

# SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH .

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**Fr Dominic Kavanagh**

**Deacon Kevin O'Connor (Retired)**

Seventh Sunday of Easter Year A 17th May 2026

**Father Dominic writes:** 'Christ our model of prayer and suffering. Prayer is the birthright of every Christian. It is as natural to us as the air we breathe. The early Christians were people of deep prayer and suffered for their faith. Prayer and suffering are two sides of the same coin by which Christ gives glory to God in me.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Dear Parishioners:** 'We offer our prayerful congratulations to our young Parishioners making their First Holy Communion this Saturday (9.30am Mass) and Sunday, during the 11am Mass. Our thanks to our Teachers and Catechists who have prepared them, and to our parents and families for their support and formation of our young Parishioners in the Faith.

**Please pray for** Mark Andrew Powell who is to be confirmed and Received into Full Communion on Pentecost Sunday during the 9am Mass.

**Saint Augustine's** Community Café takes place this Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> May, from 11.30-1.30pm. All are welcome. A hot meal will be served for those who wish to partake.

**Thank you once** again for your recent generous response to the diocesan fund raising for our Parish.

**Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May to Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May. A group of Parishioners will be travelling on this annual pilgrimage. Would you like to have any prayer petitions taken to the Grotto at Lourdes? If so, please hand them in to the Sacristy. Please do not place any money in the envelopes. Spread the Good news... On Instagram. The Steering Committee of the South Solihull parishes are wishing to form an Instagram page, where we can share news and events. Please follow "southsolihullrchurches" for shared news, information and events from the four parishes in our cluster" Or copy this... [https://www.instagram.com/southsolihullrchurches?igsh=cG5reW8za3YwNGsy&utm\\_source=qr](https://www.instagram.com/southsolihullrchurches?igsh=cG5reW8za3YwNGsy&utm_source=qr) (N.B. You need an Instagram account for the link to work).

**Annual Ladies Afternoon Tea** You are invited to this event in the Parish Hall 16<sup>th</sup> May 3-4:30. Please bring some food to share. **For News and events** around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

**Would you like to become a regular READER at MASS?** If you would like to join the readers rota for Saturday or Sunday Masses, please contact [mtcoburn@virginmedia.com](mailto:mtcoburn@virginmedia.com) as soon as possible, stating your name and the Mass you regularly attend. A new rota begins in June and new readers would be welcome to join the team. **ALTAR FLOWERS** Are you interested in becoming a flower arranger to join a group of volunteers in the parish? Each week a different volunteer provides and arranges the flowers decorating the main altar. Each arranger's "turn" comes approximately three times per year. If you would like to know more details of this role or if you would like to join a rota of flower arrangers, please contact Madeleine at [mtcoburn@virginmedia.com](mailto:mtcoburn@virginmedia.com)

**On Wednesday** 20<sup>th</sup> May, there is a lunchtime meeting at the United reformed Church on the Warwick Road, from 12.00-1.30pm. You are welcome to attend and to bring some food. Drinks will be provided.

**An appeal for** volunteers to help in the Presbytery garden on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May from 2.30pm. Please let Fr Dominic know if you are able to help.

**Lectio Divina** by zoom, will continue this Wednesday from 7.30pm-8.15pm. All are welcome.

**Gift Aid:** £430:60 (A special thanks to those who Gift Aid their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £107:65) Loose £ 1,028:81 Total: £1,159:41 Standing Orders for the month of March- £1,847: Tax claimed £461:75 Last weekend's Second Collection: Poor Parish of the Diocese. £566:91

**Christian Aid Week** takes place from 9th to 16th May. A Church collection will take place on the weekend of 31st May for Christian Aid.


