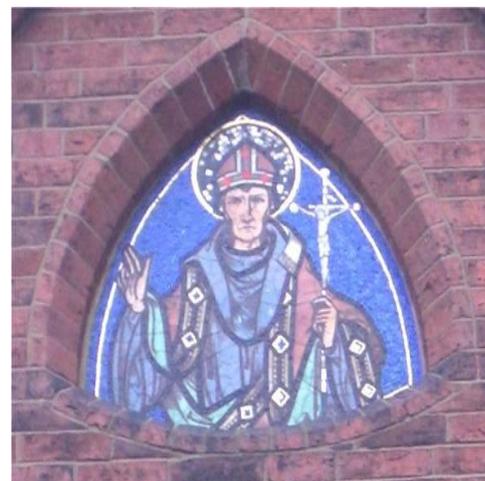


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Fr Dominic Kavanagh

Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Third Sunday of Lent Year A 8th March 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'Christ, the Spring of Life. Through baptism, Christ becomes within us a source of the living waters of grace. Through the Holy Spirit the love of God, is poured into our hearts and our spiritual thirst is quenched. We really come alive. We become in our turn the wells of God's goodness at which people will drink.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners: Deacon Kevin and I pray that each day of Lent is helping us to grow in love for God and for one another.

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 19th March between 7.30pm to 9pm. All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

Please pray for our young Parishioners who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday March 11th at 6.30pm. We extend a warm welcome to Bishop David Evans who will confer the Sacrament. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park from 5.45pm until 9pm.

Deacon Kevin continues to lead us in some Lenten Reflections on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm in the blue room of the parish hall. 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 28th February. Breakfast begins at 8.30am and a Talk at 8.50am, finishing at 9.50am. Your attendance would be appreciated. The Talks are based on the Lord's Prayer- the 'Our Father.'

The Parents of our First Holy Communion Children are invited to a Parents' evening in St Augustine's Church Hall Thursday 12th March from 7.30pm-9.15pm. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

The Lenten Penance Service will take place on Monday 30th March at 7pm, at Olton Friary. Please note that there will not be 'Lectio Divina' this week on Wednesday, neither will there be a Prayer Meeting on Thursday.

The children from St Augustine's School, will be coming to Church on Thursday and Friday morning for the Stations of the Cross and for Confessions.

Please note that on Tuesday morning Mass will be at 9.45am, as the Clergy have a deanery Meeting at St Anne's Chelmsley Wood.

Deacon Kevin will complete the diocesan fundraising appeal this weekend. Thank you to all who have responded or, are considering responding.

Pilgrimage to Fatima – 11–15 September 2026 led by Fr Andrew Franklin. There are still places available on our parish pilgrimage to Fatima. The cost is £1100 per person, including flights, accommodation, full board (drinks not included), transfers, luggage, pilgrimage programme and insurance. A £400 deposit secures your place. For details or to book, contact Tangney Tours on 01732 886666 or Clare@tangney-tours.com.

Stations of the Cross will take place on a Wednesday before the midday Mass at 11.30am and on a Friday before the 6.30pm Mass. The schedule for Friday will be: Exposition from 5pm until 5.45pm followed by Stations, followed by 6.30pm Mass.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £221 loose £1,262:21 Total: £1,483:21 A special thanks to those who Gift aided their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £55:25. For envelope donations. Standing Orders for the month of January: £1,767-allowing us to claim: £441:75 in Gift Aid. Last weekend CAFOD Family Fast Collection. - £1,862:43. This weekend Second Collection: Cathedral maintenance.

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	Nora Ferguson	Matilda Polidori	Bridie Williams	

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 7 th Mar 12.30pm T Duffy	Saturday 7 th March 12.30pm	Sunday 8 th March 9am M Hallissey/ G Sica
Sat 14 th Mar 12.30pm T Cund	J Wong/ Ginny	Sunday 8 th March 11am J Hickey
Sunday 8 th March 9am M Coburn	Saturday 14 th March 12.30pm	Sunday 15 th March 9am J Powers/ M Coburn
Sunday 8 th March 11am Cecilia	A- Kelly/J Wong	Sunday 15 th March 11am A Kelly
Sunday 15 th March 9am T Choi		
Sunday 15 th March 11am M Watts		

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

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everybody in the parish. We are looking to appoint a Safeguarding Representative to guide us along the path of making sure that everybody is safe within our parish. No experience is required as training is provided by the archdiocese. If you might consider helping the parish by taking on this important role, please speak to Fr Dominic.

