

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 7th September 2025

Dear Parishioners 'The cost of being a Christian. God has created us free. Nothing must come between him and us. Yet we sometimes have an inordinate affection for worldly possessions. Through the correct use of freedom, we are given the privilege of being sons of God and escape remaining slaves of the world.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I unite with you in giving thanks for this 'Season of Creation', which began on September 1st and continues until October 4th, the memorial of St Francis of Assisi. Please see the website: <https://seasonofcreation.org/> for details. The theme is 'Peace with Justice.' You may also find helpful, the diocesan website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Listing/Category/environment> Would any parishioner be interested in helping our parish to achieve the CAFOD "Live Simply" Award? **FOR OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH ALL OF CREATION:** Let us pray, that, inspired by St Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

The **next baptismal preparation** evening will take place on Thursday 18th September from 7.30-9.00pm. All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please speak with Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

The Guild of St Stephen have organised an annual Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated on Saturday 4th October 2025 at 12.00 noon at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. Bishop David Evans will be the main celebrant. **A new Course for adult** Catechesis in Cantonese is being prepared for those who seek to join the Catholic Church. The Meetings will take place at St Mary's Harborne, they started on 4th September continuing every Thursday between 7.30pm-8.45pm. For further details please see posters in Church. Also, if anyone would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith please speak with Father Dominic or Deacon Kevin.

You are warmly invited to a talk and Power Point Presentation on the Shroud of Turin, by Mark Bradley. Thursday 11th September 7pm, Parish Hall. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park, Herbert Road.

St Augustine's Community Café will recommence on Monday 15th September 11.30am-1.30pm. All are welcome.

Secretarial Assistance 3 hours on one day per week for the Co-ordinator of Ethnic Chaplaincies: in the main working from home; laptop provided; Internet and phone needed. For information re. type of work and payment contact Mgr McHugh 07812 110640

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid £312:04 loose £953:38 Total: £1,265:42 Second Collection next weekend: Catholic Education Service

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	Anthony Herron
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	Briege 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	
Father Michael White	Eve	Benjamin Wort	Callum Graham	Michael Leyland	Wilson Cotton
Bridget McNamara	Ellen Gilmore	Ian Sanchez	Father Andrew McCann		Chris Docker
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell			Matthew Sheils		

For news and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

READERS			Saturday 6 th September 12.30pm	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
6 th Sept	12.30pm	T Cund	A Kelly/Ginny	
13 th Sept	12.30pm	Bernard		
Sunday 7 th Sept	9am	M Coburn	Saturday 13 th September 12.30pm	
Sunday 7 th Sept	11am	Emanuelle	R Wong/R Wong	
Sunday 14 th Sept	9am	M Pearsall		
Sunday 14 th Sept	11am	Cecilia		Sunday 7 th September 9am G Sica/ J Sica Sunday 7 th September 11am B Ngala Sunday 14 th September 9am M Coburn/ G Sica Sunday 14 th September 11am E Duffy

OSCOTT COLLEGE- Organ Recital-Sunday 5th October 3pm. Professor David Saint. Also, Oscott Guided Tours; tickets can be booked at <https://www.oscott.org/events> Cost inclusive of cake & tea £17.50. See posters in porch for both events.

Holy Trinity Catholic School will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in September; we are keen that former pupils, staff and anyone previously connected to Holy Trinity have the opportunity to attend. For more detailed information please see Notice board, main porch. 5.00pm Wednesday 24th September.

URGENTLY NEEDED: MORE CASUAL CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR, UNDERWEAR & TOILETRIES FOR MEN 18-40 Can you help? Weekly requirements for men locally in- need are now exceeding what we have available. SVP are collecting items on behalf of St Augustine's. Information contact: 07568 508271

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD! Urgently needed for depleted supplies in St Augustine's SVP cupboard. Can you help? In-date UHT Milk, UHT Juice, tinned meals, tinned tuna, tinned fruit and rice, packet mash and pasta, dried brown rice, biscuits, crisps. Toiletries suitable for all. No perishables/ fresh items. Bags/ boxes FAO St Augustine's SVP to either porch. Thank you!

WASHING MACHINE much needed by local household in great need, free or at low- cost. Can you help or know someone who can? Please contact St Augustine's SVP on: 07568 508271 Thank you.

'Bereavement Group - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am 2025: Wed 10th September; 8th October, 12th November, 10th December **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 15th & 29th September, 13th & 27th October; 10th & 24th November, 8th December; A Guide to 'Meditation' 'Meditation' is a way of 'being' rather than a way of 'thinking'. It is about becoming still. It helps us to become more loving people in our relationships. It takes our mind off ourselves. & we see people as God sees them. Do come along and see for yourself.

