

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th February 2023

Dear Parishioners, 'Salt of the earth and light of the world! Jesus calls us to be the salt of the earth and gives us an example in his own crucifixion. We are also through our good works, a light shining in the darkness so that others may be guided on their journey to God'(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, This Sunday is celebrated as Racial Justice Sunday. The theme is, 'All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together.' It reflects the role that each of must play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. There will be a second collection for the Catholic Association for Racial Justice.

We welcome Father Timothy Boniwell to the 9am Mass this Sunday morning. We look forward to having Deacon Kevin back with us after his holiday. Father Joseph has been in touch and sends his greetings from Kochi in Kerala.

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 16th February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. If you would like to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy. The evening will last until 9pm as we are combining two baptismal evenings in to one.

Please note that on Wednesday 8th February we have a Requiem Mass at 12.15pm for Mrs Mary Jo Byrne.. this will replace the normal 11.30am Mass on Wednesday. You are welcome to attend the Requiem Mass.

The Memory Box Café takes place this Thursday afternoon, February 9th, between 2pm-3.30pm. Those with dementia, their families and carers, along with any elderly Parishioners are most welcome to this friendly social gathering.

We invite our younger teenagers of secondary school age to a course on the Bible on Wednesday afternoons between 4.30pm-5.30pm in St Augustine's Church. The course will be given by Father Denis Carter, a Columban Missionary. Please pray for God's blessing on this initiative.

The showing of the 'Chosen' continues on Thursday evenings at the earlier time of 7pm. All are welcome. Free car-parking has been requested in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

We would like to hold a CAFOD Lenten Fundraiser on the same weekend as we receive the proceeds from the Lenten Family Fast Day,i.e., the weekend of 4th/5th March. We would **PTO**

4th February Saturday	Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Annette Cuddy-Intention	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm
5th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Racial Justice Day	Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16 Public and Live streamed Masses 9.00am Johnny Green-RIP 11.00am Eileen Teevan-Intention For all people of the parish	
6th February Monday St Paul Miki & Companions	Genesis 1:1-19 Mark 6:53-56 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Tom Maguire-RIP	
7th February Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time	Genesis 1:20-2:4 Mark 7:1-13 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Rota Mass CWL	
8th February Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Jerome Emiliani/ St Josephine Bakhita Day of Prayer for the victim of Human Trafficking	Genesis 2:4-9,15-17 Mark 7:14-23 Public & Live streamed Masses 12.15pm Requiem Mary Jo Byrne	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: ehb73@yahoo.co.uk
9th February Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time	Genesis 2:18-25 Mark 7:24-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Lourenco Marques & Teresa Rosa De Jesus- 60th Wedding Anniversary	Memory Box Café 2pm-3.30pm
10th February Friday St Scholastica	Genesis 3:1-8 Mark 7:31-37 Public and Live streamed Mass 6.30pm Pat Ferris	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm
11th February Saturday Our Lady of Lourdes World Day for the Sick	Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Beatrice McCaffrey-	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm
Sunday 12th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ecclesiasticus 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.00am Anne & Joseph Marshall-RIP 11.00am Michael & Margaret Fitzmaurice	

therefore welcome any saleable items, perhaps even some unused Christmas presents. The **new Gift Aid boxes** of envelopes are available in the front porch. Please take your box.

COME AND SEE WEEKEND, 24-26 FEBRUARY 2023 The Sacred Heart Fathers and Brothers (Betharram) invite young men to a 'Come and See Weekend' to Explore the Gift of Vocation to the Religious Life and Priesthood. The Weekend will take from Friday (Evening) 24 to after lunch on Sunday 26 February 2023 at Shallowford House Retreat Centre, Shallowford, Stone, Staffordshire, ST15 0NZ. A poster is available via the diocesan intranet. For more information please so make contact with: Br Andrew Ferris, SCJ email: Br.andrewscj@holyname.org.uk Fr Wilfred Joseph, SCJ email: Wilfred15@hotmail.com

Feb 18 Sat : Ladies afternoon tea in Parish Hall. Arrive 2:20 - 2:30 finish 3:45 . Please bring a plate to share. - St Augustine's Mothers

LIFE CHARITY TRAINING COURSES Life Charity run a successful training centre offering qualification in counselling skills. These courses are useful for anyone who would like to develop their counselling skills for use in either their work, volunteer or personal capacity. These qualifications are also useful for those who wish to progress towards further qualifications or move towards roles in health and social care, children's care or community work. More information is available: <https://learn.lifecharity.org.uk>

We are very pleased that the Children's Liturgy will be restarting at the 9am Mass. All children up to and including Year 2 children are welcome to attend. Initially, this will take place on Sundays when St Augustine's school choir will be singing: Sunday 12th February and Sunday 5th March. It is hoped to increase the frequency of sessions if more volunteers can be found. Further details from Father Dominic or Kate Maddock.