**Pray in May** for the work of Mary's Meals: We ask your prayers, for blessings on our work of feeding over 3 million hungry children a day in school, in 16 countries, for as little as £19.15 per school year.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Lali Ratnaraja    Angela Keating    Mary Cassidy    Rosemary Knowles    Philomena Kenny    Phillip O'Neill

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> May      12.30pm	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> May 12.30pm	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 9am
Sat 23 <sup>rd</sup> May      12.30pm T Cund	J Wong/R Wong	G Sica/J Sica
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 9am M Pearsall	Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 12.30pm	Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 11am B Ngala
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 11am M Watts	A Kelly/ Ginny	Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 9am
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 9am M Coburn		J Sica/J Powers
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 11am E Young		Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 11am Pam Davis

**Bereavement Group** - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am 2026: 10th June 8th July Supporting you in 'Bereavement'. **Meditation Group** - Upcoming dates" Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Parish Meeting Room. Mondays 1pm; 25<sup>th</sup> May; 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> June; 6<sup>th</sup> July

**8th Solihull (St. Augustine's) Rainbows**  meet at St. Augustine's Parish Hall every Wednesday between 5.30-6.30pm Our unit, run by 3 volunteer leaders, would welcome girls age between 4 and 7 (Reception-Year 2) to join us. We follow the Girlguiding Rainbows programme, where girls have the opportunity to earn lots of lovely badges whilst sharing giggles and building skills of tenacity, teamwork and creative thinking. To register your interest, please visit: <http://www.girlguiding.org.uk/>

**Our Lady of The Wayside Church** would like to invite all golfers in St Augustine's parish to play in our annual charity golf day at Fulford Heath Golf Club, Tanners Lane, Wythall, B47 6BH on the 21<sup>st</sup> May. The cost is £60 per head to include 18 holes of golf, tea, coffee, bacon rolls on arrival, afternoon buffet and prizes. Buggies can be hired at £35. Those interested please contact Ray Hunt at [rayhunt47@btinternet.com](mailto:rayhunt47@btinternet.com) or 07955 35942. Our chosen charities this year are, raising funds to take young adults to Lourdes, St Vincent de Paul Society and The Father O'Mahony Trust, so donations or sponsorship would be very much appreciated. We are offering businesses the opportunity to sponsor a hole for £100.

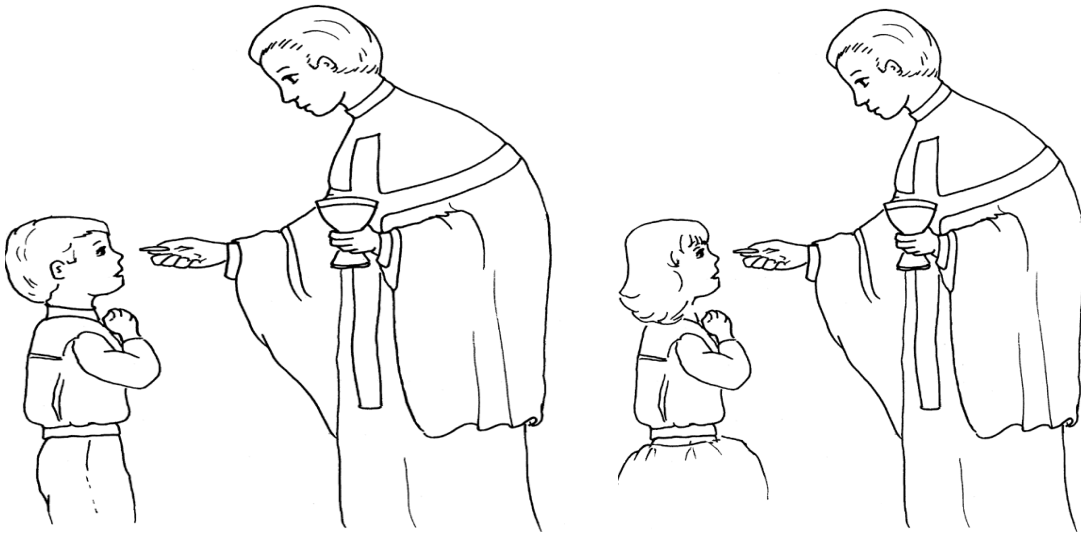
The Catholic **Medical Association** UK Annual Meeting for Healthcare Workers comes to St Chad's, Birmingham on Saturday 30th May 10-4.15.

Keynote speech from Archbishop John Sherrington. See their website for program/registration.

