

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th November 2023

**Dear Parishioners,** 'Practise what you preach! The Pharisees were singled out by Christ as being hypocrites and frauds. They were not humble enough to ease the burdens of others and so became a stumbling block to the faith of many people. We preach the Gospel or Good News not so much by what we say but by the way in which we live our lives.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I thank you for your generous support of the Day of Exposition to pray for peace in the Middle East and so many other war-torn parts of our world. We know that God, our loving Father hears and answers the prayers of His children. Let us continue to pray for peace with the confidence of children.

**The next baptismal preparation** evening will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. If you wish to attend, please inform Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

**For those children** and young people who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, and who do not attend a Catholic School, would their parents please notify us. Miss Libby Service prepares the children for their First Holy Communion and may be contacted on 07568 508271 or emailed on: [1st4activities@gmail.com](mailto:1st4activities@gmail.com) There will be a Meeting for Parents on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November between 6pm-7pm.

**There will be a** short meeting this Sunday after the 11am Mass in the Parish Hall to prepare for the Christmas Fayre. All are welcome.

**The Parents and Toddlers'** Group will continue to meet each Tuesday morning 9.30-11.30am. The Group wishes to expand to include Babies, Toddlers and Pre-School Children. All are welcome.

**During the month of November,** we will offer a Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls. Please use the lists and envelopes in either porch to write out the names of those whom you wish to include in the Novena.

**Further to a recent** introduction by Deacon Kevin on the establishment of a Parish Pastoral Council, a meeting will take place on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 7pm. You are very welcome to attend. This Meeting will also be available by zoom. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park

**News and Events from the** Archdiocese may be found on the Archdiocesan website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk). Among the news there is an urgent appeal to help at Tabor House. Volunteers are required especially to help with the night shifts- Thursday and Sunday 9pm to 7am and Friday 10pm to 8am

<p>4th November</p> <p>Saturday</p> <p>St Charles Borromeo</p>	<p>Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9 Matthew 23:1-12 Public &amp; Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Jozef Lisowski-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>5th November</p> <p>THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>Malachi 1:14-2:2,8-10 1 Thessalonians 2:7-9 Matthew 23:1-12 Public &amp; Live Streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish  11.00am Nicholas &amp; Moya Halligan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>6th November Monday</p> <p>Feria In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Romans 11:29-36 Luke 14:12-14 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Delia O'Toole-RIP</p>	
<p>7th November Tuesday</p> <p>Feria In Ordinary Time</p> <p><i>St Willibrord</i></p>	<p>Romans 12:5-16 Luke 14:15-24 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Holy Souls Novena of Masses</p>	<p>Parent &amp; Toddlers Group- Parish Hall 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>8th November Wednesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p><i>Blessed George Napier</i></p>	<p>Romans 13:8-10 Luke 14:25-33 Matthew 5:1-12 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30pm Esther &amp; Pat Murphy-RIP</p>	<p>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: <a href="mailto:ehb73@yahoo.co.uk">ehb73@yahoo.co.uk</a></p>
<p>9th November Thursday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>Dedication of the Lateran Basilica</p>	<p>Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12 OR 1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17 John 2:13-22 Public &amp; Live streamed Masses 10.00am Holy Souls-Novena of Masses</p>	
<p>10th November Friday</p> <p><i>St Leo The Great</i></p>	<p>Romans 15:14-21 Luke 16:1-8 Public &amp; Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Special Intention  6.30pm Victor Sandbrook-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>11th November Saturday</p> <p>St Martin of Tours</p>	<p>Wisdom 6:12-16 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13 Public &amp; Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Christopher Schumacher-RIP Dominic &amp; Catrina Molloy &amp; Family-Intentions</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>12th November</p> <p>Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Wisdom 6:12-16 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13 Public &amp; Live Streamed Masses  9.00am All People of the Parish  11.00am For the Fallen of All Wars</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

**Would any of you have** a few hours to volunteer with cutting back and trimming in the Presbytery Garden. If so, please speak with Father Dominic.

**For the Parents of St Augustine's** Year 3 children a Reconciliation Workshop will take place at School on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November between 9am-10.30am. For **all** Parents of our First Holy Communion Children, two evenings have been arranged, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November between 7.30pm-9.15pm in the Parish Hall. Please choose one of these evenings to attend. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness, SCAH, are asking for funds during the month of November.

You can donate on line by visiting [www.scah.org.uk](http://www.scah.org.uk) or in person to your church representative Mary Clark.

Please see the notices in both porches.

**FOOTWEAR URGENTLY NEEDED**-Can you help? The SVP Society, St Augustine's have been asked for continued support with the supply of men's footwear for Refugees aged 18—45 (shoes, boots, trainers) sizes 6-8 and 9-11. Donated footwear and socks can be brought to the Church porches in labelled bags or boxes, or please call 07568 508271 if you have a quantity that requires collection. With grateful thanks.