RETRouvaille Retrouvaille is a programme for couples who are having difficulties in their marriages. The next face-to-face Retrouvaille programme is the weekend 24-26 February 2023 in Welwyn Garden City. Retrouvaille would really value your help in bringing these programmes to the attention of the people of your parish. You may know of couples who really need help in their marital relationship. If so, please let them know about Retrouvaille. The good news is that couples who attend the programme, where both really work at it, have, in the ministry's experience, an 85% success rate even when they are separated or already divorced but want to try again. For details: www.retrouvaille.org.uk

THE WORLD DAY OF THE SICK, 11 FEBRUARY 2023 The Holy See has published the Holy Father's Message for this year's Day of Prayer for the Sick, which is available via the diocesan intranet, together with a poster for distribution which has been sent by the Dicastery.

Offertory Collection for 29th January : Gift Aid:£248:36 Loose £945:93 Total £1,194:29 Second Collection this week: Racial Justice:

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 4 th Feb 12.30pm T.Cund	Sunday 5 th February 9am	Sunday 5 th February 11am
Saturday 11 th Feb 12.30pm M.Green	M.Coburn	H.Brookes
Saturday 18 th Feb 12.30pm T.Duffy		
Saturday 25 th Feb 12.30pm T.Cund		
Sunday 5 th Feb 9.00am Finbar, Cormac Joe	Sunday 12 th February 9am	Sunday 12 th February 11am
Sunday 5 th Feb 11.00am J. Benjamin	D.Nettikkadan	A.Kelly
Sunday 12 th Feb 9.00am M.Coburn	Sunday 19 th February 9am	Sunday 19 th February 11am
Sunday 12 th Feb 11am C.Hodrien	M.Hallissey	B.Ngala
Sunday 19 th Feb 9.00am M.Pearsall	Sunday 26 th February 9am	Sunday 26 th February 11am
Sunday 19 th Feb 11.00am M.Watts	T.Nettikkadan	E.Duffy

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish,	Tony Duffy	Fr Fred Sheldon	Mary Ryan	William Moran
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
Sandra Evans	Gillian Jones	Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Kathryn Farmer
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Noreen O'Connor	Mary Johnson	Eileen Keaton
Christopher Edmund Poole		for protection and peace in the Mbag Family		Eve	Savio Baretto
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Roger Cox
					Maura McDermott
					Mike Sassano

God of our past, present and future,
you created each one of us in your image and likeness,
help us to recognise you in each person.

As we pray for end to suffering caused by racism
lead us this day to walk with one another,
pray with one another and work together,
so that we create a future based on justice and healing,
where all can fulfil the hope you have for all peoples.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

This year's Racial Justice Sunday falls on 5 February. I have received the following information from the Bishops' Conference. Our theme "All are included in the mission of Christ and His Church. Let us walk together, pray together and work together" reflects on the role each of us must play in promoting the mission of Christ and His Church. This was inspired by conversations around last year's Racial Justice Sunday and Pope Francis' visit to Canada last year when he spoke about looking towards a future of 'Justice, healing and reconciliation'. To mark the day, the Bishops' Conference has produced three video reflections, highlighting the three sections; Walking together; Praying together; and Working together. A supportive discussion paper has been produced and you may also wish to use the existing made in the image and likeness of God resources. This year's resources can be found on the Bishops' Conference website at: www.cbcew.org.uk/racial-justice-sunday I hope that these resources may additionally be useful throughout the year to provoke discussion and reflection in prayer groups, as well as during preparation for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Parishes are encouraged to mark Racial Justice Sunday .

Father Hudson's Care are seeking further Host families to support our Ukrainian Guests. If you are able to host an individual/family please email Liudmyla Sadova, Ukrainian Refugees' Support Coordinator, at liudmylasadova@fatherhudsons.org.uk or ring Father Hudson's Care on- 01675 434 000, Monday to Friday 8.30-5pm

Lourdes Pilgrimage- application forms may be found on the Diocesan website or requested from the Presbytery.

The Diocesan website carries a lot of interesting news and courses. Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk Amongst all the news you will find details of:

i) A new online course 'Taking Liturgy seriously 2' hosted by the Society of St Gregory, starting 9th February and runs until November '23 ii) Retreat for young adults- Discovering the Divine Office. iii) **Introduction to** Voluntary Workplace Chaplaincy Birmingham and Solihull. Starting 9th February. See poster in the porch.

Please pray for: Mary Jo Byrne (Requiem Wednesday 8th February 12.15pm), Margaret Johnston Kirkpatrick Gillott (Funeral Service Robin Hood, Friday 10th March 12.30pm) Regina White, Eamonn Priestley, Brendan McCartney, Roisin Helen Brown, Margaret Hayde, David Carroll, Michael Kelly Brian Hughes , Father Garry Byrne, Margaret Brennan, Ditoza Severina Pereira who died recently.

Also, Denis Neale, George Galbraith, Doris Chalmers, John Farrell, John Patrick O'Brien, Mary Margaret Dowie, John James green, Margaret Mary Francis, Christopher John Fuller, Mary lee, Denis Driscoll, Mary Bridget Pickerill, Monica Robinson, Terence James O'Brien, Olive Alma Hulse, Anne Marshall and all with anniversaries at this time.

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