

# **SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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

**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe    Year C 23rd November 2025**

**Father Dominic writes:** 'The King who promises us his kingdom! Christ on the cross promises his kingdom to a penitent thief. We, like the criminal, receive redemption and forgiveness of our sins through Christ who through His glorious power gives us the strength to bear everything joyfully. If we suffer with him, we will reign with him. He is the first-born from the dead never to die again. (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I,** join in wishing the young people of our Parish every joyful Blessing on this Solemnity of Christ the King, also designated as National Youth Sunday. We welcome Mr Sean Jones to our Parish this weekend, who will speak to us about the Kenelm Youth Trust, our diocesan youth service. Sean is a member of the team at Alton castle. We also welcome our pupils from Year 5 of St Augustine's School, who will lead our celebration at the 9am Mass on Sunday morning.

**Please pray for** Sienna-Nicole and Saffron Rae Vickers-Dunford and Zuri Carolyn and Aila Christobel Handa-Hoare, who are to be baptised into the family of the Church this weekend. The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December from 7.30pm, -9.00pm in the Presbytery. If you wish to attend please speak with Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy. All are welcome.

**Please remember in** your prayers Father Joseph's sister, Sister Stanislaus S.D. (Sisters of the Destitute) who died peacefully on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November. Sister had been the Principal of a Catholic Secondary School in Enarkulam, Kerala. Also please pray for Mrs Joy Smith, Fr Dominic's housekeeper from his former Parish, who died peacefully on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

**The Meetings for First Holy Communion** preparation take place each Monday evening during term time from 5.30pm- 6.45pm in the Parish Hall. The Confirmation preparation Meetings take place each Tuesday between 5pm-6pm in the Presbytery. Both these Meetings take place for children who do not attend a Catholic school.

**Archbishop Bernard** invites you to a Mass of Thanksgiving for this Jubilee Year on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December at 112.15pm at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. If you would like to attend, please let Mr Paul Northam know via email: [paul.notham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:paul.notham@rcaob.org.uk) If you are unable to attend please consider attending the Diocesan closing Mass for the Jubilee Year on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> December at 11.30am with Bishop David Evans, again at St Chad's Cathedral.

**The Blessing of the Crib** will take place on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm in Mell Square, all are welcome.

**The Christmas Fayre** will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 1.30pm until 4pm and will continue after the Sunday morning Masses. Help required in setting up the Hall on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm and tidying up after the 11am Mass on the Sunday. Please help with donations of bottles, cakes, prizes, books, plants.

Raffle Tickets now available. A **Service of Carols and Readings** will take place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 7pm in Church. Please do come along.

**The second of the Parents' Meeting for First Holy Communion Children** takes place on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November from 7.30pm-9.15pm in the Parish hall. We have requested free car-parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park in Herbert Road.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £131:53 loose £1,003:93 Total: £1,135:46 Second Collection this Weekend: Catholic Youth Service -Kenelm Trust is the youth service of the Archdiocese providing training, events, pilgrimages, missions, parish support and developing youth ministry across the Archdiocese.

**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	Julia. a Benjamin	Nora Shearin
Patricia Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans
Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Paulina Samathar	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes
James Brown	John McCarthy	Mary Johnson	Savio Bareto	Roger Cox	Fr Gerard Kelly
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	Eve	Barbara Bolton
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell	Mrs. Bernie McCann	Bethany Tidyman	Jeanette and Robert Walton		

For news and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 12.30pm T Duffy	Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 9am
Sat 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov 12.30pm T Cund	12.30pm S Bingham/ A Kelly	M Coburn/ M Hallissey
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 9am YEAR 5 School		Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 11am
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 11am M Watts	Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	J Hickey
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 9am MC Barbour	12.30pm R Wong/Ginny	Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 9am
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov 11am E Young		J Sica/J Powers
		Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 11am A Kelly

