

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 17th August 2025

Dear Parishioners 'Do not lose sight of Jesus. The path to heaven is like a race and we must keep our eyes on Jesus our leader. The saints too are praying for us so that we will win. With so many cheering us on to the finish how can we lose? We must never give up even when the going is hardest. We are bound to suffer for our faith just as Jeremiah the prophet did, but the Lord will deliver us.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I give thanks to Our Lord for His abundant blessings and pray that each of you may feel His presence and His love and friendship.

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.

I will be on holiday from this Wednesday, August 20th, until September 2nd. For emergency sick calls please contact Olton Friary – 0121 706 0808 or Our Lady of the Wayside 0121 744 1967.

You are warmly invited to a Talk and Power Point Presentation on the Shroud of Turin, by Mr Mark Bradley. It will take place on Thursday 11th September at 7pm. In the Parish Hall. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park in Herbert Road.

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.

St Peter's Secondary School- On Thursday 21st August GCSE Results will be available for collection from 8.30am in the Sport Hall. In previous years a small group of Parishioners have been present to offer prayerful support to the students as they receive their results. Would any of you wish to do so this year, if so, please let Father Dominic know. **Our prayerful congratulations** to our young parishioners who have received their A-Level results. We wish them every blessing as they plan their future; may it be filled with the hope and joy of Jesus' abiding friendship.

The month of September is designated for our deanery as a month to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious life. In response to this, we are holding a Mass at Olton Friary on Friday 19th September at 7pm, along with members of the Carlo Acutis Youth Group. All are welcome to this Mass.

Father Paul Johnson's funeral will take place on Wednesday 3rd September 12.00 midday; Reception and Mass on Tuesday 2nd September 7pm. Both Services at St Ambrose Barlow Church, Hall Green.

Please note we have a Requiem on Tuesday 19th August for Robin Easterby at 12.15pm. This will replace the normal 10am Mass.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid £151:96 Loose £953:59 Total: £1,105:55

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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| Roberto Cordora | Kevin Fahy | Sandy Simia | Adam Cole | Anne Deary | Lali Ratnaraja |
| Trevor Windle | Daniel Meadows | Kevin McDaid | Jonathan Williams | Michael | Juliana Benjamin |
| 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 | |
| Father Michael White | Eve | Benjamin Wort | Callum Graham | Michael Leyland | Wilson Cotton |
| Bridget McNamara | Ellen Gilmore | Ian Sanchez | Father Andrew McCann | | Chris Docker |

Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell

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| READERS | 16 th August 12.30pm | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS |
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| 16 th August 12.30pm T Cund | Ginny/A.Kelly | Sunday 17 th August 9am |
| 23 rd August 12.30pm Bernard | | M Hallissey/ G Sica |
| Sunday 17 th August 9am T Choi | 23 rd August 12.30pm | Sunday 17 th August 11am E Duffy |
| Sunday 17 th August 11am H Cettler | J Wong/A Kelly | |
| Sunday 24 th August 9am MC Barbour | | Sunday 24 th August 9am |
| Sunday 24 th August 11am R Noronha | | M Coburn/ J Sica |
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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.

Within the South Solihull Parishes, we are planning a Pilgrimage to Rome for the close of the Jubilee Year. Would you be interested in taking part, from January 4th to January 8th 2026? The cost is £850 for sharing a room and £975 for single supplement. Father Dominic is hoping to form part of the pilgrimage. Further details from Bernadette, our Parish Secretary. The closing date for booking is 17th August.

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.

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

Would any of our young Parishioners, aged 16+ wish to train as a youth leader? If so, please speak with one of the Clergy.

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| 16th August Saturday St Stephen of Hungary | Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Michael Costello-RIP Donna & Edgar Dizon-Intentions | Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass |
| 17th August TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME | Jeremiah 38:4-6,8-10 Hebrews 12:1-4 Luke 12:49-53 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Christine Fields-90 th Birthday Constatine Matheou-RIP 11.00am Tom Bowler-RIP All People of the Parish | Tea/Coffee available after both Masses |
| 18th August Monday Feria in Ordinary Time <i>Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi begins</i> | Judges 2:11-19 Matthew 19:16-22 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Anne Seymour-RIP | |
| 19th August Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time St John Eudes | Judges 6:11-24 Matthew 19:23-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.15pm Requiem Robin Easterby Franc Kelly-Birthday | Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am |
| 20th August Wednesday St Bernard | Judges 9:6-15 Matthew 20:1-16 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Celsa Almeida-RIP Thanksgiving Robert & Jacinta | Confession 11.30am Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk |
| 21st August Thursday St Pius X | Judges 11:29-39 Matthew 22:1-14 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Peter Noonan-Intention | |
| 22nd August Friday Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Ruth 1:1,3-6,14-16,22 Matthew 22:34-40 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Savio Baretto-Intention 6.30pm Georgina Wheeler-RIP | Holy Hour & Exposition 5.15pm- 6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm |
| 23rd August Saturday St John Wall | Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13 Luke 13:22-30 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Thomas, Catherine, Frances Ann Kelly-RIP & Kelly & O'Regan Families-RIP | Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm |
| 24th August Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | Isaiah 66:18-21 Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13 Luke 13:22-30 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Steve Clay-RIP 11.00am Phelim Keogan-RIP | Tea/Coffee available after both Masses |

Novena Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi

(Novena begins on Monday 18th August and concludes on Blessed Dominic's Feast Day 26th August)

*O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic
to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal
and made him a powerful minister of your mercy,
listen to our humble request.*

*We pray that you will in your goodness,
grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic,
so that the Church may further honour him on earth
and that many more people will come to know
and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.*

We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for Us.

Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for Us.

Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for Us.

Please pray for: Father Paul Johnson (St Ambrose Barlow Church), Paul Malone , Dymphna McKiernan, Robin Easterby (Requiem 19th August 12.15pm: Reception Monday 18th August 5pm) ,John Pears (Woodlands Cemetery, Friday 22nd August 2pm), Gilbert Anderson (Robin Hood Friday 5th September 1.00pm) Mavis Reynolds (Requiem Friday 12th September 11.30am) Hilary Mayell, Father John Baggley, Deacon Tony Rigby, Deacon Brian Cox, Delia Finnegan, Father Tony Rohan , Andrew Lockington, Josie Cartmill (nee Clarke) - Wife of Oliver Cartmill, mother to Ann, Martin and Karen. Reception into St Ambrose Barlow Church Wednesday 27th August at 7pm Requiem Mass Thursday 28th August at 11am, all of whom died recently. Also, Ann McVeigh, Freda Bragg, William (Bill) Whitehouse, Gerald Anthony Cole, Mary Elizabeth Lee, Paddy Mullackey, Lillian Dowson, Martha Agnes Sheridan, James Hart, Maurice Hanlon, 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.

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