

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh

Deacon Kevin O'Connor (Retired)

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A 3rd May 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'Christ is our Way, Truth and Life. We are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God. God has poured out all these gifts on us through the Holy Spirit. We are to devote ourselves to proclaiming God's Word revealed in Christ and to trust that Christ always has a special love and care for us.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners: Deacon Kevin (whilst on holiday) and I continue to give thanks for this Easter season and pray that we may each experience the joy and peace of the risen Christ, bringing to mind His words-'Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God: believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms.'

The next baptism preparation evening will take place on Thursday 14th May from 7.30pm-9pm. All are welcome. If you wish to be present, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or Fr Dominic.

Please pray for our young Parishioners who will make their First Holy Communion. Year 3 will make their First Holy Communion on Saturday 16th May, during a 9.30am Mass; and on Sunday 17th May at the 11am Mass, Miss Libby Service's children, i.e. those attending a non-Catholic school, will make their First Holy Communion.

On Friday 8th May, we welcome Year 13 of St Peter's School, for their Leavers' Mass, here in Church, at 2pm. All are welcome. **Thank you once** again for your recent generous response to the diocesan fund raising for our Parish. **Please would the** following Parishioners who responded to this appeal contact our Secretary, Bernadette, on 0121 705 0228: Stephen and Patricia Kirby.

The list of sick in the Parish newsletter needs updating, as I am not always aware of their present condition. For a couple of weeks, I will remove the list and request that if you wish yourself, a family member or friend, to be included for prayer on the newsletter, please inform our Secretary Bernadette, or myself. Please make sure you have the sick person's permission, to include their names on the list.

The Diocesan Mass for Marriage takes place on Saturday 2nd May 12.00 noon at Chad's Cathedral. Please register asap. If you have any significant anniversary or are engaged to be married, or simply to give thanks for your marriage, you are welcome to attend. For further information please visit:

www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass .

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 9th May Fr Philip Griffin is the pilgrimage organiser and Mass will be celebrated by Canon Jonathan Veasey. Starting at 11am and finishing at 5pm. **Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** Monday 25th May to Saturday 30th May. A group of Parishioners will be travelling on this annual pilgrimage. Would you like to have any prayer petitions taken to the Grotto at Lourdes? If so, please hand them in to the Sacristy. Please do not place any money in the envelopes.

Lectio Divina by zoom, will recommence this Wednesday from 7.30pm-8.15pm. All are welcome. If you wish to participate, please email staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk

The news and events across the Archdiocese include the following:


'Is your Son being called to the Priesthood?' A Young Discerners' group invites young men (School Years 9-13) to a meeting on Saturday 9th May at St Mary's College, Oscott. Parents are also invited as part of a parallel programme. It is a free event, but booking is essential: deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk Telephone 0121 321 5135

Gift Aid:£ 277:50 A special thanks to those who Gift Aid their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £ 69:37 Loose £ 810:10 Total:£1,087:60 Last week's second collection for the Clergy Training Fund: £612:22 Second Collection next week: Poor Parish of the Diocese.

Christian Aid Week takes place from 9th to 16th May. The Coffee Morning and Ploughman's lunches will be held at the Methodist Church in Solihull on Saturday 9th May. A small group from St Augustine's will run teas and coffees during the morning session. A Church collection will take place on the weekend of 31st May for Christian Aid.

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 2 nd May 12.30pm T Cund	Saturday 2 nd May 12.30pm	Sunday 3 rd May 9am
Sat 9 th May 12.30pm Bernard	J & R Wong	M Coburn/J Powers
Sunday 3 rd May 9am M C Barbour	Saturday 9 th May 12.30pm	Sunday 3 rd May 11am A Kelly
Sunday 3 rd May 11am T Washbrooke	R Wong/ Ginny	
Sunday 10 th May 9am C Ramsey		Sunday 10 th May 9am
Sunday 10 th May 11am Cecilia		M Hallissey/ G Sica
		Sunday 10 th May 11am J Hickey

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

8th Solihull (St. Augustine's) Rainbows  meet at St. Augustine's Parish Hall every Wednesday between 5.30-6.30pm Our unit, run by 3 volunteer leaders, would welcome girls age between 4 and 7 (Reception-Year 2) to join us. We follow the Girlguiding Rainbows programme, where girls have the opportunity to earn lots of lovely badges whilst sharing giggles and building skills of tenacity, teamwork and creative thinking. To register your interest, please visit: <http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

Our Lady of The Wayside Church would like to invite all golfers in St Augustine's parish to play in our annual charity golf day at Fulford Heath Golf Club, Tanners Lane, Wythall, B47 6BH on the 21st May. The cost is £60 per head to include 18 holes of golf, tea, coffee, bacon rolls on arrival, afternoon buffet and prizes. Buggies can be hired at £35. Those interested please contact Ray Hunt at rayhunt47@btinternet.com or 07955 35942. Our chosen charities this year are, raising funds to take young adults to Lourdes, St Vincent de Paul Society and The Father O'Mahony Trust, so donations or sponsorship would be very much appreciated. We are offering businesses the opportunity to sponsor a hole for £100.