SVP REQUESTS: Thank you so much to all who have donated items requested for men in need- they have been gratefully received. Still required: tee-shirts, jogging bottoms and hoodies(sizes S,M,L only) Brand-new underwear/socks. Also, trainers sizes 8-11(41-44). Toiletries for male and females and nonperishable food. Please note WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ITEMS OTHER THAN THOSE ABOVE. With our appreciation-SVP St Augustine's: 07568 508271

**'Bereavement Group** - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am 2025: 10th December **2026:** Wed 14th January 11th February, 11th March;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; 24th November 8th December; A Guide to 'Meditation' 'Meditation' is a way of 'being' rather than a way of 'thinking'. It is about becoming still. It helps us to become more loving people in our relationships. It takes our mind off ourselves. & we see people as God sees them. Do come along and see for yourself.

**Sock and Choc Appeal** : The SVP in conjunction with Be Kind are asking for donations of new socks and chocolate treats ( mostly for men) for Birmingham Christmas Shelter and our local homeless outreach team. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

**BLESSING OF GRAVES NOVEMBER** 2025-All 2.00pm 23<sup>rd</sup> November Wythall, Robin Hood and St Nicholas: 30<sup>th</sup> November Yardley

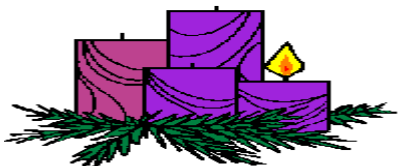
**Could you be a friend to a refugee?** Befriending with Restore is a flexible role which involves meeting with an asylum seeker or refugee to provide friendship and time to practice English, as well as sharing information on relevant services, college courses or volunteering opportunities. Full training is provided, as well as regular support and input from Restore for the duration of the befriending. Restore will be holding a training course at St Johns Church, Harborne on 7th February 2026 at 9.45am to 4pm. This is for anyone interested in befriending, as well as those who want to learn more about refugees. The course is free, and there is no obligation for participants to volunteer with Restore. For further information, you can email: [jasmine@restore-uk.org](mailto:jasmine@restore-uk.org) or sign up to course:

<https://eu.jotform.com/form/230732017890049>

**ADVENT ROSARY RALLY IN THE CITY FOR ALL FAMILIES Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Chamberlain Square - 12.00**

To start Advent, we are calling on ALL MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN to publicly pray and witness to our faith in Birmingham city centre We will pray for the conversion of our city, the nation, the protection and blessing of family life, and a culture that values all life from conception. For more info contact Ben: 07885505116

**The Advent Walk With Me** booklets and Calendars are available in both porches.

22nd November Saturday  St Cecilia  Patron Saint of Musicians	2 Samuel 5:1-3 Colossians 1:12-30 Luke 23:35-43 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Robert Kells-RIP Family of Theodore Ashford-Intentions	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
23rd November  <b>SOLEMNITY OF OUR  LORDJESUS CHRIST, KING OF  THE UNIVERSE</b>	2 Samuel 5:1-3 Colossians 1:12-30 Luke 23:35-43 Public and Live streamed Masses  9.00am All People of the Parish Novena Holy souls  11.00am Annette Kelly-Birthday Paddy Elizabeth Shields-RIP	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses
24th November Monday  St Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions	Daniel 1:1-6,8-20 Luke 21:1-4 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Cecilia Barreto-Intention  Robin Easterby-RIP	
25th November Tuesday  Feria in Ordinary Time  St Catherine of Alexandria	Daniel 2:31-45 Luke 21:5-11 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Wilma Schilder-Intention  Novena of Masses-Holy Souls	Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am
26th November Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time	Daniel 5:1-6,13-14,16-17,23-28 Luke 21:12-19 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Keith Frettsome-RIP Noreen O'Connor-Special Intention Vivek, Nancy, Spencer & Alex Furtado	Confession 11.30am Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm <a href="mailto:staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk">staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</a>
27th November Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time	Daniel 6:12-28 Luke 21:20-28 Public & Live streamed Mass 11.00am Requiem Seamus Manley  Joseph & Anne Marshall-RIP	Prayer Meeting -blue room of the Parish Hall, between 7.00pm-8.00pm All are welcome
28th November Friday Feria in Ordinary Time	Daniel 7:2-14 Luke 21:29-33 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Antonio Alexio De Souza  6.30pm Yvonne Brennan-RIP	Holy Hour & Exposition 5.15pm- 6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm
29th November  Saturday	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Denning Family Living & Deceased Margaret McSweeney-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
30th November  First Sunday of Advent  	Isaiah 2:1-5 Romans 13:11-14 Matthew 24:37-44 Public and Live streamed Masses  9.00am All People of the Parish  11.00am Chris & Sue Hodrien-Intention Mary Ryan-RIP	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses

God of endless surprises, Lord of all encouragement  
Give to children, young people and young adults  
the knowledge of your love.  
In times of constant change and uncertainty,  
Assure them that what makes them unique and distinctive,  
Is more important in your eyes  
Than what makes them conform to the world's  
Expectations.  
We ask you to bless and  
Guide parents, clergy, teachers, parish youth leaders  
and the staff of The Kenelm Trust  
in their privileged role of nurturing and guiding,  
with wisdom and compassion.  
May all young people be  
Blessed with wisdom and hope.  
May they recognise that they  
Have a purpose to fulfil.  
May they know the power of  
God's love at work  
in them every day. Amen.

St Kenelm, young King and Martyr, pray for us.

All you Holy Angels and  
Saints, pray for us.

Please pray for: Joy Smith, Sister Stanislaus S.D. ,Anthony Herron, Antonio Albini ,Mary Nichol , Seamus Manley (Requiem Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November 11am; Reception Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> November 6pm), Sheila Griffin (Olton Friary 28<sup>th</sup> Nov 10.15am), Phillip Austin Walsh ( Requiem Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 12.00pm;Reception Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 6pm), Peter John Bates, Michael Donnelly, ,Alan Gorman ,Baby Martin Joseph Smith, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Gilbert Anderson, Delia Finnegan, Donald Platt and Anne Weir who died recently.

Also, John Dodman, Eugene Joseph McCormack, Colleen Taylor, Bridie Cronin, Valda Mae Carr, William Pritchard, Phyllis(Doll) Williams, Robert Park, Mary Cecilia McKenna, Michael Edward Connolly, Florence Ann Moloney, Sean Breakwell, Theresa Mary Doherty, Maria Arlete Ferreira Gomes Rodrigues, Alan Leslie Bibby, Charlie Jones, Eileen Marie Kenny , 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 Susan Wakeham. They can be contacted at [sg.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.**

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

**New Book Release** – Deacon Sean Loone of Our Lady of the Wayside has just had his final book published, entitled '*A Million Reasons to be Angry – Only One to Love*'. This personal memoir invites readers on a heartfelt journey, exploring themes of childhood trauma, mental health, and faith, all woven together with a distinctly Irish thread. The book has received glowing praise. In a wonderful gesture, Deacon Loone is donating all profits from the book to charity. The book is available to purchase online from Waterstones, T G Jones, Amazon, and all good bookstores. With Christmas approaching, it would make a thoughtful and meaningful gift for family or friends.

**Friends of the Holy Land;** A huge thanks to all who bought and donated. We raised £2,008 of which £1126 was product sales. I am absolutely delighted and truly thankful. Do remember to keep the people of the Holy Land in your prayers

**CHRISTMAS COMFORT LUNCH 11TH DECEMBER, 12- 2PM**

Would you like to join us at St Augustine's Comfort Lunch, with a delicious hot succulent roast, Christmas desserts and bottomless hot drinks? Would you like to meet new friends and enjoy some warm, happy company? We would love to see you! To book your place, ring the SVP via Libby on: 07568 508271