

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh

Deacon Kevin O'Connor (Retired)

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 23rd August 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'Peter and the keys of the Kingdom. Christ chose Peter as the rock on which he would build his church. Peter was a man of faith and it is upon faith that Christ always builds. When we proclaim: 'You are the Christ' we also ask for a deepening of our faith. Through faith we fix our eyes on God who is infinite wisdom and it is for his good purposes that we were chosen to be members of Christ's Church on earth.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners, May our awareness of God's blessings find expression in the words of the psalmist: 'I give thanks to your name, for your merciful love and faithfulness. On the day I called, You answered me; You increased the strength of my soul.'

Are there any young children who are eligible for the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation, and who are not attending a Catholic School? If so, would you please inform Miss Libby Service or one of the clergy.

Please pray for Zac Richardson who is to be Baptised, Confirmed and Received into Full Communion next Sunday during the 9am Mass.

Please would you write to your local MP asking that they will vote against the re-introduction of the 'Assisted Dying' (Assisted-Suicide) Bill, which will come before Parliament in early September. The Prime Minister has indicated that he wishes to see Palliative care and social care improved considerably before discussion on assisted dying. In my experience as Chaplain to the Marie Curie, I appreciate the wonderful care that is given to the dying. It is this service that needs to be extended, not the introduction of assisted suicide. Please respond to this important request.

On Saturday 5th September the MARCH FOR LIFE takes place in London. A coach has been organised with the following pick up points: Holy Soul Church at 06:50am; Olton Friary at 07:10am and Our Lady of the Wayside at 07:30am. The intention is to arrive at Westminster Cathedral for Mass before going on to Emmanuel House and then the subsequent March. Do please try to support this March for Life, especially the unborn.

Maryvale Institute are offering a new online course on the Sacrament of Marriage. It comprises a full academic year of theological formation- open to anyone, no prior study required, starting September 2026. For further information call 012 360 8118. from 2.30pm.

We hope that our young families are continuing to enjoy the summer holidays.

There is a Requiem on Friday 28th August at 11am for Geraldine McAndrew. All are welcome to attend. There will be the usual Holy Hour and Mass at 6.30pm on Friday evening.

Gift Aid: £280 (A special thanks to those who Gift Aid their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £70 Loose £967:20 Total-£1,247:20)

An inclusive Mass for People with SEN and Disabilities takes place each month at Our Lady and St Brigid's Church, Northfield. These are the forthcoming dates: 23rd August, 27th September from 4pm to 4.20pm, Refreshments served afterwards.

CHF Birmingham-Smilers Inclusive Mass for anyone who struggles with Mass in a normal setting; a relaxed Service-freedom to roam, make noise. 1st Mass Saturday 5th September 2026 Holy Souls Church Acocks Green Birmingham B274JY. See poster in main porch for more details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Lali Ratnaraja	Angela Keating	Mary Cassidy	Rosemary Knowles	Philomena Kenny	Phillip O'Neill
Briege Williams	Jonathan Williams	Father Pat Sayles	Maureen Hughes	Kitty Gardener	Julie Hickey
Patrick Mitchell	Catherine Bird	Helen Kirk	Patricia Murphy	Patricia Sheasby	
Edward Martin	Jess Stanton	Daniel Meadows	Delia Gaughan		

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 22 nd August 12.30pm Bernard	Saturday 22 nd August 12.30pm R Wong/ Ginny	Sunday 23 rd August 9am
Sat 29 th August 12.30pm J Sharpe		J Powers/G Sica
Sunday 23 rd August 9am Y Solazzo	Saturday 29 th August 12.30pm J Wong/ A Kelly	Sunday 23 rd August 11am A Kelly
Sunday 23 rd August 11am T Washbrooke		
Sunday 30 th August 9am C Ramsey		Sunday 30 th August 9am
Sunday 30 th August 11am E Young		M Coburn
		Sunday 30 th August 11am B Ngala

Lectio Divina by zoom, will continue this Wednesday from 7.30pm-8.15pm. All are welcome.

For News and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

Marriage in a Rut? Or need our help with deeper issues? Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates 2nd-4th October.

