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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT YEAR B 21st March 2021

Dear Parishioners,

'I will write my law on their hearts. Christ, like the grain of wheat, which dies in order to produce new life, dies for us. Following His example, we must realise that if we want eternal life we must be prepared to give our lives to God. He writes His law in our hearts and we submit humbly to His will even when it causes us pain. We obey through suffering. There is no greater School in which to grow in holiness.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I remain very grateful for your prayers, especially so in my recent treatment. I felt such strength and comfort from your prayers. I know also how much Deacon Kevin appreciates your prayers as he regains his strength from the continuing effects of long Covid.'

On Tuesday 23rd March, our Bishops have asked us to make it a Day of Prayer alongside the National Day of Remembrance for all who have suffered the effects of the Pandemic. We will have Stations of the Cross at 9.30am. Mass at 10am and Exposition after Mass until 11.30am. Do please try to come along for part of this time. We also have an additional Public Mass on Thursday 25th to celebrate the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. Do please book your place on the Eventbrite booking system or by collecting Helen Brooke's telephone number from the Stewards. If you phone Helen, she will book you in for Mass. **The Masses for Palm Sunday** and the Services for Maundy Thursday 7pm, Good Friday 3pm and Holy Saturday 8pm will be simplified this year. For the Palm Sunday Masses the Palm Crosses will be distributed at the end of Mass. Again, please book your place. May we ask that you book **only one** of these three Services at the present time. If nearer the time there are spaces available, you would be welcome to attend other Services.

Thank you to Mrs Gill Jones for speaking to us about the 'Retreat in Daily Life.' Please let us know by next weekend if you would like to participate. More information is available for you.

Thank you once again for your very generous support of CAFOD's Lenten campaign, especially Henryk Cettler's and my participation in the 'Big Walk For Water.' A further £170 has been received, which brings the total amount to £2,155

Offertory Collection last week: Gift Aid: £123:00 Loose £529:09 Total £652:09 PTO

20th March Saturday Lent Feria	Jeremiah 11:18-20 John 7:40-52 10.00am Public & Live streamed Mass Holy Souls(Andy) John Walshe-RIP	Church open for Private Prayer 9.30am-10.00am
21st March FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT	Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33 9.00am Public & Live streamed Mass All People of the Parish Mina Hanson-RIP 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Patrick Horsfield-RIP Tony Fagan-RIP	Church open for Private Prayer 11.00am-11.30am
22nd March Monday Lent Feria	Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 John 8:1-11 10.00am Live streamed Mass Ann Davis-RIP Mary Coleman & Family-Intentions	
23rd March Tuesday Lent Feria St Turibius of Mongrovejo	Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30 10.00am Public & Live Streamed Mass For all who have suffered due to COVID-19 Kathleen Coyne-Intentions	9.30am Stations of the Cross Exposition after 10am Mass until 11.30am
24th March Wednesday Lent Feria	Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95 John 8:31-42 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass Tony & Sue Deaville & Family-Intentions Angelica Clarke-RIP	Private Prayer / Confession 10.45am-11.15am 11.00am Stations of the Cross 'Lectio Divina' at 7.30pm
25th March Thursday SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38 10.00am Public & Live streamed Mass The Marsay Family-Thanksgiving Heart Family & Friends-Intentions	
26th March Friday Lent Feria Day of Prayer for the survivors of sexual abuse	Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42 10.00am Live streamed Mass John Walshe-RIP Bertie O'Rahilly- RIP	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm With Stations of the Cross
27th March Saturday Lent Feria	Ezekiel 37:21-28 John 11:45-56 10.00am Public & Live streamed Mass Marie Adkins & Family-Intentions Michael O'Sullivan-Intentions	Private Prayer 9.30am-10am Confession after 10am Mass
28th March Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Mark 14:1-15:47 9.00am Public & Live streamed Mass Mrs Bina Cassidy-RIP Cathleen Joyce-Intention 11.30am Public & Live streamed Mass David Robert Steiner-RIP All People of the Parish	

A joint Penance Service with Our Lady of the Wayside Parish will take place on Tuesday 30th March at 7pm at Our Lady of the Wayside. Please keep this date in your diary, as you are very welcome.

