

# SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**Fr Dominic Kavanagh**

**Deacon Kevin O'Connor**

Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord Year A 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**Father Dominic writes:** 'Christ our hope is risen! Christ died to rise again so that his Father will be glorified. We too are brought back to true life in Christ. If we die with him, we will rise with him and in our lives be witnesses to the power of the resurrection.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Dear Parishioners: Deacon Kevin and I,** wish you a very happy Easter and express our thanks to each and every one for your prayerful participation in the Holy Week ceremonies. We hope that our young families may also find rest and refreshment during the school holidays. A more detailed 'thank you' will be written in next week's newsletter.

**The Octave** (8 days) of Easter begins this Sunday and continues until Divine Mercy Sunday (April 12<sup>th</sup>). Each day during the Octave is celebrated as an Easter Sunday and the Gospels describe Jesus' resurrection appearances.

**We offer** prayerful congratulations to Deacon Kevin, who celebrates his 75<sup>th</sup> birthday on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April. We wish him many more years and are very grateful that he continues his diaconal ministry among us.

**As we reflect** on Father Joseph's time with us here at St Augustine's I would like to express once again my sincere thanks for your help as regards his funeral arrangements. It is so pleasing that Father's repatriation took place according to plan and his three brothers and sister, and his extended family were able to receive Father Joseph back home and to celebrate his funeral Mass at St Mary's Church, Yendayar, Kottayam, last Saturday morning. May Father Joseph rise with Christ to eternal life.

**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 9<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:deacon.owen@vocations.org.uk) Telephone 0121 321 5135

The diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham takes place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May Fr Philip Griffin is the pilgrimage organiser and Mass will be celebrated by Canon Jonathan Veasey. Starting at 11am and finishing at 5pm.

**The Diocesan Mass** for Marriage takes place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 12.00 noon at Chad's Cathedral. Please register by Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April. 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](http://www.vocations.org.uk/marriage-mass)

**Please pray for** all who are under instruction in order to be Received into the Church, including Yvonne Harris who will be baptised and received into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil. The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April between 7.30pm-9pm in the Presbytery. Please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy, if you wish to attend.

**Please note** that on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April a Requiem Mass for Bridget (Bridie) Mary Williams will take place at **10.15am**, and on Wednesday a Requiem Mass will take place for Cornelius Callanan **at 12.00 midday**.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £271:11 loose £911:81 Total: £1,182:92 A special thanks to those who Gift aided their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £67:77 for envelope donations. Standing Orders for the month of February- £1,592:00 allowing us to claim: £398:00 in Gift Aid.

**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	Juliana Benjamin	Nora Shearin
Patricia Mann	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Catherine Walton
Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes	Eve	Bethany Tidyman
James Brown	John McCarthy	Savio Baretto	Roger Cox	Fr Gerard Kelly	Tom Duffy
Christopher Edmund Poole		Liam Lewis	Joseph Wong	Briega 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	Jeanette and Robert Walton	
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell		Mrs. Bernie McCann	Nora Ferguson	Matilda Polidori	Ginny Coll

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm T Cund	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm	April 12 <sup>th</sup> 11am
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm Bernard	A Kelly/R Wong	J Hickey
<b>Easter Sunday</b> 9am Bernard	Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> April 12.30pm	
11am C. Wan/T Washbrooke	Ginny/J Wong	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 9am M Pearsall	<b>Easter Sunday</b>	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> April 11am R Noronha	9am M Coburn/J Sica	
	11am A Kelly/ H. Cettler	
	April 12 <sup>th</sup> April 9am M Coburn/G	
	Sica	

**'Bereavement Group** - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room, Wednesdays 10:45am **2026:** Wed 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; 27<sup>th</sup> April; 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> May; 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June; 6<sup>th</sup> July



**Calling men of all ages and states** of life: book your place at 'Commissioned', the National Men's Pro-life Conference, on April 18th at Birmingham Christian College. Through compelling talks on fatherhood, marriage, post-abortion healing, spiritual warfare and sexual responsibility learn to live out your vocation with humility, courage and integrity. For more info including speakers or to book your place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or contact [info@marchforlife.co.uk](mailto:info@marchforlife.co.uk)

**Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino June 8<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> 2026**

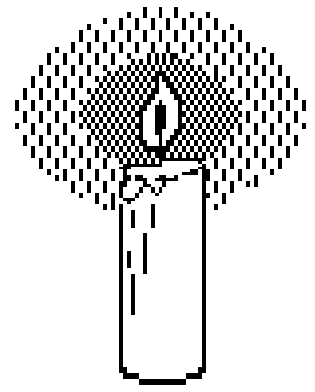
From Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details: [gileag@gmail.com](mailto:gileag@gmail.com) [www.eddiegilmore.org](http://www.eddiegilmore.org)

**For News and events** around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

**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 aged 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 <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents/register-a-child/>

