

# *SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH*

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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A    8<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

**Father Dominic writes:** '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.)

**Dear Parishioners: Father Joseph, (whilst continuing to convalesce in St Joseph's Care Home in Coleshill), Deacon Kevin and I** ask for God's continued help not only to do good works, but especially that they will give glory to our Father who is in heaven.

**Please pray for** Mounty Bates who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday.

**The next baptismal preparation** evening will take place on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 7.30pm-9.00pm. All are welcome. If you would like to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

We welcome Year 4 to our 9am Mass this Sunday, along with their parents, families and teachers.

Please remember in your prayers those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March, with Bishop David Evans.

**The community at Olton Friary** are hosting a day of Recollection on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February beginning with Mass at 10.15am and ending about 3.30pm. If you are able to attend, please speak with myself or contact the Friary directly. This day is for Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion.

**Deacon Kevin** is to lead us in some Lenten Reflections on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm for five weeks, beginning Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February. These reflections are to help us deepen our understanding of Baptism in the context of our Lenten Journey. Do please try to support these Meetings.

**Solihull Methodist Church** are hosting a series of Lenten Breakfasts, beginning on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Breakfast begins at 8.30am and a Talk at 8.50am, finishing at 9.50am. Your attendance would be very much appreciated. The Talks are based on the Lord's Prayer- the 'Our Father.'

**The 'Walk With Me'** booklets are available in both porches. Do please take one home with you. Pupils at St Augustine's School will receive their calendars at School.

**The Parents of our First Holy Communion** Children are invited to a Parents' evening in St Augustine's Church Hall on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March or Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March from 7.30pm-9.15pm. Please choose one of these evenings to attend. We will request free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

**On Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**, the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes, it is World Day of Prayer for the sick. We will have a Holy Hour between 11-12pm. The anointing of the sick, will take place at the end of the Mass.

**I would like to appeal** to any generous Parishioners, willing to make a donation to subsidise a pilgrim Parishioner participating in this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

**Ash Wednesday** falls on 18<sup>th</sup> February. To mark the beginning of the Lenten Season we will have a 12 midday Mass and a 7pm evening Mass.

**Next Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup>**, we intend to have a Meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council after the 11am Mass. You are welcome to attend. If you have any ideas, suggestions or items for the Agenda, please let us have

them at your earliest convenience.

**Each Wednesday** evening 'Lectio Divina' (the prayerful reflection on Scripture) takes place by zoom between 7.30pm-8.15pm. You are very welcome to participate. Email [staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk) and we will provide you with a link.

**Each Thursday** evening a prayer Meeting in the blue room of the Parish Hall 7pm-8pm. You are welcome to come along.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £221, loose £1,264:55 Total: £1,485:55. A special thanks to those who Gift aided their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £55:25

**SVP and Mini Vinnies Cake sale and bucket collection** last weekend: £1,113:50

**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	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	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			

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 7th Feb 12.30pm Bernard	Saturday 7th February 12.30pm	Sunday 8th Feb 9am J Power/ J Sica
Sat 14th Feb 12.30pm T Duffy	R Wong/ Ginny	Sunday 8th Feb 11am J Hickey
Sunday 8th Feb 9am SCHOOL Yr 4	Saturday 14th February 12.30pm	Sunday 15th Feb 9am M Hallissey/ M Coburn
Sunday 8th Feb 11am R Noronha	R & J Wong	Sunday 15th Feb 11am A Kelly
Sunday 15th Feb 9am MC Barbour		
Sunday 15th Feb 11am C Hodrien		

**'Bereavement Group** - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am 2026: Wed 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; 9th & 23rd February; 9th & 23rd March; 13th & 27th April; 11th & 25th May; 8th & 22nd June; 6th July A Guide to 'Meditation

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

**Fr Andrew** is hoping to organise a pilgrimage to Fatima this year, 11th to 15th September 2026. Fatima is a place where many have found comfort, healing and renewed faith, and we would love to see whether there is interest in forming a group. The estimated cost is around £1000 per person. We need a minimum of 20 to make it viable, the more we get, the more the price reduces. If this is something you may feel drawn to, please email [foxvinedesigns@gmail.com](mailto:foxvinedesigns@gmail.com) to express your interest.

**SVP & Mini Vinnies Cake Sale** We had a tremendous response to this, raising £1,113.50. It covers not only the £660 for the sewing machines supporting 8 families, but allows us to sponsor another project as well, which supports 6 families with start up businesses. Our grateful thanks to all of you who contributed to the great success of this annual event.

**There is a list of interesting** events within the diocese available on the notice board; they include: "A Cantata in Song and Mime", "Marriage Week 2026", "Born For This at Symphony Hall" and "Autism, Friendly Resources".

