

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

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th September 2023

Dear Parishioners 'Forgive from your heart. Christ is the perfect example of forgiveness. He died for us when we were still his enemies by sin and through his death we are brought to life. His life and death have an influence on all of us. Now we must forgive each other as Christ forgives us since we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I join you in prayer for the victims of the earthquake in Morocco and the flood victims in Libya. We pray for all who are suffering from these tragic events. May they know the prayerful support of all their brothers and sisters throughout the world.

This Sunday is known as Evangelii Gaudium Sunday- 'The Joy of the Gospel.' We are encouraged to deepen our prayer life and our love for God and to help someone else to pray during the forthcoming year. Beginning in Advent 2023, Pope Francis has asked to make 2024 a year of focus on Prayer, in preparation for the Jubilee Year of 2025.

Please pray for Caitlin Mary Rowley, Arabella Mary Ciesar and Penelope Leigh Harber who are to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday. **The next baptismal** preparation evening will take place on Thursday 21st September from 7.30-9.00pm in the Presbytery. Please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy if you would like to attend.

For those children and young people who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation and who do not attend a Catholic School, would their parents please notify us. Miss Libby Service prepares the First Holy Communion children and Deacon Kevin the Confirmation children. We look forward to hearing from you.

Our Lady of the Wayside have begun a Youth Group for Year 6 and upwards. The Meetings take place on a Friday evening between 6.30-8pm. All are welcome.

St Augustine's Community Drop in Café begins on Monday 18th September from 11.30-1.30pm in the Church Hall. Everyone is welcome for a cup of tea and a chat to shake off those 'Monday morning blues.'

We look forward to the start of a new Parents and Toddlers' group which **will now start on Tuesday 26th September between 9.30-11.30am.** All are welcome.

There will be a Meeting for Parents of St Augustine's Year 6 students on Tuesday 19th September at 6pm in St Augustine's School. The Meeting is to explain the time scale for the Sacrament of Confirmation and to discuss Manor Adventure. **Father Hudson's Care** have several vacancies for various positions within its Care Agency. Please see their website.

<p>16th September Saturday</p> <p>Ss Cornelius & Cyprian</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Joe & Philomena Gallagher-Intentions Dominic & Catrina Molloy & Family -Intentions</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>17th September</p> <p>Twenty -Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Evangelii Gaudium Sunday</p> <p>'Joy of the Gospel'</p>	<p>Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7 Romans 14:7-9 Matthew 18:21-35 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Rita Deehan-RIP Peter Tickell-Intentions</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>18th September Monday</p> <p>Feria In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>1 Timothy 2:1-8 Luke 7:1-10 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Frank McMahon-RIP Peter Riley-RIP</p>	<p>St Augustine's Community Drop in Café 11.30am-1.30pm</p>
<p>19th September Tuesday</p> <p>Feria In Ordinary Time</p> <p>Sts Theodore of Canterbury/ Januarius</p>	<p>1 Timothy 3:1-13 Luke 7:11-17 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Malcolm Langham-RIP Father Ignatius Marques-RIP</p>	
<p>20th September Wednesday</p> <p>St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Paul Chong Ha-sang & Companions</p>	<p>1 Timothy 3:14-16 Luke 7:31-35 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.30am Ken Bolton-RIP Teresa Manley-RIP</p>	<p>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: ehb73@yahoo.co.uk</p>
<p>21st September Thursday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>St Matthew</p>	<p>Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13 St Matthew 9:9-13 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Thomas Desmond Collins-RIP Anna Rose McGoldrick-RIP</p>	<p>Baptismal Preparation Evening 7.30pm-9.00pm-Presbytery</p>
<p>22nd September Friday</p> <p>Feria In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>1 Timothy 6:2-12 Luke 8:1-3 Public & Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Josef Lisowski-RIP 6.30pm Daniel Richards-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>23rd September Saturday</p> <p>St Pius of Pietrelcina</p>	<p>Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24,27 Matthew 20:1-16 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Philip & Silva Walton-Marriage Gail Brown-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>24th September Sunday</p> <p>Day of Prayer of Thanksgiving for the Harvest</p>	<p>Isaiah 55:6-9 Philippians 1:20-24,27 Matthew 20:1-16 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Shirley O'Neill-RIP Libby Service-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

We are organising a **Family Fun Day on Sunday 1st October**. Beginning after the 11.00am Mass and finishing at 400pm with a simple service in Church. You are welcome to participate and are invited to bring some food to share. There will be games and activities for the children. Please sign the list in the main porch if you wish to attend. Please indicate any food allergens.

Tuesday 19th September Harvest Coffee Morning and light lunches at Solihull URC. 10am-12.30pm in the John Palmer Hall, Union Road B91 3DH. Tea/coffee and cake available with bread and soup available for lunch. Raising funds for Christian Aid to enable others to have a better harvest in the coming year. (£8 profit from the morning will buy a pair of chickens; £15 will buy seeds and tools; £35 will buy a Nanny Goat; £60 will train farmer; £63 will provide a beehive; £330 will buy a vegetable Irrigation Kit.) Please come along and have some refreshments with friends and neighbours.

