIP Paul Connors-RIP</p>	<p>Morning Prayers &amp; The Rosary 10.00am  Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord  9th April</p>	<p>Acts 10:34,37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9 9.00am All People of the Parish Francis McDonnell-RIP 11.00am Eddie Deery-RIP Thomas, Catherine, Frances Ann Kelly &amp; Kinnaird Family- RIP</p>	<p>Public and Live streamed Masses</p>

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. It will last until 9pm. All are welcome. Please inform Mary Clark or one of the Clergy if you wish to attend.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, GOOD FRIDAY**....This will take place at 10am, St Augustine's Church led by Deacon Kevin. The children are invited to dress as Town's people, Women of Jerusalem or Soldiers if they wish. There are prayers and readings: Readers are needed. We recommend arriving ten minutes before the start time. For details, or to be a reader please contact Libby on: 07568 508271 All Welcome.

Please visit the Diocesan website to see the latest news from around the Archdiocese. [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) You will find details of the recently published document, 'Love the Stranger.' It is produced by the Bishops' Conference and is a Catholic response to Migrants and Refugees. Also, the Catholic Social Action Network(CSAN) Statement on the illegal migration Bill and its request for your support can be found at [www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger). OLV Golf Day. Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April at Fulford Heath Golf Club. £23.50. First tee is at 11am and bacon butties available from 10am. There is a Fish N Chip Supper in the Parish Hall afterwards. Parishioners can sign up for both or either. Please contact the Parish Office on 0121 744 1967 or [olw.shirley@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:olw.shirley@rcaob.org.uk)

### SVP and Mini Vinnies Cake Sale Funds Allocated

The funds raised have been allocated to a Twinnage project in India, Kerala. It will support 10 families in setting up small businesses with interest free loans. See poster for more details.

**Do you want to learn to pray and live the gospel?** We are running the Prayer & Life Workshop at St Augustine's Parish Hall, from 10am-12pm for 15 consecutive weeks. The workshop is a service to the church led by lay people devised by Fr Ignacio Larranaga, a Spanish Capuchin priest. The aim is to give a methodical approach to prayer, a new openness to scripture and a practical approach to living the Christian life. Further information is also available on the Prayer & Life workshop website. [www.Prayerandlifeworkshopsuk.org](http://www.Prayerandlifeworkshopsuk.org)

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**-application forms may be found on the Diocesan website or requested from the Presbytery.

**WALSINGHAM DIOCESAN DAY PILGRIMAGE**- Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2023 Shrine website: [www.walsingham.org.uk](http://www.walsingham.org.uk)

### READERS

### Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 12.30pm Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup> April 12.30pm <b>Individual Speaker.</b> Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 9.am Individual Speaker Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 11am Individual Speaker	T.Duffy N.Pereira C.Ramsey N.Pereira H.Cettler H.Cettler	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 9am J.Powers	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 11am A.Kelly
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> April <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	C.Hodrien M.Coburn	<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b> A.Kelly M.Coburn <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> E.Duffy H.Brookes	
<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 8pm- C.Hodrien H.Cettler N.Pereira	8 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b> 8pm A.Kelly H.Cettler	
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 9am Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 11am Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 12.30pm	N.Pereira C.Hodrien T.Cund M.Green	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 9am M.Coburn Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 9am D.Nettikkadan	Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> April 11am B.Ngala Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 11am E.Duffy

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

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	Eileen Nolan
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Eileen Keaton
Christopher Edmund Poole		for protection and peace in the Mbag Family		Eve	Roger Cox
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Mike Sassano
Rosemary Knowles					

## **‘Seven Last Words of Jesus’ Reflection 6**

‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’ ‘It was now about the sixth hour and, with the sun eclipsed, a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour. The veil of the Temple was torn right down the middle; and when Jesus had cried out in a loud voice, he said, ‘Father, into your hands I commit my spirit.’ With these words he breathed his last.’ (Luke 23: 44-6) ‘In Jesus Christ our lives... find their true meaning. He who became one of us, lived as we do, has made holy all that we are and all that we do, except of course, when we sin.’ ‘Our joys and laughter, our daily tasks, as well as our suffering and death are now holy things, sanctified because He has touched them.’ If we are willing, ‘the divine life first given to us at our Baptism will grow, and it is often through pain and suffering that this happens.’ Our daily trials and difficulties, our suffering and death all ‘have within them the joy of resurrection.’ Our Good Friday experiences will lead us ‘to a greater understanding of and sharing in the joys and triumph of Easter Sunday.’ Jesus’ words, ‘Into your hands I commit my spirit,’ can be our prayer too. Suffering of any kind can become a means of surrender to God. ‘Into your hands I commit my spirit.’ These words have been uttered by men and women down the ages, in their daily struggles and anxieties. In their pain and in their death. We cannot, and must not of course, rejoice in suffering, this would be to do violence to our very nature, but we can ‘rejoice in the carrying of our cross.’ It must however ‘be for His sake, to be like Christ and so with Him, He in us and we in Him.’

### Prayer

**Dear God, at times of suffering, help us to kiss the crucifix, And so, ‘discover Him, who suffered like us and for us.’ Help us as we pray, ‘Father into your hands I commit my spirit’, Then our yoke ‘will be sweeter, our burden lighter.’ Amen.**

In the carrying of our cross, we can discover ‘the secret of the resurrection – that new life comes from the dying seed.’ This reflection is with reference to, and with quotations from ‘Seven Last Words,’ by Cardinal Basil Hume. The prayer is an adaptation of the Cardinal’s words.

Please pray for: Bishop David McGough, Patrick Joseph Ryan, Mrs Joan Fitzpatrick and Margaret Kennedy who died recently.

Also, Józef Munko, Dr Elizabeth Scull, Martin Power, Gerald Edward Thomas, Colin Arthur Cowlshaw, Zack Adam Price, Eugene O’Donnell, Susan Monica Joyce, Dennis Oxley, Julia Mahoney, Margaret Teeling, Ellen(Angelina) Petrucco, Josephine McAuley, Angela Mary D’Arcy, Raymond Charles Hughes and all with anniversaries at this time.

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