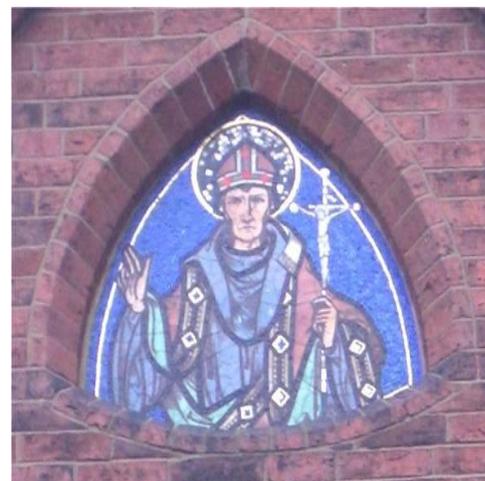


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Fr Dominic Kavanagh

Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare (Rejoice) Year A 15th March 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'Christ our Shepherd and King. Christ is descended from the line of David, a shepherd, who was anointed King by Samuel. Christ is our King who guides us with the tender service of a shepherd. With him by our side we shall want for nothing even though we walk in the valley of darkness.'
(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners: Deacon Kevin and I join with you in greeting all our Mothers, on this Mothering Sunday. This Sunday, mid-Lent Sunday, is also known as Laetare Sunday, a special moment of joy in our Lenten journey, as we continue to discover the riches of Christ's love.

Please pray for Elsie Naughton who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this weekend. Your prayers are also asked for Yvonne Harris who is to be baptised and received into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil.

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.

We wish to confirm the arrangements for Father Joseph's Funeral. Father will be Received into Church on Tuesday 24th March at 7pm; and Mass will follow his Reception. His Requiem will take place on Wednesday 25th March at 12.00 midday. Bishop David Evans will be the leading celebrant for the Requiem. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park in Herbert Road for both of these funeral liturgies. We would appreciate if you were willing to provide some food for the refreshments after the Requiem Mass on Wednesday. There is a list on the top of the piety stall in the main porch. Please sign the list indicating what food items you will bring.

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, on Saturday mornings. 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 19th March from 7.30pm-9.15pm. Free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park has been requested. **The Lenten Penance Service** will take place on Monday 30th March at 7pm, at Olton Friary Church. Please note that there will not be 'Lectio Divina' this week on Wednesday; but there be a Prayer Meeting on Thursday. **We offer our** prayerful congratulations to all our young Parishioners who were confirmed by Bishop David on Wednesday. It was a beautiful celebration and we are so grateful to all who have contributed to this important moment in our youngsters' journey of Faith. **St Augustine's Community Cafe** takes place this Monday, March 16th, between 11.30am-1.30pm. You are welcome to attend. A hot meal will be served for those who wish to partake. **The S.V.P. Society** have organised a social gathering and tasty meal this Thursday, March 19th, between 12.00-2pm. All are welcome.

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: £266 loose £1,52 Total: £1,318 A special thanks to those who Gift aided their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £66.50 For envelope donations. Standing Orders for the month of January: £1,767-allowing us to claim: £441:75 in Gift Aid. Last weekend Second Collection: Cathedral maintenance.£835:29

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 14 th Mar 12.30pm T Cund	Saturday 14 th March 12.30pm	Sunday 15 th March 9am J Powers/ M Coburn
Sat 21 st Mar 12.30pm Bernard	A Kelly/J Wong	
Sunday 15 th March 9am T Choi	Saturday 21 st March 12.30pm	Sunday 15 th March 11am A Kelly
Sunday 15 th March 11am M Watts	R Wong/ Ginny	
Sunday 22 nd March 9am C Ramsey		Sunday 22 nd March 9am J & G Sica
Sunday 23 rd March 11am E Young		Sunday 22 nd March 11am B Ngala

'Bereavement Group - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am **2026:** Wed 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; 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

Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino June 8th-14th 2026

From Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details: gileag@gmail.com www.eddiegilmore.org

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.

