

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 14th September 2025

Dear Parishioners 'God gave his only Son. The cross is the sign of salvation because when he was lifted up on the tree of a cross Jesus drew everyone to himself. He humbled himself even to the death of a criminal on a cross to show his love for his Father and for each one of us. Now we acclaim Jesus as Lord to the glory of the Father. (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish you all a very blessed Feast on this, the Exaltation or Triumph of the Holy Cross. In the sign of the Cross, may we celebrate the triumph of life over death and of love over hatred.

Please pray for Tobechukwu Ogbonna, who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday. 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.

We were informed by Sister Ruth, MMM, that Sister Maura Magner, died peacefully on Our Lady's birthday, September 8th, at the Mother House of the Medical Missionaries of Mary, in Drogheda, Co Louth. Sister Maura had been a very big part of our Parish community for several years, serving and caring for others. May she rest in peace.

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.

St Augustine's Community Café will recommence on Monday 15th September 11.30am-1.30pm. in the Parish Hall. A hot meal will be served for those who wish to partake. All are welcome.

There is a Pastoral Letter from the Archbishop this weekend on Education and our Catholic Schools, with a request for more people to apply to be Governors in our Schools.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation preparation for children who do not attend a Catholic School will begin later this term. For those youngsters who wish to be prepared for these Sacraments, please would their parents contact the presbytery. Also, are there any adults who would like to learn more **about the Catholic Faith**, with or without a view to becoming Catholic? If so, please contact the Presbytery. **Please note, Holy Hour on Friday next, will begin at 4.45pm with Mass at 5.45pm.**

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid £191:42 loose £946:70 Total: £1,138:12 Second Collection this weekend: Catholic Education Service . Second Collection next weekend: Catholic Evangelisation

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

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

READERS		
13 th Sept 12.30pm	Bernard	Saturday 13 th September 12.30pm R Wong/R Wong
20 th Sept 12.30pm	T Duffy	
Sunday 14 th Sept 9am	M Pearsall	Saturday 20 th September 12.30pm A Kelly/ J Wong
Sunday 14 th Sept 11am	Cecilia	
Sunday 21 st Sept 9am	Uchechi	
Sunday 21 st Sept 11am		
T Washbrooke		
		EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
		Sunday 14 th September 9am
		M Coburn/ G Sica
		Sunday 14 th September 11am E Duffy
		Sunday 21 st September 9am
		M Hallissey/ J Sica
		Sunday 21 st September 11am J Hickey

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.

'Bereavement Group - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am 2025: Wed 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

Vocations Mass 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.

Our sincere thanks to Mr Mark Bradley for his Presentation on the Shroud of Turin; for his time and enthusiasm in communicating the richness of this holy relic.

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.

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 Tea/Coffee available after Mass
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
15th September Monday Our Lady of Sorrows	1 Timothy 2:1-8 John 19:25-27 OR Luke 2:33-35 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Tony McLoughlin-RIP	Saint Augustine’s Community Café 11.30am-1.30pm-Parish Hall
16th September Tuesday Ss Cornelius & Cyprian	1 Timothy 3:1-13 Luke 7:11-17 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Margaret Conway-RIP	Toddlers’ Group 9.30am-11.30am
17th September Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Robert Bellarmine/ St Hildegard of Bingen	1 Timothy 3:14-16 Luke 7:31-35 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm George Harris-RIP	Confession 11.30am Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk
18th September Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time	1 Timothy 4:12-16 Luke 7:36-50 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Anne Mulroy-RIP	
19th September Friday Feria in Ordinary Time St Theodore of Canterbury/ St Januarius	1 Timothy 6:2-12 Luke 8:1-3 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Stanley William Rumbold-RIP 5.45pm Mary Fahy-RIP	Holy Hour & Exposition 4.45pm- 5.45pm Followed by Mass 5.45pm
20th September Saturday St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-3 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Thanksgiving-Magdelene Jenkinson Noronha Reina D-Souza-Thanksgiving	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
21st September 25 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 16:1-3 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Thomas Desmond Collins-RIP	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses

THE FEAST OF THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS: SEPTEMBER 14th

O God, who willed that Your Only Begotten Son
should undergo the Cross to save the human race,
grant, we pray,
that we, who have known his mystery on earth,
may merit the grace of his redemption in heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

The cross on which Jesus, the Son of Man, was lifted up has become the symbol of his victory over the power of evil. He made the instrument of humiliation, torture and death the instrument of our redemption. Let us pray that the death of Christ on the cross will bring us to the glory of the resurrection.

God our Father, obedience to you
your only Son accepted death on the cross
for the salvation of mankind.
We acknowledge the mystery of the cross on earth.
May we receive the gift of redemption in heaven.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Please pray for: Baby Martin Joseph Smith, Denis Linehan, Father Paul Johnson, Paul Malone, Dymphna McKiernan, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Gilbert Anderson, Mavis Reynolds, Bernadette Harris (Requiem 23rd September 11.15am), Delia Finnegan, Father Tony Rohan, Andrew Lockington

Also Rose Mary Walsh, John Foley, Thomas Joseph Smith, Canon Robert Nicholson, Patrick Hadland, Amanda Denton-Hawkes, Rose Tirey, Ellen Blakemore, Kathleen Mary Whitehouse, Christopher Hinckley, Charles Mobsby, Liam Jones, John Morgan, Margaret Veronica Jones, Noreen Mary Cecilia Porter, Josephine Mary Rumbold 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.