Calling men of all ages and states of life: book your place at 'Commissioned', the National Men's Pro-life Conference, on April 18th at Birmingham Christian College. Through compelling talks on fatherhood, marriage, post-abortion healing, spiritual warfare and sexual responsibility learn to live out your vocation with humility, courage and integrity. For more info including speakers or to book your place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or contact info@marchforlife.co.uk

Birmingham Centre of Catholic Marriage Care has released the 2026 schedule for in-person marriage preparation workshops and other services. Please refer to the flyer or contact birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org for more details.

Sincere thanks to those who have contributed so generously to the appeal for subsidising our young **Parishioners** who wish to take part in the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. If anyone is interested, please speak with Father Dominic. Cost by air, from £986 pp; 25th May to 30th May. 5 nights. Cost by coach, 4 nights from £716pp departing 24th May. Single room supplements apply.

BACH CHOIR- St Chad's Cathedral Saturday 14th March 7pm. See poster/leaflet in porch.

<p>7th March Saturday</p> <p>Ss Perpetua & Felicity</p>	<p>Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Rita Titchmarsh-Intention</p> <p>Sarah Dennison-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>8th March</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</p>	<p>Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am All People of the Parish Alfie Ryan-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Ellen Shinton-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>9th March Monday</p> <p>Lent feria</p> <p>St Frances of Rome</p>	<p>2 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Marie Griffin-RIP</p> <p>Beatrice McCaffrey-RIP</p>	
<p>10th March Tuesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Daniel 3:25,34-43 Matthew 18:21-35</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 9.45am Deceased Members of Cettler Family Maura Sheein-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p> <p>Lenten Reflections-6.30pm</p>
<p>11th March Wednesday Lent Feria</p> 	<p>Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 Matthew 5:17-19</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Gregory-Intention Anne White & Ernest Titchmarsh-RIP</p> <p>6.30pm Confirmands & their Families</p>	<p>Confession 11.15am-11.45am No 'Lectio Divina' - this week. Stations of the Cross. 11.30am</p>
<p>12th March Thursday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Paul Malone-RIP Eddie Walsh-RIP</p>	<p>No Prayer meeting this week.</p>
<p>13th March Friday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Hosea 14:1-9 Mark 12:28-34</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 6.30pm Maureen Cody-RIP Andrew Parkinson-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour and Exposition 5.00pm-5.45pm followed by Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>14th March Saturday</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Deceased members of Egan, Webster & McNiff Families Hugh McGill-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>15th March Sunday</p> <p>Fourth Sunday of Lent</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am All People of the Parish Father Paul Johnson-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Michael Kennedy-RIP Simon Jones-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

PRAYER FOR CHILDREN BEING CONFIRMED

*Creator Spirit, strengthen these children
with your gifts of grace, to love and serve
as a disciple of Christ.*

*Grant that they may grow into the fullness
of the stature of Christ.*

*Fill them with the joy of your presence.
Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit:
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of love, patience and gentleness
the spirit of wonder and true holiness. Amen.*



Please pray for: Laurence Marie Knight, Paulina Samathar, Patricia Butler, Frances Mazone, Clare Elizabeth Klein, Stephen Jenkins, Chris Johnson, Kate Nelson, Mary Munko, Mary Louisa Law, (Requiem 19th March 11.30am; Reception 18th March 6pm), Francis (Frank) Valentine Byrne Monday 23rd March, 11.45am Redditch Crematorium and Roni (Veronica) Pickering (Requiem 24th March: 12pm. Reception Monday 23rd March 6pm)), Margaret Stanley, Margaret Brigid McCabe, (Requiem Our Lady of Lourdes, Thursday 9th April, 1pm) Delia Martina Quinn, who died recently.

Also, James Bernard Hope, Anna Bernadette O'Driscoll, Margaret Marion Berry, Thomas Masterson, Pamela Marie Quinlan Francis, Alice Butler, Baby Edward Hemming, Raymond Gamble, Anthony Dean, Kathleen Mary Lyddiatt, Helen Doyle, Louis O'Rourke, Petronilla Netsai Ndlovu, Megan Jean Zarebski, Walter Ashley, Ronald Morgan, Joan Olive Western, Mary McCormack, Iris May Toolan, Jean Shakespeare and all with anniversaries is 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 sq.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.

Two voluntary roles; Trustee & Chair of Safeguarding Sub-Committee & Lead Trustee for the Property sub-Committee. See Diocesan website for details

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

Men's Rosary in the City – 2026 Saturday 21st of March 12.00 - Chamberlain Square by the fountain We are called to be a shining light in the darkness and to be a witness to all nations. Join a growing movement of men who peacefully go into the heart of Birmingham and kneel down in front of a statue of Our Lady to pray for our city, nation, and for men to live out their God given vocation as protector, defender and servant. **For more information contact Ben – 07885505116**