**St Augustine's School**-We have some upcoming OPEN mornings for prospective parents/guardians, who are looking to send their child to our Nursery or Reception class from September 2024. No bookings are required. Our Year 6 Ambassadors will provide a guided tour of the school. Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November 10-10-11:30am.

**Friends of the Holy Land** Friends of the Holy Land have been supporting the small Christian population. There will be a pulpit talk and Bucket Collection on the 11/12 November. We will also be selling Olive wood and Christmas cards. (Cash preferred) For more information, visit [www.friendsoftheholylan.org](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org)

**BLESSING OF GRAVES 2023 4<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER OSCOTT CEMETERY 3pm**

**ALL AT 2.00pm 5<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER WOODLANDS & BRANDWOOD END**

**12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER WIDNEY MANOR ( FROM Entrance gate down to the pathway by the traffic island – Graves 1 – 1340 see map in porch & LODGE HILL**

**19<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER WIDNEY MANOR (between traffic island and railway line see map in porch) & KINGS NORTON**

**26<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER ROBIN HOOD & WYTHALL**

**The Kenelm Youth Trust** invite you to Alton Castle for a Retreat for young people aged 15-18years on 17<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> November. It is a Retreat all about leadership and includes some theory, fun, faith and exciting activities. The subsidised cost is £50.

Please go to [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/limitless](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk/limitless) or email Freya Scott: [freya.scott@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](mailto:freya.scott@kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

**The Blessing of the Crib** will take place on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm in Mell Square. All are welcome.

**Our Lady of the Wayside** would welcome you to join their Youth Group which meets on a Friday evening between 6.30pm-8.00pm. For Years 6 and above.

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£141:82 Loose :£926:53 Total:£1,068:35 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend: Johnson Fund:

**READERS**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.30pm T Duffy	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	11am
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.30pm T Cund	D Nettikkadan		E Duffy	
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	12.30pm ??				
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9am Finbar Joe Cormac	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	11am
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11am J Benjamin	T Nettikkadan		A Kelly	
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9am C Ramsey	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	9am	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	11am
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov	11am C Hodrien	J Powers		J Hickey	

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Anne Deary
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Eileen Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien	Don Deneny
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer
Sandra Evans	Gillian Jones	Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Jennifer O'Donnell
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Eileen Keaton
Christopher Edmund Poole		Eve	Roger Cox	Mary Ryan	Liam Lewis
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Mike Sassano
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Angela Hyland	Mary & Amanda	Helen Brookes
Thelma Cole					



"Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil" Psalm 23

## Prayers for when we are suffering or troubled.

Lord, when I am feeling tired or strained, help me not to take it out on other people. **Amen.**

Father, make us more like Jesus. Help us to bear difficulty, pain, disappointment and sorrows, knowing that in your perfect working and design you can use such bitter experiences to shape our characters and make us more like

our Lord. We look with hope for that day when we shall be wholly like Christ, because we shall see him as he is. Amen. *St Ignatius*

Cast all your anxieties on him, for he cares for you 1 Peter 5:7 The Bible

Hands who touched the leper, touch my wounded heart;  
Hands who healed the blind man, heal my aching soul;  
Hands who cured the lame, mend my disjointed life;  
Hands who embraced all life, enfold me in your peace.  
Lord, merely touch and heal, cure and forgive.

*This is my prayer to thee, my Lord;*

Give me strength lightly to bear my joys and sorrows;  
Give me the strength to make my love fruitful in service;  
Give me the strength never to disown the poor or bend my knees before insolent might.  
Give me the strength to raise my mind high above daily trifles.  
And give me the strength to surrender my strength to thy will with love.

*Rabindranath Tagore 1861 - 1941*

God of goodness, give me yourself. For you are sufficient for me  
If I were to ask for anything less, I should always be in want,  
for in you alone do I have all. *Julian of Norwich (?1342 - after 1413)*

O God, our true life, to know you is life, to serve you is perfect freedom, to enjoy you is a kingdom, to praise you is the joy and happiness of the soul. I praise and bless and adore you, I worship you, I glorify you. I give thanks to you for your great glory. I humbly beg you to live with me, to reign in me, to make this heart of mine a holy temple, a fit habitation for your divine majesty. *St Augustine 354 -430*

Please pray for: Jean Kennedy,(Requiem Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November:2pm Reception Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 6.30pm) Eamonn Horgan, Pauline Hatton, Lorry Chute, Bob Fogarty

who died recently. Also, Janet Moody, Elaine Bynoth, Gill Bird, Patrick McManus, Enda Powers, Mary Louise Alexandra Riddell, Terence Duddy Kathleen Josephine McCabe, John Donnelly, Kathleen Doreen Lucas, Philomena Archbold, Irene Mary Sutton, Gretta Welch 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 Teresa Cund. 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 [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.