

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

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th November 2023

Dear Parishioners, 'Work for the Lord! God gives talents to each one of us and they must be used in his name. We cannot relax our efforts but must continually do all in our power to work as children of the light. A good wife is a blessing in the family. We should all be a blessing in the family of God.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I welcome Father Martin Goba, a Spiritan (Holy Ghost Father) to the Parish this weekend. Father will be making an appeal on behalf of the Missions. We also welcome our Children's Sacramental Choir to the 9am Mass. Please pray for Samuel George Edwards who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday.

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 7th December from 7.30-9.00pm. If you wish to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

St Augustine's Community Café will take place this Monday 20th November between 11.30am-1.30pm. Any elderly person, anyone who lives alone and any person with the onset of Dementia, along with their family members and carers are very welcome.

The First Holy Communion Meetings for those not attending a Catholic School will take place on Monday afternoons at 4.30pm until 5.45pm. **For the Parents of St Augustine's** Year 3 children a Reconciliation Workshop will take place at School on Friday 24th November between 9am-10.30am. For **all** Parents of our First Holy Communion Children, two evenings have been arranged, on Tuesday 21st November and Tuesday 28th November between 7.30pm-9.15pm in the Parish Hall. Please choose one of these evenings to attend. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

Solihull Churches Action on Homelessness, SCAH, are asking for funds during the month of November. You can donate online by visiting www.scah.org.uk or in person to your church representative Mary Clark. Please see the notices in both porches.

I am taking part, with other Priests in a visit to Rome, from Thursday 16th November until Friday 24th November, as part of my Jubilee celebrations. I look forward to this and am grateful to Father Joseph and Deacon Kevin and all who will help in my absence. For sick calls please contact Olton friary -0121 706 0505 or Father Andrew at Our Lady of the Wayside -0121 744 1967 **On Wednesday 29th November**, after the 11.30am Mass, there will be the Anointing of the Sick. The St Vincent de Paul Society are arranging a Comfort Supper for Monday 4th December between 7pm-9pm. Any needy or lonely person, including Parishioners are very welcome to attend.

<p>18th November Saturday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter and Paul</p>	<p>Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Bridie Hockley-RIP Deceased members of Mila's Family</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12pm Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>19th November</p> <p>THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>World Day of the Poor</p>	<p>Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6 Matthew 25:14-30 Public & Live Streamed Masses 9.00am Phil Rowlands-Intention</p> <p>11.00am Paddy, Elizabeth, Marie, Michael Shields-RIP Holy Souls-Novena of Masses</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>20th November Monday</p> <p>Feria In Ordinary Time</p>	<p>1 Maccabees 1:10-15,41-43,54-57.62-64 Luke 18:35-43 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am John & Angela Duffy & Family Intentions</p>	<p>St Augustine's Community Café. 11.30am-1.30pm</p>
<p>21st November Tuesday</p> <p>Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p>2 Maccabees 6:18-31 Luke 19:1-10 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Ken Bolton-RIP</p>	<p>Parent & Toddlers Group- Parish Hall 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>22nd November Wednesday</p> <p>St Cecilia</p>	<p>2 Maccabees 7:1,20-31 Luke 19:11-28 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30pm Keith Frettsome-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>23rd November Thursday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Clement 1/ St Columban</p>	<p>1 Maccabees 2:15-29 Luke 19:41-44 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Robert Kells-RIP</p>	
<p>24th November Friday</p> <p>St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions</p>	<p>1 Maccabees 4:36-37, 52-59 Luke 19:45-48 Public & Live Streamed Mass 10.00am Deceased CWL Members</p> <p>6.30pm Nicola Kearns-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>25th November Saturday</p> <p>St Catherine of Alexandria</p>	<p>Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46 Public & Live Streamed Mass 12.30pm Frank & Donald Reavey-RIP Des Bentley-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>26th November</p> <p>Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</p> <p>National Youth Sunday</p>	<p>Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17 1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28 Matthew 25:31-46 Public & Live Streamed Mass 9.00am Tom O'Brien-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Alfonso Orlando-RIP Holy Souls-Novena of Masses</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

FOOTWEAR URGENTLY NEEDED-Can you help? The SVP Society, St Augustine's have been asked for continued support with the supply of men's footwear for Refugees aged 18—45 (shoes, boots, trainers) sizes 6-8 and 9-11. Donated footwear and socks can be brought to the Church porches in labelled bags or boxes, or please call 07568 508271 if you have a quantity that requires collection. With grateful thanks.

Friends of the Holy Land Thank you all so much for the brilliant response to our appeal. A total of £1847 was raised between donations and product sales. This is a magnificent amount and much appreciated. Please do continue to keep us in your prayers.