Second Collection last week; Cathedral Maintenance: £251:30

MARRIAGE MATTERS www.twoinoneflesh.org.uk Fifth Sunday of Lent (Jeremiah 31:31-34 Hebrews 5:7-9 John 12:20-33) Unconditional love is called to be unconditional, not 'counting the cost', not 50/50, but both giving 100%. Today's Gospel reminds us a rich harvest is only possible when a single wheat grain falls on the ground and dies. Our loving efforts, trials and difficulties in marriage are ways of 'dying' to a lifestyle contrary to what God is calling us to.

The Jesuits are also producing daily Lenten reflections which you will find on the link 'Pathways to God.'

If you know of any young Parishioners not attending a Catholic School who wish to be prepared for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, please let the Clergy or Miss Libby Service know. Miss Service's email is: 1st4activities@gmail.com or tel: 07568 508 271

To keep up-to-date with all the latest news, information and online events from across the Archdiocese and beyond please sign up to the newsletter, issued every few weeks via email. Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/e-news to sign up.

Ask your MP to attend a parliamentary event on the dangers of DIY abortion Governments are currently deciding on whether to make permanent the temporary measure allowing 'DIY' home abortions in England, Wales and Scotland. To ensure that politicians are aware of the negative impact of 'DIY' home abortions, the All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Life Group will be hosting a parliamentary event on Tuesday 23 March where experts will cover the latest evidence on how 'DIY' home abortions are placing women at risk. Right To Life UK has set up an easy-to-use tool that will enable members of the public to easily contact their MPs asking them to attend this event. You can do so by following the link below. It only takes 30 seconds! www.righttolife.org.uk/DIYabortionMeeting

ST AUGUSTINE'S SVP 'FRIENDS IN NEED' Do you know someone who needs the support of a phone call? Or a person or family going through hardship? Or perhaps you feel you could donate non-perishable food, drinks or toiletry items for people in need during these times? If so, please don't hesitate to phone or text the SVP on: 07568 508271.

Would anyone like to represent St Augustine's Parish on the Solihull Town Centre Chaplaincy team? It is a very easy and enjoyable undertaking. If you would like more information, please speak with myself.

You are welcome to join the weekly 'Lectio Divina' on a Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. For the Wednesdays of Lent these reflections will be on the seven last words of Jesus from the cross. If you wish to participate, please email Helen Brookes ehb73@yahoo.co.uk

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Keith Frettsome	Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish,	Tony Duffy	Martha Sheridan	Fr Fred Sheldon
Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Maureen Cody	Esther Brasil
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	John Doyle	Dan Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White
Diane Burgess	Kathleen Clark	Kathryn Farmer	Pauline Yeates	Malachy Hanly	Sandra Evans
Margaret Lennon	James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Deacon Kevin O'Connor	Eve
Christopher Edmund Poole		Ken Bolton	Roisin Brown	for protection and peace in the Mbag Family	

DAY OF NATIONAL REFLECTION FOR COVID-19 TUESDAY 23rd MARCH

Loving God,
You hold all our times in your hands, our past, our present, our future.
Be close to us now as we remember all the difficulties and disappointments
of the past year. Be especially close to all of us who are thinking
of someone we loved and knew, but see no longer, whether family, friend,
colleague or neighbour. Help us to trust that they are at peace with you,
and comfort us with your presence.

Loving God,
You place us in families and communities, and we give you thanks
for all those around us who serve us and help us in so many ways.
Give wisdom to community leaders, to our schools, hospitals,
care homes and other agencies who make a difference to our lives.
Help each of us to have the courage to reach out with thanks and kindness
to those around us and to speak words of faith as we share the good news of your love.

Dear God,
Be with us as we think about all that has changed this year,
And help us to trust that you are always with us.
Be close to us as we remember those who have died,
And help us to trust they are at peace with you.
Show us how to reach out to others with kindness and care,
So that hope shines out in every heart and home, Amen

Please pray for: Patrick Joseph Gallagher (Requiem Monday 12th April 10am) Mary Mbah Oguefio, Clare Brewer, Margaret Possart, Irene Quigley and Michael McGovern who died recently.

Also Gerard Jerome McBrien, Scott MacLean, Anne(Nancy) Flynn, Lily Sage, Josef Guixe, Bernadette(Brandy) Julia Lawrence, Mary Gwendoline Robinson, Annie Bridget McTernan, Philomena Bernadette Mullins, Jaqueline Ann Powers, Alice Behan, Geoffrey Dormer, Edmund(Ted) Wilcock, David Snape and all with anniversaries at this time.

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