

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Fr Prem Fernando Deacon Kevin O'Connor (Retired)

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 6th September 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'Correct each other in charity. We live together in society and we must be prepared to correct and encourage each other. No man is an island. If Christ be among us then we will help each other in true Christian charity. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners, On Tuesday we celebrate the birthday of our blessed Lady. St Andrew of Crete writes the following: 'Therefore let all things rejoice together today and let nature skip: 'Let heaven rejoice above and let the clouds rain righteousness!' (Isaiah 45:8); let the mountains drop sweetness and the hills exultation! For the Lord had mercy on His people.'

This weekend we will have a second collection for the people of Nepal and Tibet, to support them in rebuilding their lives, after the tragedy that has befallen them.

Please remember in your prayers Rawlston Gonourie, who is to be Confirmed and Received into Full Communion this Sunday during the 11am Mass.

I will be on holiday from this Tuesday, September 8th until Wednesday 23rd. In addition to contacting Fr Prem for emergency sick calls, please contact The Friary on- 0121 706 0505 or Our Lady of the Wayside on- 0121 744 1967.

For those travelling to Harvington this Sunday the mini bus will leave St Augustine's at 12.30pm.

For those of you who would like to know more about the Catholic Faith, you are welcome to join the Journey of Faith programme at Olton Friary. The weekly Meetings start on Monday 14th September from 7.15pm-8.45pm.

If you wish to participate please contact Mary Eames directly on 07773205740

Father Hudson's Caritas are hoping to recruit Parish Ambassadors from each parish. For further details please see poster in porch.

Please would you write to your local MP asking that they will vote against the re-introduction of the 'Assisted Dying' (Assisted-Suicide) Bill, which will come before Parliament in early September. The Prime Minister has indicated that he wishes to see Palliative care and social care improved considerably before discussion on assisted dying. In my experience as Chaplain to the Marie Curie, I appreciate the wonderful care that is given to the dying. It is this service that needs to be extended, not the introduction of assisted suicide. Please respond to this important request.

Maryvale Institute are offering a new online course on the Sacrament of Marriage. It comprises a full academic year of theological formation- open to anyone, no prior study required, starting September 2026. For further information call 012 360 8118. from 2.30pm.

The Season of Creation runs from September 1st to October 4th and has as its theme 'Living Water', inspired by the vision of God's life giving water, bringing renewal and healing to creation. A range of resources are available on the diocesan website. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Gift Aid: £243:25(A special thanks to those who Gift Aid their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £60:81. Loose £846:79 Total-£1,090:04 Standing Orders for month of July:£3,447 Next weekend Second Collection: Catholic Education Service

An inclusive Mass for People with SEN and Disabilities takes place each month at Our Lady and St Brigid's Church, Northfield. This is the forthcoming date: 27th September from 4pm to 4.20pm, Refreshments served afterwards.

CHF Birmingham-Smilers Inclusive Mass for anyone who struggles with Mass in a normal setting; a relaxed Service-freedom to roam, make noise. 1st Mass Saturday 5th September 2026 Holy Souls Church Acocks Green Birmingham B274JY. See poster in main porch for more details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Lali Ratnaraja	Angela Keating	Mary Cassidy	Rosemary Knowles	Philomena Kenny	Phillip O'Neill
Briege Williams	Jonathan Williams	Father Pat Sayles	Maureen Hughes	Kitty Gardener	Julie Hickey
Patrick Mitchell	Catherine Bird	Helen Kirk	Patricia Murphy	Patricia Sheasby	
Edward Martin	Jess Stanton	Daniel Meadows	Delia Gaughan		

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 5 th Sept 12.30pm M Connor	Saturday 5 th September 12.30pm J Wong/A Kelly	Sunday 6 th September 9am G & J Sica
Sat 12 th Sept 12.30pm Bernard		Sunday 6 th September 11am J Hickey
Sunday 6 th Sept 9am M Coburn	Saturday 12 th September 12.30pm R & J Wong	Sunday 13 th September 9am J Powers/M Coburn
Sunday 6 th Sept 11am H Cettler		Sunday 13 th Sept 11am P Davis
Sunday 13 th Sept 9am M Pearsall		
Sunday 13 th Sept 11am R Noronha		

Lectio Divina by zoom, will continue this Wednesday from 7.30pm-8.15pm. All are welcome.

For News and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Beloved Disciple- Holy Souls Parish Meeting Room & Church. Tuesday evenings starting at 6.30pm; Places Limited. See poster in porch for details.

JOB at THE FRIARY our Housekeeper/Cook is soon to retire. * Involves cooking & some housekeeping * part for SCJ community & part for parish * 18 hours per week 9.30-1.00 Mon-Fri * Diocesan living wage £13.45 per hour * begins October 1st 2026 * More info? Please contact Olton Friary Parish office on 0121 706 0505.