Parish Group : Mother's Prayers A worldwide network of Mothers who come together in prayer and fellowship to unite our prayers for our children, using a prayer booklet. Meeting at Church on Second Monday of the month at 8 pm, on Zoom the Fourth Monday of the month at 8pm. For further details contact Fr Dominic on staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk

Blessed Carlo is due to be canonised today, Sunday 7 September and will be the first Millennial Saint to be so. Our Carlo Acutis youth club will be back to Olton Friary from 6.30 to 8.30 pm (every Friday) for the youth activities. Vocations Mass the Deanery along with the Carlo Acutis Youth Group invites you to attend the Vocations Mass on Friday 19th September at Olton Friary Church at 7pm. The month of September is designated for our deanery as a month to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious life.

6th September Saturday	Wisdom 9:13-18 Philemon 9-10,12-17 Luke 14:25-33 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Alex D'Souza-RIP Cinthia & Jeff-Wedding Edward Deery-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i>
7th September TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Wisdom 9:13-18 Philemon 9-10,12-17 Luke 14:25-33 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am David Wong-RIP 11.00am Esther Murphy-Intention All People of the Parish	<i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i>
8th September Monday FEAST Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Micah 5:1-4 OR Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 1:1-16,18-23 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am James Samathar-RIP Watters Family-Intentions	
9th September Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Osburg/St Peter Claver	Colossians 2:6-15 Luke 6:12-19 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Ron Carson-RIP Joe & Aida McKelvie-37 th Wedding Anniversary	Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am
10th September Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time Blessed Agnellus of Pisa/ St Egwin	Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 6:20-26 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00midday Special Intention (T.W.)	Confession 11.30am Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk
11th September Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time	Colossians 3:12-17 Luke 6:27-38 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Father Ignatius-RIP	
12th September Friday Feria in Ordinary Time Most Holy Name of Mary	1 Timothy 1:1-2,12-14 Luke 6:39-42 Public & Live streamed Masses 11.30am Requiem Mavis Reynolds 6.30pm Marie Facey-Intentions	Holy Hour & Exposition 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm
13th September Saturday St John Chrysostom 'the golden mouthed'	Numbers 21:4-9 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Simon Jones-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i>
14th September FEAST Exaltation of the Cross Education Day	Numbers 21:4-9 Philippians 2:6-11 John 3:13-17 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Mothers Prayers- 30 th Anniversary 11.00am All People of the Parish	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses

Blessed Carlo Acutis

This **Sunday, 7 September**, Blessed Carlo Acutis will be the first Millennial Saint to be canonised. He will be canonised alongside Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Carlo was just 15 when he died. But in his short life he was renowned for his charity work and his constant pursuit of holiness. The Word of God and the Holy Eucharist were the centre of his life. His legacy lives on, and he is a worldwide source of inspiration to many, especially young people.

O God, You have given us in St. Carlo Acutis a model of virtue holiness

for our digital age. We thank you for making him an inspiration to young

people through his devotion to the

Eucharist, his love for the poor, and his ability to use modern means to spread the Gospel.

St. Carlo Acutis, friend of God and servant of the poor,

intercede for us before the throne of grace.

Help us to recognize Christ's presence in the Eucharist, to use our talents in service of others, and to navigate the digital world with wisdom and charity.

Please pray for: Father Paul Johnson Paul Malone, Dymphna McKiernan, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Gilbert Anderson, Mavis Reynolds (Requiem Friday 12th September 11.30am), Bernadette Harris (Requiem 23rd September 11.15am), Delia Finnegan, Father Tony Rohan, Andrew Lockington

Also, Esther Murray, Philip Leslie Horsburgh, Marjorie Smith, Christopher Hinckley, Logan Cheshire, Zoe Gabrielle Mician, Michael David Nicholas, Patrick Fitzgerald, Frederick Williams, Andrew Edwards Dobb, Patricia Cettler, Carmen Agnes Makepeace, Arthur Leonard Lunn, Teresa Bourke, Stanley William Shaw, Father Ignatius, Simon Gerard Gibson, Dermot Noel McCready, Teresa Wood, Valerie Harvey, James Patrick Haveron, Margaret Dunne 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.

This Church live streams Mass and other events. Please see notices in Church for more details.

Conversational Irish classes starting Wednesday 10th September 7:00 p.m. Holy Cross and St Francis Hall, 1 Signal Hayes Road Walmley B76 2RS telephone 07929 873828 Large free car park. See poster in porch

Would any of our young Parishioners, aged 16+ wish to train as a youth leader? If so, please speak with one of the Clergy.

WALK THE CROSS – 13th/14th September . See poster in porch