<p>4th April Holy Saturday</p>	<p>Genesis 1:1-2:2    Genesis 22:1-18  Exodus 14:15-15:1    Romans 6:3-33  Matthew 28:1-10  8.00pm Easter Vigil-Deceased Members of  Healy &amp; Paulger Family  George &amp; Emily Saunders-RIP</p>	<p>Confessions 11am-12.00pm  Public &amp; Live streamed Masses</p>
<p>5th April  <b>SOLEMNITY OF THE  RESURRECTION OF THE LORD</b></p>	<p>Acts 10:34, 37-43    Colossians 3:1-4  John 20:1-9  9.00am Ann Ruth Bevis-Intention  Holy Souls in Purgatory  11.00am All People of the Parish  Ben, Susan, Dympna McKiernan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both  Masses  Public &amp; Live streamed Masses</p>
<p>6th April  <b>Easter Monday Solemnity</b></p>	<p>2:14,22-33    Matthew 28:8-15  Public and Live streamed Mass  9.30am Maria Thurai-rajah-RIP  Breed Gallagher-RIP</p>	
<p>7th April  <b>Easter Tuesday Solemnity</b></p>	<p>Acts 2:36-41    John 20:11-18  Public &amp; Live streamed Mass  10.15am Requiem Bridget Mary Williams</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>8th April  <b>Easter Wednesday Solemnity</b></p>	<p>Acts 53:1-10    Luke 24:13-35  Public &amp; Live streamed Mass  12.00pm Funeral Mass  Cornelius Callanan</p>	<p>No 'Lectio Divina' - this week.</p>
<p>9th April Easter Thursday  <b>Solemnity</b></p>	<p>Acts 3:11-26    Luke 24:35-48  Public &amp; Live streamed Mass  12.00pm Dhanka &amp; Delvin Danne Amuthan  Jenny &amp; Steve Roper-Intentions</p>	
<p>10th April Easter Friday  <b>Solemnity</b></p>	<p>Acts 4:1-2    John 21:1-14  Public &amp; Live streamed Mass  6.30pm Patrick &amp; Kathleen Kavanagh-RIP  Bridie Andrews-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm-followed  by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>11th April Easter Saturday  <b>Solemnity</b></p>	<p>Acts 2:42-47    1 Peter 1:3-9    John 20:19-31  Public &amp; Live streamed Mass  12.30pm Phillip Cannel-RIP  Susan Joyce-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm  Confession 11am-12.00pm  Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>12th April  <b>Second Sunday of Easter</b>  <b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b></p> 	<p>Acts 2:42-47    1 Peter 1:3-9    John 20:19-31  Public &amp; Live streamed Mass  Public &amp; Live streamed Masses  9.00am Michael O'Reilly-RIP  All People of the Parish  11.00am Paulina Samathar-RIP  Sheila Murray-Intention</p>	<p>Tea /Coffee available after both  Masses</p> 

An Easter Reflection The following item was read out in a church as a Communion Reflection. It is a description of an Easter ceremony in Russia where it is highly dangerous to be a believer.



*'Someone at the back of the church lit a candle,  
a single point of light  
not able to pierce the darkness.*

*But there was another, and another,  
for each of the worshippers carried a candle.*

*Swiftly the flame was passed  
from one to another.*

*In less than a minute, the church was a blaze of light - no,  
not the impersonal glare of electricity - it was a thousand individual flames  
united in a single faith.*

*Each candle lit up the face behind it  
that bore the deep lines of suffering.*

*Yet it was illuminated and the suffering turned into joy,  
because of the*

*certain knowledge that the Lord has risen.*

*These people do not debate the  
Resurrection*

*they have experienced it in their lives. They have not preserved the faith in hostile  
surroundings; it has preserved them.*

*Their joy is a glimpse*

*through the curtain which divides us from heaven*

*Lord, may your Easter light shine on us this day and chase away the shadows of the night of  
death.*

Please pray for: Laurence Marie Knight, Paulina Samathar, Patricia Butler, Clare Elizabeth Klein, Stephen Jenkins, Chris Johnson, Mary Munko, Mary Louisa Law, Francis (Frank) Valentine Byrne, and Roni (Veronica) Pickering, Bridget Mary Williams (Requiem 7<sup>th</sup> April 10.15am), Cornelius Callanan (Funeral Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 12.00pm) Margaret Brigid McCabe, (Requiem Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, 1pm), Michael Joseph O'Gorman (Requiem 14<sup>th</sup> April 10am), Della Martina Quinn, (Requiem Our Lady of Mount Carmel Redditch; 21<sup>st</sup> April 11am. Reception 20<sup>th</sup> April 4pm), Margaret Stanley, (Requiem Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April; 11am) who died recently.

Also, Julia Mahoney, Margaret Teeling, Ellen (Angelina) Petrucco, Joseph Leyden, Josephine McAuley, Angela Mary D'Arcy, Raymond Charles Hughes, Joan Doyle, Edda Norton, Hannah Mulcahy, Janet Cronin, Gladys Winifred Campbell, Thomas Laurence O'Neill, Julia Anne Taylor, 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](mailto: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.**

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