Blessing of Graves-19th NOVEMBER_ WIDNEY MANOR (between traffic island and railway line) & **KINGS NORTON 26th NOVEMBER** ROBIN HOOD & WYTHALL

We look forward to the Blessing of the Crib in Mell Square on Sunday 26th November at 3pm. All are welcome to join in this ecumenical event.

We also look forward to our Christmas Fayre which will take place on Saturday 2nd December between 1.30pm-4.00pm and will carry over for the Sunday Masses on 3rd December. Raffle Tickets will be distributed this weekend. We would gladly receive any of the following items for the stalls: Gifts for Tombola, Bottles, Cakes. Please bring to the Presbytery or Sacristy.

Safeguarding Sunday is an awareness-raising campaign organised by Christian Safeguarding Charity Thirtyone:eight. We will be marking this in our parish at the Masses on the weekend of 18th/19th November and 2/3rd December.

In doing this we will be joining thousands of other churches across the UK to share this message and demonstrate unity. We believe that safeguarding is an outworking of our faith in a loving and just God – the God who calls us to speak up on behalf of those who cannot speak for themselves and to defend the rights of the vulnerable (Proverbs 31:8). Please join us in praying for all those who work to ensure our communities and churches are safe for all.

The link to Safeguarding on the Archdiocesan website is

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Pages/FAQs/Category/safeguarding>

Advent Preparation Prayer Reflection Evenings: the Prayer & Life Workshop Circle of Prayer group will be leading a prayer reflection event on the four Thursdays prior to Christmas; 30th November 7th December. 14th December 21st December in the Blue Meeting Room. We would love you to join us as we prepare for the coming of Our Lord and Saviour.

The Parents and Toddlers' Group have expanded to include babies, toddlers and pre-school children. Meeting on a Tuesday morning between 9.30am-11.30am

Our Lady of the Wayside would welcome you to join their Youth Group which meets on a Friday evening between 6.30pm-8.00pm. For Years 6 and above.

First 5 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.

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid:£ 249 Loose :£792;75 Total:£1041:75 Friends of the Holy Land: £1,562:30

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 18 th Nov	12.30pm ??	Sunday 19 th November	9am	Sunday 19 th November	11am
Saturday 25 th Nov	12.30pm T Duffy	J Powers		J Hickey	
Saturday 2 nd Dec	12.30pm T Cund				
Sunday 19 th Nov	9am M Coburn	Sunday 26 th November	9am	Sunday 26 th November	11am
Sunday 19 th Nov	11am M Watts	M Coburn		A Keating	
Sunday 26 th Nov	9am M Pearsall	Sunday 3 rd December	9am	Sunday 3 rd December	11am
Sunday 26 th Nov	11am M Keating	M Hallissey		B Ngala	

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Anne Deary
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Eileen Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien	Don Deneny
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer
Sandra Evans	Gillian Jones	Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Jennifer O'Donnell
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Eileen Keaton
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	Helen Brookes

World Day of the Poor Sunday 19th November

‘The hope of the poor shall not perish for ever’.

In his **message** for the third World Day of the Poor, celebrated on 17 November 2019, Pope Francis reminded us that “the poor are not numbers, but people”, to be assisted, accompanied, protected, defended and saved. He recalled that this is not possible without the humility of listening, the charism of the whole, the courage of renunciation. He reminded us that to “follow the way of charity, of humility and of listening means lending an ear to the little ones”, because God reveals himself through them. And he asked us not to look down on anyone from above. “You can only look down at a person from above,” he insisted, “in order to help them get up”.

Loving God, Open our ears to hear you in the cry of those living in poverty.

Open our eyes to see you in the lives of the oppressed.

Open our hearts to meet you in others and to respond with mercy and compassion.

Pour out on us your grace, so that we may grow as your faithful people, always seeking
your kingdom of Truth, Justice and Peace.

Through Christ Our Lord Amen.

Please pray for: Jean Kennedy, (Requiem Thursday 30th November: 2pm Reception Wednesday 29th November 6.30pm) Eamonn Horgan, Pauline Hatton, Lorry Chute, Bob Fogarty, Declan O’Reilly, (Requiem Thursday 7th December 2pm; Reception Wednesday 6th December 6pm) John Thomas Elliott (Robin Hood, Friday 8th December 10.30am), Theresa Hickey who died recently.

Also, Jenny McHale, Simone, Betty Neary, Patricia Stevenson, Kathleen Anne Johnston, Sylvia Moseley, Antonio Alvarez Cerro, Vincent Burke, Sylvester Cotter, Kathleen (Kathy) Sampson, Kenneth Henry Bolton, John Mc Callum, John Dodman, Eugene Joseph McCormack, Colleen Taylor, Bridie Cronin, Valda Mae Carr, William Pritchard, Phyllis (Doll) Williams, Robert Park 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 Teresa Cund. 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.