Thank you for your generous response to the diocesan fundraising appeal, given by Deacon Kevin, over the last two weekends. It is much appreciated.

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

<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</p> <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</p> <p>Laetare Sunday</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>
<p>16th March Monday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Isaiah 65:17-21 John 4:43-54</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Maureen Elizabeth Collins-RIP</p> <p>Pat & Mamie Owens-RIP</p>	<p>St Augustine's Community Café 11.30am-1.30pm</p>
<p>17th March Tuesday</p> <p>FEAST St Patrick</p> <p>Patron of Ireland</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Jeremiah 1:4-9 Luke 10:1-12,17-20</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Michael McGovern-RIP</p> <p>Michael Donnelly-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p> <p>Lenten Reflections-6.30pm</p>
<p>18th March Wednesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St Cyril of Jerusalem</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>Isaiah 49:8-15 John 5:17-30</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Lydia Jablonska- Intention Larry Perkins- Intentions</p>	<p>Confession 11.15am-11.45am No 'Lectio Divina' - this week. Stations of the Cross. 11.30am</p>
<p>19th March Thursday</p> <p>SOLEMNITY OF ST JOSEPH SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</p> <p>Dementia Prayer Week</p>	<p>2 Samuel 7:4-5,12-14,16 Roman 4:13,16-18 ,22 Matthew 1:16,18-21,24 OR Luke 2:41-51</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Requiem Mary Louisa Law</p>	<p>Prayer meeting 7pm-8pm. Presbytery</p>
<p>20th March Friday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Wisdom 2:1,1222 John 7:1-2,10,25-30</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 6.30pm Owens & Deery Families-RIP Josie Cartmill-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour and Exposition 5.00pm- 5.45pm followed by Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>21st March Saturday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Richard Mulvay-Health & Peace James Holmes-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>22nd March Sunday</p> <p>Fifth Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Kathleen & Ann Marie-Intention All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Kath Brown-RIP Rebecca Randall-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

Mother's Day March 15th

**Loving God,
we thank you for the love of the mothers you have given us,
whose love is so precious that it can never be measured,
whose patience seems to have no end.
May we see your loving hand behind them and guiding them.
We pray for those mothers who fear they will run out of love
or time, or patience.
We ask you to bless them with your own special love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother.
Amen.**

Celebrating Mothering Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Lent

Mothering Sunday, observed on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, holds a special place in the hearts of many Christians, particularly in the United Kingdom and other parts of the world. This observance has historical roots in the practice of visiting one's "mother church" or the church where one was baptized. Over time, it has evolved into a day to honour mothers and maternal figures, often accompanied by the giving of flowers and small gifts. The tradition of Mothering Sunday provides an opportunity for individuals to express their love and gratitude towards their mothers and motherly figures. It serves as a day of appreciation for the nurturing and selfless love that mothers provide, acknowledging their significant role in the lives of their children and families. This observance allows for the celebration of the maternal bond and the expression of heartfelt sentiments towards mothers, grandmothers, and other maternal figures who have made a positive impact in the lives of others.

Please pray for: Laurence Marie Knight, Paulina Samathar, Patricia Butler, Frances Mazzone, 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, Cornelius Callanan (Funeral Wednesday 8th April 12.00pm) Margaret Brigid McCabe, (Requiem Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford, Thursday 9th April, 1pm) Delia Martina Quinn, who died recently.

Also, Ellen Ennis, Stephen Gerald Bakewell, Joseph Miller, Winifred Black, Alma O'Dwyer, Michael John McGovern, Timothy Warren, Paul Willett, Kathleen Helena Brown, Ellen Shinton, Alexander Anthony Clark, Mary Ellen Drew, Alice Crow, Margaret Baker, Frank Edward Davenport, Gerard Jerome McBrien, Scott Maclean, 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 sg.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

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