

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Second Sunday After the Nativity Year A 4th January 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'God chose us in Christ. Christ, God's only Son, was made flesh and lived among us so that we who believe in him might become the adopted sons of the Father. Before the world was made God chose us in Christ and for this we give thanks to the Father.' (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, wish you all the blessings of this new year. 'May the Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine upon you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.'

This Sunday I will be travelling to Rome with 39 pilgrims from our neighbouring parishes, including Annette, my housekeeper. We will be there for the closing of the Jubilee Year and will bring with us all those intentions dearest to your hearts. Please pray for a safe journey and for an openness to receiving all the blessings the Lord wishes to grant us.

Thank you to all who have helped to beautify the Church in readiness for our celebration of the Lord's nativity; to our flower arrangers, those who erected the trees and the cribs; to those who clean the Church, prepare the Altar linen and who carry out the Ministry of Welcome as Church Wardens, our sincere thanks. Thank you also to our Altar Servers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, to our Choir, Choir mistress and organists; to all who have contributed to the joyful celebrations. Our sincere thanks also to Annette, our housekeeper, to Bernadette, our secretary, to Bob and Bobby Ryder for looking after the website; to Anetta and Beata for their help domestically. Finally, our thanks for the beautiful Christmas cards, messages of support and encouragement, for the Masses offered and for your gifts and generous Christmas offerings. In grateful prayer we thank God for you.

We welcome our pupils, staff and parents to a new term, hoping that you return refreshed and eager to continue to grow in wisdom age and grace.

This Tuesday, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany, a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated here at St Augustine's at 12.30pm; and 7pm. For the 7pm evening Mass we will request free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. Monsignor Danny McHugh will be celebrating the Masses for the Epiphany and also the midday Masses on Wednesday and Thursday. Deacon Kevin will celebrate a service of the Word and Holy Communion on Monday morning. **For emergency sick** calls please contact Olton Friary on- 0121 706 0505, or Our Lady of the Wayside on- 0121 744 1967.

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 15th January from 7.30pm-9pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

The Christian Unity Service will take place at the Methodist Church on Sunday 18th January at 6.30pm. Do please come along to support this event. Bishop David Evans has agreed to give the homily for this occasion.

In future, we will have only one Mass on a Friday and this will be at 6.30pm on Friday evening, preceded by the Holy Hour from 5.15pm-6.15pm.

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- due to an error in counting the Gift Aid envelopes the weekend of 20th/21st December, could Parishioners who donated on that weekend by envelope indicate the amount they donated, so that we claim the tax back; thank you.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £236 loose £949.95 Total: £1,185.95
Voluntary Collection to supplement the Crib Collection.

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	Julia. a Benjamin	Nora Shearin
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	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	Eve	
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell		Mrs. Bernie McCann	Bethany Tidyman	Jeanette and Robert Walton	

READERS	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 3 rd Jan 12.30pm	Saturday 3 rd January	Sunday 4 th January 9am M Coburn
Sat 10 th Jan 12.30pm T Cund	12.30pm Ginny/ A Kelly	M Hallissey/
Sunday 4 th Jan 9am M C Barbour	Saturday 10 th January	Sunday 4 th Jan 11am E Duffy
Sunday 5 th Jan 11am Cecilia	12.30pm R Wong/ J Wong	Sunday 11 th January 9am
Sunday 11 th Jan 9am C Ramsey		J Sica /G Sica
Sunday 18 th Jan 11am T Washbrooke		Sunday 11 th Jan 11am J Hickey

'Bereavement Group - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am 2026: Wed 14th January, 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; 12th & 26th January; 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, 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 A huge thank you to all who contributed to our Socks and Chocs appeal. This was tremendously supported and the recipients were truly delighted by such a thoughtful gesture. For those interested in learning more about the SVP we will see you on Thursday 8 th January at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

There will be a voluntary collection this weekend to supplement the Crib Collection/Donations. The charities benefitting from the Crib offerings are; S.C.A.H. Friends of the Holy Land, and the LIFE organisation.

