

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh

Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A 22nd March 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'Christ is our resurrection and our life. When we are dead through sin Christ brings us his Spirit so that we may truly live the new life of grace. We are the spiritual brothers and sisters of Christ through God's Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners: Deacon Kevin and I, pray that we will all find renewed strength to continue our Lenten resolutions, as we begin these two weeks, known as Passiontide. The Archbishop has written a pastoral letter for this weekend. There are copies in both porches.

Please pray for all who are under instruction in order to be Received into the Church, including Yvonne Harris who will be baptised and received into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil. The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 16th April between 7.30pm-9.pm in the Presbytery. Please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy, if you wish to attend.

We wish to confirm the arrangements for Father Joseph's Funeral. Father will be Received into Church on Tuesday 24th March at 7pm; and Mass will follow his Reception. At **8.30pm** Funeral Liturgy (Oppees) -Mar Joseph Srampickal (Bishop of the Syro Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain)

His Requiem will take place on Wednesday 25th March at 12.00 midday. Bishop David Evans will be the leading celebrant for the Requiem. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park in Herbert Road for both of these funeral liturgies. We would appreciate if you were willing to provide some food for the refreshments after the Requiem Mass on Wednesday. There is a list on the top of the piety stall in the main porch. Please sign the list indicating what food items you will bring. After the Funeral Mass on Wednesday, Father will remain in Church until 4.30pm. We have requested that Parishioners would remain in Church for half hour periods; a rota is available in the main porch for people to sign.

On Friday 27th March, we welcome St Peter's Sixth Form for Mass at 10am. All are welcome. After Mass, we will expose the Blessed Sacrament, until 5.45pm, when we will have Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass at 6.30pm. The main focus for prayer is to pray for peace in the world. There is a list in the main porch for you to sign, indicating which half hour you are available to Watch before the Blessed Sacrament.

We have produced some special sheet detailing the times of the Holy Week Services. There is also a list for Readers and Special Ministers of the Eucharist to sign to indicate your availability.

Monsignor Danny's sister, Geraldine, who has recently died, will have a Funeral at St George and St Teresa's, Dorridge on Friday 27th March at 10.30am. She will be received into the Church on Thursday 26th March at 6.30pm.

The Lenten Penance Service will take place on Monday 30th March at 7pm, at Olton Friary Church. Please note that there will not be 'Lectio Divina' this week on Wednesday; but there be a Prayer Meeting on Thursday.

Stations of the Cross will take place on a Wednesday before the midday Mass at 11.30am and on a Friday before the 6.30pm Mass. The schedule for Friday will be: Exposition from 5pm until 5.45pm followed by Stations, followed by 6.30pm Mass.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £225 loose £1218.59 Total: £1,443.09 A special thanks to those who Gift aided their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £56.25 for envelope donations. Standing Orders for the month of January: £1,767-allowing us to claim: £441:75 in Gift Aid.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Daniel Meadows	Kevin McDaid	Jonathan Williams	Michael	Juliana Benjamin	Nora Shearin
Patricia Mann	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Catherine Walton
Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes	Eve	Bethany Tidyman
James Brown	John McCarthy	Savio Baretto	Roger Cox	Fr Gerard Kelly	Tom Duffy
Christopher Edmund Poole		Liam Lewis	Joseph Wong	Briege Williams	Angela Hyland
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Molly Saunders	Mike Sassano	Mary & Amanda	Aoife Cook
Rosemary Knowles	Tony & Eilish Duffy	Breda Fleming	Lilian	Andrea Cadman	Mary Philpott
Father Michael White	Benjamin Wort	Callum Graham	Michael Leyland	Wilson Cotton	Angela Keating
Bridget McNamara	Ellen Gilmore	Ian Sanchez	Chris Docker	Jeanette and Robert Walton	
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell		Mrs. Bernie McCann	Nora Ferguson	Matilda Polidori	Bridie Williams

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 21 st Mar 12.30pm Bernard	Saturday 21 st March 12.30pm	Sunday 22 nd March 9am J & G Sica
Sat 28 th Mar 12.30pm T Duffy	R Wong/ Ginny	Sunday 22 nd March 11am B Ngala
Sunday 22 nd March 9am C Ramsey		
Sunday 22 nd March 11am E Young	Saturday 28 th March 12.30pm	Sunday 29 th March 9am
Sunday 29 th March 9am MC Barbour	R & J Wong	M Hallissey/ J Powers
Sunday 29 th March 11am H Cettler		Sunday 29 th March 11am E Duffy

'Bereavement Group - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am **2026:** Wed 8th April 13th May 10th June 8th July Supporting you in 'Bereavement'. **Meditation Group** - Upcoming dates" Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Parish Meeting Room. Mondays 1pm; 27th April; 11th & 25th May; 8th & 22nd June; 6th July