Dates for your diary: Thursday 1st October 7.30pm-9pm—the next baptismal preparation evening. **Saturday 3rd October.** Invitation to all who carry out a particular Ministry, e.g. Readers, Church Wardens etc, to come together with Parishioners from cluster parishes, at Olton Friary on **Saturday 3rd October.** Starts with Mass at 10.15am; Refreshments 11am. 11.30-12.30pm Discussion/Meetings and sharing good practise. **Saturday 10th October-**Catechists and would-be Catechists, a gathering at Erdington Abbey. 10am for 10.30am start, finishing at 3.30pm with Prayer & Benediction. Please bring a packed lunch. Cost £5. **Saturday 17th October** CAFOD and Father Hudson's Caritas invite you to a 'LOVE IN ACTION' here at St Augustine's. 2pm-4.30pm (Mass at 12.30pm). All who are interested in social justice issues, including care for the poor and care for the environment, are encouraged to come along to St Augustine's Parish Hall.

Marriage in a Rut? Or need our help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates 2nd-4th October. <http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info> Telephone: 07788 729 6983

5th September Saturday St Teresa of Calcutta	Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Liz & Chris-Intentions Philomena & Jo Gallagher-Intentions	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Refreshments after Mass
6th September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Noronha Family Ellen & Patrick McCafferty-RIP & Joan & John Frost-RIP 11.00am Alex D'Souza-RIP All People of the Parish	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses.
7th September Monday Feria in Ordinary Time	1 Corinthians 5:1-8 Luke 6:6-11 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Father Ignatius & Father Paul Devaney- RIP Josephine Coello-Birthday	
8th September Tuesday FEAST NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	Micah 5:2-5 OR Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 1:1-6,18-23 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am James Samathar-RIP Marie Facey-Intention	Toddlers' Group 9.30-11.30am in the parish hall.
9th September Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Osburg/ St Peter Claver	1 Corinthians 7:25-31 Luke 6:20-26 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Valerie Harris-RIP	Confessions 11.15-11.45am 'Lectio Divina' - this week. Email for the link: staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk
10th September Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time St Agnellus of Pisa/ St Egwin	1 Corinthians 8:1-7,11-13 Luke 6:27-38 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Joseph Gaughan-RIP	Prayer Meeting 7.00-8.00pm
11th September Friday Feria in Ordinary Time	1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-27 Luke 6:39-42 Public & Live streamed Mass 6.30pm John McBrien-RIP	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm- followed by Mass 6.30pm
12th September Saturday Most Holy Name of Mary	Sirach 27:30-28:47 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Bob Dipple-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
13th September Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sirach 27:30-28:47 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Charlie & Tina McDaid-60 th Wedding Anniv 11.00am Tony Duffy-RIP Maria Emila Azevedo-RIP	Tea /Coffee available after both Masses

BACK TO SCHOOL

As the children leave for school, I pray that they might open their hearts and minds
to their teachers and their textbooks
and see learning not as a chore but as an
unending adventure.

Keep them from distractions and help them to focus their attention on what is truly important.
Help them to see homework as a necessary exercise of mind and not as a
nightmare deadline.

May they discover in school the special talents and skills they have to spur them on
into a future of wide possibilities. Help them to grow in knowledge that is
tempered by wisdom and humility.

May they not be afraid to ask questions or to honour the great mysteries of life.
May they find friends who are loyal and cherish them. And may they always be kind
to all their classmates in a spirit of love and respect
especially from those who are very different from them.



Please pray for: Jim Harding, Philip Gartland, Sonya O'Shea, Michael Joseph O'Mahoney, Mrs Faye Hicks, Bob Dipple, Tony Duffy, Peter Alfred Foley, Geraldine McAndrew, Reginald Harding, Nicholas Ian Barnett, Susan Kelly, Julie Agnew, Henry Oliver Price, Christopher Jeffrey Pedley (Requiem 24th September 11am) Paul Ralph Stokes who died recently.

Also, Michael Molloy, Brian Cole, Stephen Andrew Walker, Peter John Weston, June Audrey Fieldhouse, Dr Denys Nicol, Eric Keytes, Susan Scott, Mary Margaret Skip, Christopher Paul Barsby, Bryony Warren, Maria Hall, Alfred William Horsley, Fr Paul Devaney, Dorothy Agnes O'Shea, Eddie Deery, Esther Murray, Philip Leslie Horsburgh, Marjorie Smith, Christopher Hinckley, Logan Cheshire, Zoe Gabrielle Miciano, Michael David Nicholas, Patrick Fitzgerald, Frederick Williams, Andrew Edward Dobb, Patricia Cettler, Carmen Agnes Makepeace, Arthur(Leonard) Lunn, Teresa Bourke, Stanley William Shaw, Father Ignatius, Simon Gerard Gibson, Dermot Noel McCready, 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: Amanda Felton and Veronica Walsh. 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.