**Mike and Elspeth Sullivan** invite you to an evening charity concert in the parish hall on Saturday 21st February at 7.00pm. Do please put this date in your diary. Further details to follow.

7th February Saturday	Isaiah 58:6-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Rota Mass CWL Beatrice McCaffrey-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
8th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  Day for Victims of Human Trafficking	Isaiah 58:6-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am Robin Easterby -RIP  11.00am Moya & Nicholas Hall – RIP Laura Bourke-RIP	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses
9th February Monday  Feria in Ordinary Time	1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13 Mark 6:53-56 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Tom Maguire-RIP	
10th February Tuesday  St Scholastica	1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30 Mark 7:1-13 10.00am Ted, Mary and Eddie Deery-RIP	Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am
11th February Wednesday  Feria in Ordinary Time  Our Lady of Lourdes World Day for the Sick	1 Kings 10:1-10 Mark 7:14-15,17-23 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Special Intention	Confession 11.15am-11.45am 'Lectio Divina' 7.30-8.15pm. Please email <a href="mailto:staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk">staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</a> for the link
12th February Thursday  Feria in Ordinary Time	1 Kings 11:4-13 Mark 7:24-30 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Bernard Adkins-RIP Thanksgiving	
13th February Friday  Feria in Ordinary Time	1 Kings 11:29-32 Mark 7:31-37 Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am Patricia Butler-  6.30pm Special Intention-Jayne Lila Kerr- Intention	Holy Hour and Exposition 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass 6.30pm
14th February Saturday FEAST St Cyril/St Methodius  Day of Prayer for Europe	Sirach 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Thanksgiving Savio Magdelene Jenkinson	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
15th February  Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  Day for the Unemployed	Sirach 15:15-20 1 Corinthians 2:6-10 Matthew 5:17-37 Public & Live streamed Mass  9.00am Patrick Ryan-RIP All People of the Parish  11.00am Intentions of Wheatley Family	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES February 11th**  
**O Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy,**  
**you are the refuge of sinners, the health of the sick,**  
**and the comfort of the afflicted. You know my wants,**  
**my troubles, my sufferings. By your appearance at the Grotto of Lourdes**  
**you made it a privileged sanctuary where your favours are given to people**  
**streaming to it from the whole world.**

**Over the years countless sufferers have obtained the cure for their infirmities -**  
**whether of soul, mind, or body. Therefore, I come to you**  
**with limitless confidence to implore your motherly intercession.**

**Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests.**

**Through gratitude for Your favours,**  
**I will endeavour to imitate Your virtues,**  
**that I may one day share in Your glory. Amen**

Please pray for: Brenda Carney, Geoffrey Doyle, Laurence Marie Knight, Paulina Samathar, Patricia Butler (Requiem Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 11.30am), Frances Mazone (Service Woodlands Crematorium, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February) Clare Elizabeth Klein (Requiem 27<sup>th</sup> February 10.30am), Stephen Jenkins, (Service Robin Hood Crematorium 23<sup>rd</sup> February 3pm) Chris Johnson, Funeral Service, Robin Hood Crematorium, Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March;12pm) Kate Nelson, Mary Munko (Requiem 6<sup>th</sup> March 12pm),

Also, Mary lee, Denis Driscoll, Mary Bridget Pickerill, Stephen John McGrath, Monica Robinson, George Galbraith, Terence James O'Brien, Olive Alma Hulse, Anne Marshall, Teresa Mary Jukes, Mary Gertner, Bernard Powell, Dreda Wheatley, Halima Peace, James Joseph Millane, Joan Kennedyo, Maria Grazia Rizzo, Anna & Bernard Czepukojc, Joyce Matilda Volante, Philomena Baretto 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](mailto:sg.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted**

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

**Friends of the Holy land, Pancake Lunch 17th February.** With the continual conflicts in the Holy Land our brothers and sisters there need your support more than ever. Please come along and enjoy home-made pancakes and a pot of tea for a suggested donation of at least £5 from 11.00 am-1.00pm. All donations go directly to the office in Kenilworth where they can be distributed quickly to those in most immediate need via our staff and volunteers in the Holy Land. For more information on FHL please see their website [www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk](http://www.friendsoftheholylan.org.uk) and see where your donations are going and latest updates.

**Friday Art Classes for Relaxation;** Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 20<sup>th</sup> March 6<sup>th</sup>. St Augustine Church. Class 10am-12pm. Tea/Coffee from 9.45am.  
See poster in main porch.

**St Augustine's Baby and Toddler Group** welcomes babies and toddlers (9.30am-11.30am Tuesdays) with carers to the Parish Hall. Free play, music, and activities like discovery sessions and games. Refreshments include toast and drinks. Friendly group with diverse families. New families and volunteers welcome. Suggested donation £2. See posters in porches for more information. Join us