Calling men of all ages and states of life: book your place at 'Commissioned', the National Men's Pro-life Conference, on April 18th at Birmingham Christian College. Through compelling talks on fatherhood, marriage, post-abortion healing, spiritual warfare and sexual responsibility learn to live out your vocation with humility, courage and integrity. For more info including speakers or to book your place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or contact info@marchforlife.co.uk


Musical Pilgrimage on the Augustine Camino June 8th-14th 2026

From Rochester Cathedral, we will walk about 10 miles a day through the beautiful Kent countryside to Canterbury, then onto the shrine of St Augustine in Ramsgate. Each evening, Eddie Gilmore will perform a little concert in a pub en route. Contact Eddie for more details: gileag@gmail.com www.eddiegilmore.org

Pilgrimage to Fatima – 11–15 September 2026 led by Fr Andrew Franklin. There are still places available on our parish pilgrimage to Fatima. The cost is £1100 per person, including flights, accommodation, full board (drinks not included), transfers, luggage, pilgrimage programme and insurance. A £400 deposit secures your place. For details or to book, contact Tangney Tours on 01732 886666 or Clare@tangney-tours.com.

For News and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Solihull Methodist Church are hosting a series of Lenten Breakfasts, on Saturday mornings. Breakfast begins at 8.30am and a Talk at 8.50am, finishing at 9.50am. Your attendance would be appreciated. The Talks are based on the Lord's Prayer- the 'Our Father.'

<p>21st March Saturday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Richard Mulvay-Health & Peace James Holmes-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>22nd March</p> <p>FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</p>	<p>Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Kathleen & Ann Marie-Intention All People of the Parish 11.00am Kath Brown-RIP Rebecca Randall-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>
<p>23rd March Monday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St Turibius of Mongrovejo</p>	<p>Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 John 8:1-11 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Special Intention Anita Cashmore & Family -Intention</p>	
<p>24th March Tuesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Numbers 21:4-9 John 8:21-30 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Requiem Veronica Pickering 7.00pm Reception First Mass Fr Joseph Narikuzhi</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am 8.30pm Funeral Liturgy (Oppees) - Mar Joseph Srampickal (Bishop of the Syro Malabar Eparchy of Great Britain) Refreshments in Hall after Service</p>
<p>25th March Wednesday</p> <p>SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUCIATION OF THE LORD</p>	<p>Isaiah 7:10-14,8:10 Hebrews 10:4-10 Luke 1:26-38 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Requiem Father Joseph Narikuzhi</p>	<p>No 'Lectio Divina' - this week.</p>
<p>26th March Thursday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Valerie Smith-RIP Danne Amuthan</p>	<p>Prayer meeting 7pm-8pm.</p>
<p>27th March Friday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am World Peace 6.30pm Kathleen McHale-RIP Mary Law-RIP</p>	<p>Exposition after 10am Mass until 5.45pm followed by Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>28th March Saturday</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Una Hyland-Intention Gerry McDermott-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>29th March Sunday</p> <p>Sixth Sunday of Lent</p> 	<p>Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:66 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Paul Feeney-RIP Elizabeth Hope-Intention 11.00am Mary Theresa Prior-Intention All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

**In the stillness of the night
Come to me in prayer, said the Lord,
In the stillness of the night,
When the world sleeps.
Listen to me as I speak to you in the scriptures.
Receive me in the Eucharist.
See me in everyone you meet.
Love them, pray for all mankind.
Rejoice that you have found me, spend
Time apart to be with me.
Live in the world, but not of it.
You belong to me.
I have given you a precious gift, MYSELF.
Use it to lead others to me.
The Celtic Heart**

Anne Ham

Please pray for: Laurence Marie Knight, Paulina Samathar, Patricia Butler, Frances Mazzone, Clare Elizabeth Klein, Stephen Jenkins, Chris Johnson, Kate Nelson, Mary Munko, Mary Louisa Law, Francis (Frank) Valentine Byrne Monday 23rd March, 11.45am Redditch Crematorium and Roni (Veronica) Pickering (Requiem 24th March: 12pm. Reception Monday 23rd March 6pm)), Margaret Stanley,(Requiem Thursday 23rd April;11am) Cornelius Callanan (Funeral Wednesday 8th April 12.00pm) Margaret Brigid McCabe,(Requiem Our Lady of Lourdes, Kingswinford, Thursday 9th April, 1pm) Delia Martina Quinn, Bridget Mary Williams who died recently.

Also, 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, Patricia Mary Belcher , and all with anniversaries is 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 Susan Wakeham. 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 if you have any concerns.

This Church live streams Mass and other events. Please see notices in Church for more details.

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