Please consider joining the Tyburn Martyrs Walk, and to pray for the conversion of England. This will take place on the 17th May. We will gather at St Giles in the Fields, London at 1.30pm 60 St Giles High Street WC2H 8LG. This walk is being held to commemorate the martyrs of Tyburn, the site is located at Marble Arch, and is a distance of 1.4 miles approximately by foot Please see www.tyburnmartyrswalk.org.uk for more details press contact if further questions.

Would you like to become a regular READER at MASS? If you would like to join the readers rota for Saturday or Sunday Masses please contact mtcoburn@virginmedia.com as soon as possible, stating your name and the Mass you regularly attend. A new rota begins in June and new readers would be welcome to join the team.

ALTAR FLOWERS Are you interested in becoming a flower arranger to join a group of volunteers in the parish? Each week a different volunteer provides and arranges the flowers decorating the main altar. Each arranger's "turn" comes approximately three times per year. If you would like to know more details of this role or if you would like to join a rota of flower arrangers please contact Madeleine at mtcoburn@virginmedia.com

Annual Ladies Afternoon Tea You are invited to this event in the Parish Hall 16th May 3-4:30. Please bring some food to share.

Mini Fayre- Would raffle ticket holders of numbers 515 and 564 please call at the Presbytery to collect a prize.

<p>2nd May Saturday</p> <p>St Athanasius</p>	<p>Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Margaret Westney-RIP Lorraine Bingham-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>3rd May</p> <p>FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p>	<p>Acts 6:1-7 1 Peter 2:4-9 John 14:1-12</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am Michael O'Driscoll-RIP Anne Bradley-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Robert Douglas Walton-Intention James & Mary McDermott-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>4th May Monday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>English Martyrs</p>	<p>Hebrews 11:32-40 Matthew 10:17-22</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>9.30am Benny Martin-RIP Angela Muckley-Intention</p>	
<p>5th May Tuesday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p> <p>Day of Prayer for Survivors of Sexual Abuse</p>	<p>Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Eddie Walsh-RIP Christina Cassidy-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>6th May Wednesday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.00pm Katrina McCartan-RIP All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Confessions 11.15-11.45am</p> <p>'Lectio Divina' - this week.</p> <p>Email for the link staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</p>
<p>7th May Thursday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 15:7-21 John 15:9-11</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.00pm Michael Murphy-RIP Anthony Sutton</p>	<p>Prayer Meeting 7.00-8.00pm</p>
<p>8th May Friday Easter Feria</p> <p>Today is the 1st Anniversary of the Election of Our Holy Father Pope Leo XIV</p>	<p>Acts 15:22-31 John 15:12-17</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>6.30pm Seamus Manley-RIP Mary Hagger-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm-followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>9th May Saturday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18</p> <p>John 14:15-21</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Michael O'Reilly-RIP Michael Donnelly-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Confession 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>10th May</p> <p>Sixth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 1 Peter 3:15-18</p> <p>John 14:15-21</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am All People of the Parish Marian Mullen-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Jackie O'Keefe-RIP Josephine Bastian-Birthday</p>	<p>Tea /Coffee available after both Masses</p>

The Pope's prayer intention for May is that everyone might have food.

*Lord of creation,
You gave us the fertile earth and, with it, our daily bread,
as a sign of Your love and providence.
Today we recognize with sorrow
that millions of brothers and sisters continue to suffer from hunger,
while so many goods are wasted at our tables.
Awaken in us a new awareness:
that we learn to thank for every food,
to consume simply,
to share with joy,
and to care for the fruits of the earth as a gift from You,
destined for all, not just a few.
Good Father,
make us capable of transforming the logic of selfish consumption
into a culture of solidarity.
May our communities promote concrete gestures:
awareness campaigns, food banks,
and a sober and responsible lifestyle.
You who sent us Your beloved Son Jesus,
broken bread for the life of the world,
give us a new heart, hungry for justice and thirsty for fraternity.
May no one be excluded from the common table,
and may Your Spirit teach us to see bread
not as an object of consumption,
but as a sign of communion and care.*

Amen

Pray in May for the work of Mary's Meals: We ask your prayers, for blessings on our work of feeding over 3 million hungry children a day in school, in 16 countries, for as little as £19.15 per school year.

Please pray for: Professor Judith Champ, Roni (Veronica) Pickering, Bridget Mary Williams, Cornelius Callanan, Margaret Brigid McCabe, Michael Joseph O'Gorman, Margaret Stanley, Anthony Parsons, Nicholas Ian Barnett (Funeral Service Robin Hood Crematorium, Friday 22nd May; 9.30am), Anne Millward, Eileen Ponsonby, Aggie O'Reilly who died recently.

Also, Patrick Ryan, Mary Hannah Murphy, Pamela Smith, Joseph Charles Callaghan, Helenah Oldfield, Veronica Jordan, Mary Anderson, Michael Rochfort, Ken White, Selena Helena Beggan, Wincenty (Victor) Zarebski, Mary Griffin, Anthony Francis, Agnes Theresa Kilcoyne, Marie Rafferty, Mary Christina Hayes, Maria Malik, Karen Marie Moss, Gloria Cox, Percy Plant, Kenneth Walter Walton, Daniel Lynch, Frederick Leslie Burt and all with anniversaries is 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 if you have any concerns.

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

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

Organ Recital, Sunday 3rd May Join us as we welcome Cathy Lamb to the college chapel.
Bookings can be made here: <https://stmaryscollegeoscottcio.churchsuite.com/events/22e4lszl>