Saturday 3 rd January Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Jesus	Sirach 24:1-2,8-12 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18 John 1:1-18 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Sue- Special Intention John, Elizabeth Ward-RIP & Sean Ward-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
4th January SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE NATIVITY	Sirach 24:1-2,8-12 Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18 John 1:1-18 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Helen & Paul Super & Family 11.00am All People of the Parish Adriana Wheatley-RIP	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses
5th January Monday Christmas Feria St Charles of St Andrew	1 John 3:11-21 John 1:43-51 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Eucharistic Service	
6th January Tuesday SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD HOLY Day of Obligation	Isaiah 60:1-6 Ephesians 3:2-3,5-6 Matthew 2:1-12 12.30pm Esther Murphy-Intention 7.00pm Mick Corrigan-RIP	Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am 
7th January Wednesday Christmas Feria St Raymond of Peñafort	1 John 3:22-4:6 Matthew 4:12-17,23-25 12.00pm Elizabeth Hope-Intention	Confession 11.15am-11.45am Public and Live streamed Mass
8th January Thursday Christmas Feria	1 John 4:7-10 Mark 6:34-44 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm May Fagan-RIP	SVP Meeting 7pm Parish Hall
9th January Friday	1 John 4:11-18 Mark 6:45-52 6.30pm John McCafferty-RIP	Public & Live streamed Mass Holy Hour and Exposition 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass 6.30pm
10th January Saturday	Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7 Acts 10:34-38 Matthew 3:13-17 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Deceased members of Lane & Gallagher Families Noreen O'Connor-Intention	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
11th January FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD	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 & Jackie Lemmon-RIP Julia	Public & Live streamed Masses Tea/Coffee available after both Masses



The Epiphany

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

you guided those who were wise

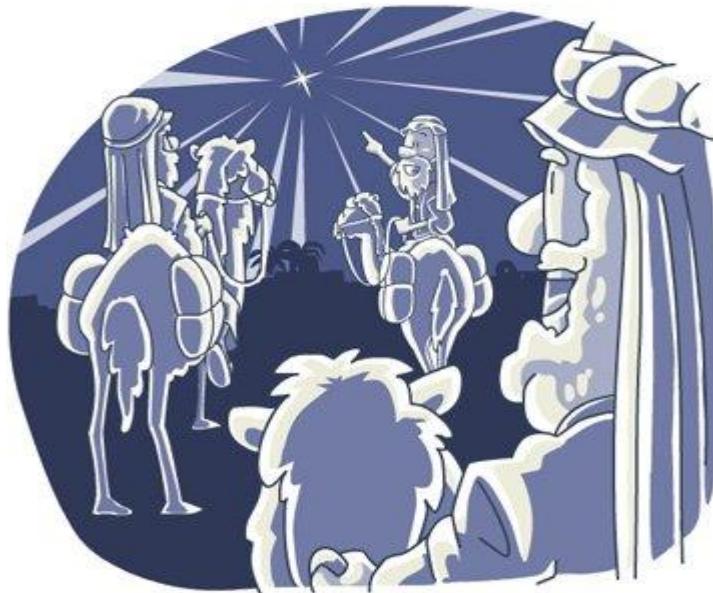
to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ

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: Margaret Byrne, Barbara Bolton, Joy Smith, Sister Stanislaus S.D., Anthony Herron, Mary Rita Johnston, Antonio Albini, Mary Nicholls, Seamus Manley, Sheila Griffin, Phillip Austin Walsh, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Donald Platt and Anne Weir who died recently.

Also, Audrey Williams, Thomas Christopher Houghton, Marian Agnes Kelly, James Joseph Dunleavy, Margaret Priestley, Catherine Donnelly, Archibald Ruddock, Daniel Anthony Devlin, Pauline Anne Freeman, Thomas Kennedy, John Preston, Patrick McCann, Patrick Joseph O'Reilly, Dorothy Hall, Pasqualina Di Prizio, John Murphy, Bernard Shenlock, Lily Park, Joan Applin, Kathleen Patricia Lunham, Elizabeth Dickinson, Brenda Meixner 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.

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