<http://www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info> Telephone: 07788 729 6983

All are welcome to join this year's Harvington Hall Pilgrimage. **Sunday 6th September**

This year the principal celebrant will be His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain assisted by The Most Reverend Bernard Longley.

Confessions: 1.45pm – 2.30pm *Mass:* 3pm **FREE PARKING** on site.

Please bring your own chairs and packed lunch. A few seats available on minibus from St Augustine's; please see list in front porch.

Beloved Disciple- Holy Souls Parish Meeting Room & Church. Tuesday evenings starting at 6.30pm; Information evening 1st September 6.30pm. Places Limited. See poster in porch for details.

22nd August Saturday Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	Isaiah 22:15, 19-23 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm June Fieldhouse -RIP & Joe & May Reilly-RIP Paul Malone-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Refreshments after Mass
23rd August TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	Isaiah 22:15, 19-23 Romans 11:33-36 Matthew 16:13-20 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Members of the Sweeney Family Holy Souls 11.00am Pauline Brady-RIP All People of the Parish	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses.
24th August Monday FEAST St Bartholomew Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	Revelation 21:9-14 John 1:45-51 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Gene Cronin-RIP Noreen O'Connor-Intention	
25th August Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Louis/ St Joseph Calasanz Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi begins	2 Thessalonians 2:1-3,14-17 Matthew 23:23-26 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Thanksgiving St Monica Mary Gately-RIP	Toddlers' Group 9.30-11.30am in the parish hall.
26th August Wednesday FEAST Blessed Dominic of The Mother of God Diocesan Novena to Blessed Dominic Barberi	1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Mark 1:14-20 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm John Joseph Brown-RIP Roisin Gilligan-RIP	Confessions 11.15-11.45am 'Lectio Divina' - this week. Email for the link: staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk
27th August Thursday St Monica	1 Corinthians 1:1-9 Matthew 24:42-51 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Margaret Westney-RIP Margaret Stanley-RIP (CWL)	Prayer Meeting 7.00-8.00pm
28th August Friday St Augustine	1 Corinthians 1:17-25 Matthew 25:1-13 Public & Live streamed Mass 11.00am Requiem Geraldine McAndrew 6.30pm Thanksgiving St Jude Matthew Gallagher-RIP	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm- followed by Mass 6.30pm
29th Saturday The Passion of St John the Baptist	Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Cathleen Joyce-RIP Anne Dunlea	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
30th August Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Robbie Cook-RIP Pascha Gardiner-RIP 11.00am Geraldine McHugh-RIP All People of the Parish	Tea /Coffee available after both Masses

Novena Prayer (18th-26th August) for the Canonization of Blessed Dominic Barberi

*O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic
to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal
and made him a powerful minister of your mercy,
listen to our humble request.*

*We pray that you will in your goodness,
grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic,
so that the Church may further honour him on earth
and that many more people will come to know
and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

Mary, Mother of Holy Hope, Pray for Us.

Saint John Henry Newman, Pray for Us.

Blessed Dominic Barberi, Pray for Us.

Please pray for: Jim Harding, Philip Gartland, Sonya O'Shea, Michael Joseph O'Mahoney, Mrs Faye Hicks, Bob Dipple, Tony Duffy, Peter Alfred Foley, Geraldine McAndrew, (Requiem Friday 28th August 11am; Reception 27th August 6pm), David & Edna Powers, Michael Joseph O'Gorman, Reginald Harding, Nicholas Ian Barnett, Susan Kelly, Julie Agnew, Henry Oliver Price, Christopher Jeffrey Pedley (Requiem 24th September 11am) who died recently.

Also, Philip Goodyear, John Joseph Brown, Catherine Coyle, Margaret Mary Glenholmes, Margaret Anne Conway, Hannah Brosnan, Mary Rose Lapthorne, Dan Doyle, Mary Culshaw, Lee Thomas Jeynes, Baby Martin Joseph Smith, William Rooney, Eileen Dodd, Mary Fitzgerald 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: Amanda Felton and Veronica Walsh. 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.