

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

PRESENTATION OF THE LORD Year C 2nd February 2025

Dear Parishioners, 'Christ the light of the nations. Christ brings God's light into a world darkened by sin. We are to bring this light into our world since we share in Christ's mission and life. He accomplished this for us through his death by which he took away the power of evil. He became one of us through the incarnation and because he has himself been through temptation he is able to help others who are tempted.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish you a very happy Feast for the Presentation of the child Jesus in the Temple, a Feast that concludes the Epiphany or Manifestation of Our Lord's infancy.

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 20th February between 7.30pm-9pm. If you wish to attend, please speak with Mrs Mary Clark, or with one of the Clergy.

We offer our prayerful congratulations to Mr Frank Miller and his wife Mary on receiving a Papal Award, the Bene Merenti. This award will be presented to Frank at the 9.00am Mass, this Sunday.

We are very pleased to say that Lectio Divine will be resumed, beginning Wednesday 19th February from 7.30pm-8.15pm. Do please consider taking part in this prayerful Meditation on the Sunday Gospel, each Wednesday. Details on how to participate via zoom will follow.

On Saturday 8th February between 2.00pm-4.00pm we would welcome volunteers to help in the Presbytery Garden.

We have been contacted by an Officer of the Legion of Mary with a view to re-establishing the Legion in this Parish. Are there any Parishioners who would be interested in becoming a member of the Legion of Mary?

St Augustine's School are delighted to offer places in our Nursery for September 2025. If you have a child or know of a family whose child will be eligible for nursery provision in September do please contact the School office on: 0121 705 4355 or email the office on: 85office@st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk You will receive a warm welcome on visiting the School. Further information may be found on the school's website: www.st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk

For those of our young Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Meetings will take place on Tuesdays 5pm-6pm beginning Tuesday 25th February 2025.

Please pray for our young Parishioners who are being prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (First Confession) on Tuesday 11th February.

Diocesan Directories are on sale-price £3.50

Meditation Group in the parish Meeting Room at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church Acocks Green at 1.00 PM
 It is an opportunity to be still and to experience how much we are loved by God. You are most welcome to come and join us: Monday 10th February; 24th February; 10th March; 24th March; 7th April 2025.

Could you befriend a refugee? Befriending is a flexible role which involves meeting with a refugee, usually every 2-3 weeks, to provide friendship and time to practice English, as well as sharing information on relevant services, college courses or volunteering opportunities. This helps refugees to integrate into the community, improve mental health and learn skills that can help with employment opportunities in the future. Full training is provided, as well as regular support and input from Restore for the duration of the befriending. If you would like to find out more, you can email jasmine@restore-uk.org or join our training course on 8th February which will be held at 9.45am to 4pm at St Johns Harborne.

Community tree planting day at St Columban's on the 21/2, 10-2.30pm. Draft schedule: 10am Arrivals, hot drinks and pastries. Icebreaker, introduction and opening prayer. Report to our tree planting experts from the council for briefing and get to work. Breaks as required. 12ish Lunch break. 2pm Closing liturgy 2.30 pm Departures. Please bring- packed lunches- water bottles and flasks (we'll have hot water, tea, coffee etc)- warm and waterproof clothes and footwear. The ground is uneven and will probably be muddy. The plan is to go ahead, whatever the weather. Any questions, please get in contact on this email or on 07930608626

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP- gather on the first Sunday of the month for prayer, conversation and encouragement of one another. This is not a counselling group; but the group promise good listening skills, respect for confidentiality and a cuppa. Time 3pm-4.30pm; Friary Lounge Olton Friary St Bernard's Road B92 7BL. For further information please speak to Bro Gerard on 0121 706 0505 or contact Noleen Walsh on 0121 706 5184

JUBILEE YEAR- The theme for the Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope. As part of the Jubilee Year, we will be undertaking Pilgrimages. One idea is for us to visit Catholic Churches in our neighbourhood. There are also the annual Diocesan Pilgrimages to Walsingham, Evesham, Hednesford, Harvington and Lourdes. Further details to follow. For further details and resources for the Jubilee Year please visit the diocesan website:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year

Offertory Collection last weekend Gift Aid £200:81 Loose £1,002:42 Total :£1,203:23

2nd collection this weekend: LIFE Charity

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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| Roberto Cordora | Kevin Fahy | Sandy Simia | Adam Cole | Anne Deary | Lali Ratnaraja |
| Trevor Windle | Danny Meadows | Kevin McDaid | Jonathan Williams | Michael | Eve |
| Patricia Mann | Cornelius Callanan | John Kavanagh | Damian Poole | Kathryn Farmer | Sandra Evans |
| Catherine Walton | Harry Conlon | Eileen Nolan | Paulina Samathar | Rita Titchmarsh | Helen Brookes |
| James Brown | John McCarthy | Mary Johnson | Savio Baretto | Roger Cox | Fr Gerard Kelly |
| Christopher Edmund Poole | | Liam Lewis | Joseph Wong | Briege Williams | Angela Hyland |
| Nicole Plummer | Pat Brogan | Molly Saunders | Mike Sassano | Mary & Amanda | Aoife Cook |
| Rosemary Knowles | Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy | | Delbert Manorina | Breada Fleming | Pat Hurst |
| Father Michael White | Father Tony Rohan | | Benjamin Wort | Patrick Hickey | Callum Graham |
| Ian Sanchez | Father Andrew McCann | | Juliana Benjamin | Bridget McNamara | Trish Embley |
| Ellen Gilmore | Doreen and Wilson Cotton | | Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell | | |

QUIZ NIGHT-Saturday 1st March 2025 Parish Hall 7.30pm

For news and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Our next Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Sunday 9th February at the end of the 11am Mass Please let us know if you wish to have any items for discussion. The Jubilee Year will be the main focus.

| READERS | | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | |
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| Saturday 1 st Feb | 12.30pm Bernard | Sunday 2 nd February | 9am | Sunday 2 nd February | 11am |
| Saturday 8 th Feb | 12.30pm T Duffy | M Hallissey | | E Duffy | |
| Saturday 15 th Feb | 12.30pm T Cund | Sunday 9 th February | 9am | Sunday 9 th February | 11am |
| | | J Powers | | J Hickey | |
| Sunday 2 nd Feb | 9am Aditi | | | | |
| Sunday 2 nd Feb | 11am H Cettler | Sunday 16 th February | 9am | Sunday 16 th February | 11am |
| Sunday 9 th Feb | 9am M Pearsall | M Coburn | | B Ngala | |
| Sunday 9 th Feb | 11am R Noronha | | | | |

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| <p>1st February Saturday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> | <p>Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 St Luke 2:22-40 Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm John Clarke-RIP Theresa & Sean McMahon-RIP</p> | <p><i>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon</i> <i>Confession 11am-12 noon</i> Tea & Coffee available after Mass</p> |
| <p>2nd February</p> <p>PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</p> <p>World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life</p> | <p>Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 St Luke 2:22-40 Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am Baby Jude Michael Sherlin-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Father Michael White-Intentions All People of the Parish</p> | <p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p> |
| <p>3rd February Monday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Werburg/ St Blaise/St Ansgar</p> | <p>Hebrews 11:32-40 Mark 5:1-20 Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>9.30am John Lennon-RIP Lucy Lawrence-Intention</p> | |
| <p>4th February Tuesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> | <p>Hebrews 12:1-4 Mark 5:21-43 Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Eamonn Priestley-RIP Zonia Morgan-Cettler-RIP</p> | <p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p> |
| <p>5th February Wednesday</p> <p>St Agatha</p> | <p>Hebrews 12:4-7,11-15 Mark 6:1-6 Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>11.30am John Joseph Westman-Requiem Celine McMahon-RIP</p> | <p>Confessions 10.45am-11.15am</p> |
| <p>6th February Thursday</p> <p>St Paul Miki & Companions</p> | <p>Hebrews 12:18-19,21-24 Mark 6:7-13 Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Simon Carlin-RIP Holy Souls</p> | |
| <p>7th February Friday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> | <p>Hebrews 13:1-8 Mark 6:14-29 Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am CWL Rota Mass</p> <p>6.30pm Laura Bourke-RIP</p> | <p>Holy Hour 5,15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass -6.30pm</p> |
| <p>8th February Saturday</p> <p>St Jerome Emiliani/ St Josephine Bakhita/</p> <p>Day of Prayer for Human Trafficking</p> | <p>Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11 Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Valeska Albuquerque-Thanksgiving Teresa Leeper-RIP</p> | <p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p> |
| <p>9th February Sunday</p> <p>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> | <p>Isaiah 6:1-8 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11 Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Norah & Patrick Brennan-RIP Tom Maguire-RIP</p> | <p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p> |

The World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life is Feb. 2, which is also the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. St. John Paul II established the World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life in 1997 to be celebrated in conjunction with the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas Day, which highlights the fact that Christ is the light of the world through the symbolic lighting of candles. "Similarly, consecrated men and women are called to spread the light and love of Jesus Christ through their unique witness of selfless service, such as caring for the poor, the contemplative work of prayer, or through their professional careers."

Prayer for Consecrated Persons *The following prayer, written for the World Day for Consecrated Life, is provided courtesy U.S. bishops' Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life And Vocations.*

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women to serve in your Son's Kingdom as sisters, brothers, religious priests, consecrated virgins, and hermits, as well as members of Secular Institutes. Renew their knowledge and love of you and send your Holy Spirit to help them respond generously and courageously to your will. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel"



Please pray for: Father Fred Sheldon, Noel Homes, Raphael Lee, Michael Murtagh, Margaret Rochfort, Bernadette Carbery, Samuel Robinson, John Westman (Reception Tuesday 4th February, 6pm; Requiem Wednesday 5th February 11.30am), Pat Craddock (Our Lady Help of Christians, Wednesday 19th February; 12.00 midday) Adrian Fretsome, Teresita Moriani, who died recently.

Also, Noel Blackwell, Michael Waldron, Irene Mary Clipson, Mary Ray, Ignatius Anthony Poole, Sarah Jane Weston Smith, Mary Jones, Zonia Morgan-Cettler, Lena Cahill, 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, Mary Lee 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 Sue 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.