**Dates for your diary:** A Corpus Christi Procession will take place on the Feast of Corpus Christi, Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June at the end of the 11.00am Mass. We are hoping to have a picnic lunch in the presbytery garden. Please sign the form in the main porch. The Summer Fayre will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July

<p>16th May Saturday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</p> <p>9.30am First Holy Communion Children, Parents &amp; Teachers</p> <p>12.30pm Deceased members of Mullen &amp; McNamara Families</p> <p>Fr Austin Hughes-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>17th May</p> <p>SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>World Communications Day</p>	<p>Acts 1:12-14 1 Peter 4:13-16 John 17:1-11</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am Constancio Marcus Noronha-RIP</p> <p>All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Mary Ryan-RIP</p> <p>Maya Bastian-Birthday</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>18th May Monday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p> <p>St John 1</p>	<p>Acts 19:1-8 John 16:29-33</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>9.30am May Fagan-RIP</p> <p>Colette Ryan-RIP</p>	<p>St Augustine's Community Café</p> <p>11.30am-1.30pm</p>
<p>19th May Tuesday Easter Feria</p> <p>St Dunstan</p>	<p>Acts 20:17-27 John 17:1-11</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</p> <p>10.00am Phillip Walsh-RIP</p> <p>Bridie Smyth-Intention</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>20th May Wednesday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p> <p>St Bernardine of Siena</p>	<p>Acts 20:28-38 John 17:11-19</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.00pm Canon Chris Thomas-Intention</p> <p>Ann Connolly-RIP</p>	<p>Confessions 11.15-11.45am</p> <p>'Lectio Divina' - this week.</p> <p>Email for the link:</p> <p><a href="mailto:staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk">staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</a></p>
<p>21st May Thursday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p> <p>Ss Christopher Magallanes &amp; Companions</p>	<p>Acts 22:30;23:6-11 John 17:20-26</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.00pm Deacon Anthony Sullivan-Intention</p> <p>Ledda &amp; Vito Piccolo-Intentions</p>	<p>Prayer Meeting 7.00-8.00pm</p>
<p>22nd May Friday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p> <p>St Rita Cascia</p>	<p>Acts 25:13-21 John 21:15-19</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</p> <p>6.30pm Gerard Dornan-RIP</p> <p>Margaret Greta Byrne-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm- followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>23rd May Saturday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13</p> <p>John 20:19-23</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Annette &amp; Franc Kelly -Wedding Anniversary</p> <p>Peter Kavanagh-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Confession 11am-12.00pm</p> <p>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>24th May</p> <p>Solemnity of Pentecost</p> <p>Day of Prayer for the Church</p>	<p>Acts 2:1-11 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13</p> <p>John 20:19-23</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am All People of the Parish</p> <p>Amy Sutton</p> <p>11.00am Patrick &amp; Christine Flynn-RIP</p> <p>Robin Easterby-RIP</p>	<p>Tea /Coffee available after both Masses</p>

## FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Lord God, we commend our children to you. We place them in your care and protection, hoping that they will grow day by day in love for you. May they lead a good life and bring comfort to you who are their Creator. Consider, Lord the world, in which they will pass their lives, its corruption and false allure. Be on watch, dear Lord, to help and defend them. Lead them to the practice of virtue and the observance of your commandments. Make our lives holy also so that we may be an influential pattern for them. We ask of you, from the bottom of our hearts, your blessing on our children. We dedicate them to you, Lord; protect them as one protects the apple of his eye. Keep them in the shadow of your wings. Arrange it so that we and they may come together in heaven and praise you, most loving Father, for you have taken care of our whole family. Amen.

Please pray for: Professor Judith Champ, Paulina Samathar, Mary Munko, Mary Louisa Law, Francis (Frank) Valentine Byrne, and Roni (Veronica) Pickering, Bridget Mary Williams, Cornelius Callanan, Margaret Brigid McCabe, Michael Joseph O’Gorman, Della Martina Quinn, Margaret Stanley, Anthony Parsons, Nicholas Ian Barnett (Funeral Service Robin Hood Crematorium, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May; 9.30am), Anne Millward, Eileen Ponsonby, Susan Kelly and Aggie O’Reilly who died recently.

Also, Maureen Walters, Eddie Kubic, Mary Teresa Dalton, Leslie Docker, Johanna O’Connell, Roger Embley, Andrew Keating, Ray John Stanley, Pauline Harris, Gerard William Dornan, Arthur Claybrook, Catherine Phyllis Rea, Patrick Joseph Flynn, and all with anniversaries at this time.

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