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

Third Sunday in Lent 12th March 2023

**Dear Parishioners**, '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.)

**Father Dominic writes:** 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I hope that you are finding the reflections on the back of the newsletter very helpful. Today's reflection fits in beautifully with the Sunday Gospel.

**Please pray** for Onyx Jake Davis-Moscatiello who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday.

**The Spring Fayre** has been a marvellous success combining a delightful atmosphere with raising a very handsome sum of just over £5,000 for the earthquake victims in Syria and Turkey. Our sincere thanks to each and everyone of you who gave of your time and energy so generously. Thank you for the gifts you brought, for the donations you made and for your prayerful commitment to the needs of the most vulnerable.

**Please pray** for our young parishioners who will make their First Confession this Tuesday afternoon and who have been prepared by Miss Libby Service.

**The parents of our** children preparing for their First Holy Communion are invited to attend a Meeting in the Parish Hall either on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March or Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. Please let Year 3's Teacher or Miss Libby Service or one of the Clergy know which Meeting you will be attending. **Please remember** in your prayers those who are receiving instruction in the Catholic Faith at the present moment and who will be baptised and received into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil or during the Easter Season.

**The Prayer and Life Workshops;** welcome to Mrs Angela Powers who will be speaking at the end of each Mass, on Prayer and Life Workshops. (More information about Workshops inside Newsletter.)

**As we work** more closely with our neighbouring parishes we will try to join together for Services and special occasions. To this end, the Lent Penance Service will take place at St George and St Teresa's Dorridge, on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm. All are welcome.

**The Service of the Anointing** of the Sick will take place here at St Augustine's on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 3pm. All are welcome.

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11th March Saturday	Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2,5-8 John 4:5-42 Public Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Lali Ratnaraja-Intention Pauline Moody- Intention	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm
12th March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  <i>Dementia Prayer Week</i>	Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2,5-8 John 4:5-42 Public and Live streamed Masses 9.00am Michael Joseph Doolan-RIP & Michael Patrick Doolan-RIP All People of the Parish  11.00am Eddie Deery-RIP Joseph McClean-Intention	
13th March Monday Lent Feria	2 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Susan Collis-Intention	
14th March Tuesday  Lent Feria	Daniel 3:25,34-43 Matthew 18:21-35 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Jeanette & Robert Walton  Special Intention	
15th March Wednesday	Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 Matthew 5:17-19 Public & Live streamed Masses 11.30am Katherine Mihalop-RIP	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>
16th March Thursday Lent Feria	Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Ellen Shinton-RIP Special Intention (M.F.)	
17th March Friday FEAST St Patrick Patron of Ireland	Jeremiah 1:4-9 Luke 10:1-12,17-20 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Jim Moyes  6.30pm Michael McGovern-RIP	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.00pm Stations of the Cross 6pm-6.15pm
18th March Saturday St Cyril of Jerusalem	1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 Public Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Lena Gallagher-Intention Kathleen Brown-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm
Fourth Sunday of Lent  19th March	1 Samuel 16:1,6-7,10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41 Public and Live streamed Masses  9.00am Vera Brennan-RIP All People of the Parish  11.00am Irene Nicholson-Birthday Ian Thornley-RIP	

**There will not be a Bible Study Meeting** this Wednesday at 4.30pm. However, Deacon Kevin will meet with those who normally attend the Meetings and who wish to become Altar Servers.

**This weekend there** will be a Second Collection for the maintenance of St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, the Mother Church of our Archdiocese. **On the weekend** of 25<sup>th</sup>/26<sup>th</sup> March there will be an appeal by Survive-Miva. Survive-Miva is a Catholic lay Association providing funding for essential transport for health outreach work in isolated rural areas, and for the church's pastoral care in places of difficult access.

**Do you want to learn to pray and live the gospel?** We are running the Prayer & Life Workshop at St Augustine's Parish Hall, starting Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup> 2023, from 10am-12pm for 15 consecutive weeks. It begins with a taster session so you're welcome to come to look and see. The workshop is a service to the church led by lay people devised by Fr Ignacio Larranaga, a Spanish Capuchin priest. The aim is to give a methodical approach to prayer, a new openness to scripture and a practical approach to living the Christian life. Further information is also available on the Prayer & Life workshop website. [www.Prayerandlifeworkshopsuk.org](http://www.Prayerandlifeworkshopsuk.org)

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**-application forms may be found on the Diocesan website or requested from the Presbytery.