Visitor Sunday – St Mary’s College, Oscott. Sunday 8th October 2023. Our visit will include a tour of the museum, followed by afternoon tea (with homemade cakes!) After tea, we will have a guided tour of the main areas of the college and the magnificent Chapel. There will be an opportunity to meet the seminarians and hear something about their lives at the College. Our visit will conclude in the Chapel with Evening Prayer. Before departing, we will have an opportunity to purchase souvenirs. The cost is £10 per person. If you would like to reserve a place for this visit, please complete your details by **Thursday 21st September** on a sign-up sheet which is located at both entrances to the church.

For news and events around the Archdiocese please see the diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk Also there are job advertisements including a Director of Education.

THE CHOSEN-Showing of The Chosen season 3 which is very impactful, at St George and St Teresa’s church at 4 pm each Sunday afternoon in the conference room all are welcome and refreshments provided . It will be shown over 8 weeks.

Marriage Care – Volunteers Needed! Catholic Marriage Care are looking for volunteers to join the Birmingham Team. We are looking for Marriage Preparation Facilitators to present and facilitate courses for engaged couples and Chaperones to support with Counselling sessions on Thursdays daytime (between 11AM and 2PM) in St Joseph House which is part of Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church-Acocks Green. If you are interested, please contact Christina Francis at birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org. Find out more about how you could help support couples and families at: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk.

First Saturday devotion : St George and St Therese A devotion recommended by Our Lady of Fatima Confession 9:15 Rosary 9:30 Mass 10am See leaflet in porch for more details.

St Paul’s School for Girls-Open Evening Thursday 21st September 5-8pm

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£162 Loose :£695:73 Total: £857:73 2nd Collection last weekend: Catholic Education Service : £249:82 2nd Collection this week: Catholic Evangelisation. 2nd collection next weekend for Father Hudson’s Care. Gift Aid envelopes and journals are available in both porches.

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 16 th Sept 12.30pm ??	Sunday 17 th September 9am	Sunday 17 th September 11am
Saturday 23 rd Sept 12.30pm T Duffy	M Coburn	E Duffy
Sunday 17 th Sept 9am M Coburn	Sunday 24 th September 9am	Sunday 24 th September 11am
Sunday 17 th Sept 11am M Watts	M Hallissey	B Ngala
Sunday 24 th Sept 9am School Year 6	Sunday 1 st October 9am	Sunday 1 st October 11am
Sunday 24 th Sept 11am H Cettler	D Nettikkadan	A Kelly
	Sunday 8 th October 9am	Sunday 8 th October 11am
	T.Nettikkadan	E.Duffy

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Trevor Windle
Danny Meadows	Eileen Doyle	Sue Hodrien	Don Deneny	Patricia Mann	Paul Mann
Cornelius Callanan	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon
Eileen Nolan	Jennifer O’Donnell	James Brown	John McCarthy	Jim Reidy	Mary Johnson
Savio Baretto	Christopher Edmund Poole	Eve	Roger Cox	Mary Ryan	Liam Lewis
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Mike Sassano
Rosemary Knowles	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy	Angela Hyland	Mary & Amanda	Denis Bassett	Mary Miller
Alan Watts	Helen Brookes	Pat & Patricia Butler	Adrian Floyd		

The first apostolic letter of Pope Francis was called “The Joy of the Gospel” reminding us of all of the Churches primary mission, to evangelise in a modern world. We too are called to do the same, Jesus said “Just as the Father has sent me, so I am sending you, go therefore make disciples of all nations”.

Mary, Virgin and Mother, you who, moved by the Holy Spirit,
welcomed the word of life in the depths of your humble faith:
as you gave yourself completely to the Eternal One,
help us to say our own “yes” to the urgent call,
as pressing as ever, to proclaim the good news of Jesus.
Filled with Christ’s presence, you brought joy to John the Baptist,
making him exult in the womb of his mother.
Brimming over with joy, you sang of the great things done by God.
Standing at the foot of the cross with unyielding faith,
you received the joyful comfort of the resurrection,
and joined the disciples in awaiting the Spirit
so that the evangelizing Church might be born.
Obtain for us now a new ardour born of the resurrection,
that we may bring to all the Gospel of life
which triumphs over death. Give us a holy courage to seek new paths,
that the gift of unfading beauty may reach every man and woman.
Virgin of listening and contemplation, Mother of love,
pray for the Church,
whose pure icon you are, that she may never be closed in on herself
or lose her passion for establishing God’s kingdom.
Star of the new evangelization, help us to bear radiant witness to
communion, service, ardent and generous faith, justice
and love of the poor, that the joy of the Gospel may reach to the ends of the earth,
illuminating even the fringes of our world.
Mother of the living Gospel, wellspring of happiness for God’s little ones, pray for us. Amen.
Alleluia!

Pope Francis: Evangelii Gaudium, #288

Please pray for: Pat Bassett, John White, Pauline Hatton, Lisa Crump, Martha Mary Ward ,Shirley O’Neill, Pat Mullen, Angela Billingham, Jane McTernan, David Light who died recently.

Also, Archbishop George Dwyer, 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, Eileen Bowles, George Harris, Maura Cunningham, Elizabeth Emmeline Milnes, Wladyslaw Garnowski, Timothy Redmond, Phyllis Hanson, Joanne Lesley Field, George (Barry) Jukes and all with anniversaries at this time.

Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Anne Ryder 0121 705 3067 and Teresa Cund 0121 733 2143 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