

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd January 2023

**Dear Parishioners, 'Christ is our light and our help!** Christ lightens our darkness and helps us to see the real meaning of life. When he calls us to follow him, we must learn to put aside our differences. It is in true Christian charity that we are able to proclaim the good news of the kingdom and it is for this purpose that Christ calls us to follow him.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I thank you for all your endeavours to reflect the light of Christ, and that we can be 'united again in our belief and practice.'

**I enjoyed a refreshing** holiday with my two friends, Father Michael White and Father Tom Farrell. I am grateful to Father Joseph and Deacon Kevin for their help. Both Father Joseph and Deacon Kevin will be on holiday from this week and whilst Father Joseph is visiting his family in India, there will be only one Mass on Friday, in the evening, preceded by the Holy Hour. **This Sunday afternoon** you are invited to the Christian Unity Service at the Methodist Church at 4pm. Do try to be present for this united witness.

**The Archdiocese are looking** for Volunteers to look after assisted pilgrims on the annual Diocesan Pilgrimage. The pilgrimage takes place from Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 in Lourdes, France. Nurses, Doctors and Carers, Handmaids and Brancardiers are very welcome. For further details please visit the diocesan website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk) or contact Kate White, Lourdes Pilgrimage Administrator, on- 0121 230 6288 or via email- [admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk) I am hoping to accompany the Oxford handicapped fellowship group from May 25<sup>th</sup> to May 31<sup>st</sup> and there are also places for any Parishioners who may wish to accompany us. Please let me know if you are interested.

**On Sunday** 29<sup>th</sup> January we will have a short ceremony of enrolment for those of our young Parishioners in Year 6 at St Augustine's School who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will take place during the 9am Mass.

<p>21st January Saturday St Agnes</p>	<p>Isaiah 8:23-9:3 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 Matthew 4:12-23 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Eileen Galbraith &amp; Family -Intentions Pauline Brett-Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>22nd January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p>	<p>Isaiah 8:23-9:3 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17 Matthew 4:12-23 Public and Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish  11.00am Moya &amp; Nicholas Halligan-RIP Jenny Cox - Intentions</p>	
<p>23rd January Monday Feria in Ordinary Time St Nicholas Owen</p>	<p>Hebrews 9:15,24-28 Mark 3:22-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Angela &amp; Michael-Private Intention  Joe McClean-Birthday</p>	
<p>24th January Tuesday St Francis de Sales</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:1-10 Mark 3:31-35 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Noel McClean-Birthday</p>	<p>Today is the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Grace, Archbishop Bernard Longley</p>
<p>25th January Wednesday FEAST Conversion of St Paul</p>	<p>Acts 22:3-16 OR Acts 9:1-22 Mark 16:15-18 Public &amp; Live streamed Masses 11.30am Arinze Okemuno-Special Intention</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: <a href="mailto:ehb73@yahoo.co.uk">ehb73@yahoo.co.uk</a></p>
<p>26th January Thursday Ss Timothy and Titus</p>	<p>2 Timothy 1:1-8 OR Titus 1:1-5 Mark 4:21-25 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Andrew Kieran McGrath-RIP</p>	
<p>27th January Friday Feria in Ordinary Time Blessed Edward Oldcorne/ St Angela Merici</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:32-39 Mark 4:26-34 Public and Live streamed Masses 10.00am NO MASS  6.30pm Deirdre McCann-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>Saturday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas</p>	<p>Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Teresa Leeper-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>Sunday 29th January Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12 Public and Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of The Parish  11.00am James, Olive &amp; Deceased Members of the Farmer Family</p>	

**URGENTLY NEEDED APF** Mission Promoters to assist in the distribution of magazines and collections from box holders, just a few hours four times a year - contact Frank Miller 681 7031 or [frankandmary@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:frankandmary@blueyonder.co.uk)

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**GRATEFUL THANKS FROM SVP** (Society of St Vincent de Paul) AT ST AUGUSTINE'S.....All donations of food, clothing and toys for our Christmas 2022 'Friends in Need' Appeal were greatly appreciated by the individual people and groups who benefited from the hampers, parcels and gifts. The donations helped provide for a better Christmas for so many.

**WHAT ITEMS ARE SVP STILL ACCEPTING?** ....Non- perishable groceries including UHT milk, plus men's clothing & footwear (S, M and L sizes only, suitable for 18-45s.) Please contact SVP on: 07568 508271 if you would still like to donate, or if you would like to become a befriender.

**Continuing on Thursdays** at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall we will have the showing of the 'Chosen'. It will take place each week for 8 weeks. It tells of the background and people so closely involved in Jesus' life and His mission. It is a very inspiring portrayal of the time of Jesus. You are very welcome, even if you only attend occasionally.

Offertory Collection for 15th January : Gift Aid:£131:31 Loose £917:73 Total £1,049:04

Second Collection last weekend: Pax Christi : £299:11

## READERS

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup> Jan 12.30pm M.Green	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 9am	Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January 11am
Saturday 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan 12.30pm T.Duffy	M.Hallissey	J.Hickey
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> Feb 12.30pm T.Cund		
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> Feb 12.30pm M.Green		
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 9.00am C.Ramsey	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 9am	Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> January 11am
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 11.00am H.Cettler	T.Nettikkadan	A.Keating
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 9.00am Confirmation	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 9am	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February 11am
Enrolment Yr 6	M.Coburn	H.Brookes
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan 11am M.Keating	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 9am	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> February 11am
	D.Nettikkadan	A.Kelly
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00am Finbar, Cormac Joe		
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11.00am M.Coburn		

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish,	Tony Duffy	Fr Fred Sheldon	Mary Ryan	William Moran
Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Anne Deary
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	John Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien	Don Deneny
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White
Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Gillian Jones	Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Noreen O'Connor	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto
Christopher Edmund Poole		for protection and peace in the Mbag Family	Eve		Roger Cox
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Roger Cox	Mike Sassano
Eileen Keaton	William (Bill) Carthy				

## A Franciscan Benediction

*Attributed to the earliest followers of St Francis*

May God bless you with discomfort

at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships,

so that you may live deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger

at injustice, oppression and exploitation of people,

so that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May God bless you with tears

to shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, hunger, and war,

so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them

and turn their pain into joy.

And may God bless you with enough foolishness

to believe that you can make a difference in the world,

so that you can do what others claim cannot be done

to bring justice and kindness to all our children and the poor.

Amen

Please pray for: Seamus Dunleavy ( Requiem Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 11.30am; Reception Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 6pm), Mary Jo Byrne (Requiem Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 12.15pm) Regina White, Eamonn Priestley, Brendan McCartney, Roisin Helen Brown, Margaret Hayde, David Carroll, Michael Kelly, Brian Hughes who died recently.

Also, Philip Brian Mathews, James Keogh, Eileen Boyle, Katherine Cox, Francis Joseph Doherty, John Eileen Nimmo, Kevin Tynan, Bridget Bevan, Nuala Therese Carthy, Christopher Francis Portal, Mary Maria Curry, Thomas Anthony Oliver, Margaret Bourke, Roland(Rollo) Wolfe, Beatrice Eaglesfield, Grace Helen Pedley, and all with anniversaries at this time.

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