**RAFFLE PRIZES: PLEASE BRING TICKETS TO THE PREBYTERY TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE**

**6;11;26;46;91;96;111;231;311;386;396;526;551;616;621;711;766;776.**

**HEAD TEACHER VACANCY- Our Lady of the Wayside School** -from September 2023. Closing date 10am 27<sup>th</sup> March. Information/application pack: [www.olaas.co.uk](http://www.olaas.co.uk) Any questions Peter Davis 07738013672

**"Being Human in Inhuman Institutions" Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm via Zoom.** We are very pleased to welcome Dr Amy Daughton, Associate Professor in Practical Theology at the University of Birmingham to give us this intriguingly titled talk. She will look at Pope Francis' encyclical, Fratelli Tutti and help us understand better the background to Pope Francis' call for a synodal Church. Amy was previously Director of Studies at the Margaret Beaufort Institute in Cambridge. This will be a Zoom meeting and the Zoom link will be sent out nearer the time. To register please email: [actabhm@gmail.com](mailto:actabhm@gmail.com)

Offertory Collection for 5<sup>th</sup> March Gift Aid:£226:50 Loose £1140:73 Total £1,367:23 Second Collection last week; CAFOD Family Fast Day Collection.£1,620:39 Second Collection this week: Cathedral Maintenance

**READERS**

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm T.Duffy	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 9.am	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 11am
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm T.Cund	M.Coburn	A.Keating
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Mar 12.30pm M.Green		
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 9.00am Finbar,Joe & Cormac	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 11am
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 11am M.Keating	M.Hallissey	H.Brookes
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 9.00am M.Coburn	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 11am
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 11am C.Hodrien	T.Nettikkadan	B.Ngala
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 9.00am M.Pearsall	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 9am	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April 11am
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 11am M.Watts	J.Powers	A.Kelly

**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	John Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien	Don Deneny
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White
Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Gillian Jones	Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Eileen Keaton
Christopher Edmund Poole		for protection and peace in the Mbag Family	Eve		Roger Cox
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Mike Sassano
Rosemary Knowles					

### **‘Seven Last Words of Jesus’ Reflection 3 ‘I AM THIRSTY’**

‘I am thirsty,’ Jesus’ cry from the cross came from a physical thirst, yes. He was parched from the loss of blood, from sweating, from the pain. He longed to drink, and was offered only a thoughtless gesture, a sponge soaked in vinegar. A bitter gift for the One who had come ‘to reveal God’s great love for us.’

The greater pain though was the betrayal. The betrayal of Judas, of his friends, those who had supported Him. Those too who had only ‘a few days ago hailed him with palms and song.’ Those to whom He had given so much. ‘He had loved them and He still did.’ Jesus ‘thirsts’ now, for you, for me. His cry ‘I am thirsty’ ‘was the most personal and intimate of His ‘Last Words’ to us.’ ‘His human heart pined for all of us, and still does.’

So how can we respond? How can we quench the deep thirst of Jesus? He calls us ‘to Come closer, linger on in prayer and listen.’ To hear Him tell us how much He ‘thirsts’ for us.’ He wants us to ‘follow Him in our thoughts and prayers, then we too will begin to long for Him, to yearn, to pine, to thirst.’ St. Mother Teresa spent her life quenching the thirst of Christ by serving the poor. For her, Jesus’ thirst was a personal statement to each one of us, calling from us a response of love and service. Our very presence here in Church shows our desire to love Jesus, to respond to Him. But maybe we too betray His love sometimes? Maybe we put other things before Him when we don’t need to?

#### **Prayer**

Dear Jesus, help me to put You first in my life. Increase my desire for You.

Grant me the grace to quench Your aching thirst,

To love as You love, to serve as You serve. Amen.

**That word ‘I am Thirsty’ is of all the last words which He spoke on the cross the most personal and the most intimate. It is the revelation of God’s great love, at once warm and strong, for us, and for those of us also who have rejected Him or despised Him.’**

**This reflection is with reference to, and with quotations from ‘Seven Last Words,’ by Cardinal Basil Hume.**

Please pray for: Patrick Joseph Ryan (Requiem Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9.45am; Reception, Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March 5pm) and Margaret Gillott and Mrs Joan Fitzpatrick who died recently.

Also, 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, Ellen Ennis, Stephen Gerald Bakewell, Joseph Miller, Winifred Black, Alma O’Dwyer, Michael John McGovern, Timothy Warren, Paul Willett, Kathleen Helena Brown, and all with anniversaries at this time.

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#### **Dementia Care Week March 12<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>** **The Father’s Love**

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. John:15 v 9  
Lord, thank you for your presence this moment,  
holding us in your love. Help us to share your love with those who live  
among us with dementia, that we may see your beauty in them. Amen  
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