

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 25th January 2026

Father Dominic writes: '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.)

Dear Parishioners: Father Joseph, (whilst continuing to convalesce in St Joseph's Care Home in Coleshill), Deacon Kevin and I celebrate with you this 'Sunday of the Word of God', when we are asked to grow in our knowledge and love of Scripture. It was St Jerome who said: 'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ.'

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 19th February from 7.30pm-9.00pm. All are welcome. If you would like to attend, please inform Mrs Mary Clark or Father Dominic.

St Augustine's Primary School celebrate Multi Cultural Week this week. I will be celebrating Mass at St Augustine's School at 9.15am on Thursday and Friday mornings.

The Parents of our First Holy Communion Children are invited to a Parents' evening in St Augustine's Church Hall on Thursday 5th March or Thursday 12th March from 7.30pm-9.15pm. Please choose one of these evenings to attend. We will request free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

Thank you to all who organised the St Augustine's Community Café last Monday. It is proving a highlight of our monthly calendar. Thank you to all who attended.

Please note the change of Mass times on Monday 2nd February. Mass will take place in the evening at 6.30pm. It is the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple and we have invited the families of all, whose children were baptised in 2025 to attend Mass. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Monday 25th May until Saturday 30th May. The cost is £986 (plus a single supplement) The Pilgrim organisers are appealing for Doctors, Nurses, Carer or Hospitalier (non-medical helpers) to join them on the pilgrimage. For details please speak with Fr Dominic or look on the diocesan website.

Please contact with any queries: Kate White, Pilgrimage Organising Secretary: 0121 230 6288 (Office hours 9am-5pm Monday to Friday) or via email: admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk If any young Parishioner would like to participate in the diocesan pilgrimage, we would hope to subsidise their fare.

Mike and Elspeth Sullivan invite you to an evening charity concert in the parish hall on Saturday 21st February at 7.00pm. Do please put this date in your diary. Further details to follow.

Next Tuesday, 27th January there will be one Mass only, a Requiem for Mr Geoffrey Lawrence Doyle at 12.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

Each Wednesday evening 'Lectio Divina' (the prayerful reflection on Scripture) takes place by zoom between 7.30pm-8.15pm. You are very welcome to participate. Email staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk and we will provide you with a link. Each Thursday evening a prayer Meeting in the blue room of the Parish Hall 7pm-8pm. You are welcome to come along.

GIFT AID- if you Gif Aid your Offertory and your circumstance have changed, either you have moved address, or no longer pay tax, or do not use your envelope anymore, please let us know so that we can update our records.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £ 454:00 loose £957:53 Total: £1,411:53

Voluntary Collection last weekend: Pax Christi- £638:06 Next weekend Second Collection- Racial Justice

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	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Catherine Walton
Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes	Eve	
James Brown	John McCarthy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Roger Cox	Fr Gerard Kelly
Christopher Edmund Poole		Liam Lewis	Joseph Wong	Brige 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	Bethany Tidyman		

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 24 th Jan 12.30pm T Duffy	Saturday 24 th January 12.30pm	Sunday 25 th Jan 9am J Sica/ G Sica
Sat 31 st Jan 12.30pm T Cund	Ginny/J Wong	Sunday 25 th Jan 11am A Kelly
Sunday 25 th Jan 9am M Coburn	Saturday 31 st January 12.30pm	Sunday 1 st Feb 9am M Coburn/
Sunday 25 th Jan 11am E Young	J Wong/ A Kelly	M Hallissey
Sunday 1 st Feb 9am T Choi		Sunday 1 st Feb 11am E Duffy
Sunday 1 st Feb 11am H Cettler		

'Bereavement Group - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am **2026**: Wed 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; 26th January; 9th & 23rd February; 9th & 23rd March; 13th & 27th April; 11th & 25th May; 8th & 22nd June; 6th July A Guide to

'Meditation

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

Fr Andrew is hoping to organise a pilgrimage to Fatima this year, 11th to 15th September 2026. Fatima is a place where many have found comfort, healing and renewed faith, and we would love to see whether there is interest in forming a group. The estimated cost is around £1000 per person. We need a minimum of 20 to make it viable, the more we get, the more the price reduces. If this is something you may feel drawn to, please email foxvinedesigns@gmail.com to express your interest.

SVP and Mini Vinnies Cake sale and bucket collection 31Jan/1Feb This year we are raising funds to provide 7 sewing machines and a masala grinder & sealing machine for 8 families in India. We would welcome your support. Any cakes baked or bought would be very much appreciated. We are hoping to raise £660.

St Augustine's Baby and Toddler Group welcomes babies and toddlers (9.30am-11.30am Tuesdays) with carers to the Parish Hall. Free play, music, and activities like discovery sessions and games. Refreshments include toast and drinks. Friendly group with diverse families. New families and volunteers welcome. Suggested donation £2. See posters in porches for more information. Join us.

24th January Saturday St Francis de Sales 23 rd Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley	Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 Matthew 4:12-23 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Robin Easterby-RIP Aggie O'Reilly-Intention	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass Octave of Christian Unity
25th January THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD	Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 Matthew 4:12-23 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Margaret & Michael Rochfort-RIP 11.00am Norah & Patrick Brennan-RIP	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses Octave of Christian Unity
26th January Monday Ss Timothy and Titus	2 Timothy 1:1-8 OR Titus 1:1-5 Mark 3:22-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Hilary Mayell-RIP Hall Family-Intentions	
27th January Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time Blessed Edward Oldcorne/ St Angela Merici	2 Samuel 6:12-15,17-19 Mark 3:31-35 12.30pm Requiem Geoffrey Doyle	Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am
28th January Wednesday St Thomas Aquinas	2 Samuel 7:4-17 Mark 4:1-20 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm John Pears-RIP	Confession 11.15am-11.45am Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm See details inside Newsletter
29th January Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time	2 Samuel 7:18-19,24-29 Mark 4:21-25 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Don Meehan-RIP	
30th January Friday Feria in Ordinary Time	2 Samuel 11:1-1,13-170 Mark 4:26-34 Public & Live streamed Mass 6.30pm Kathleen Smyth-RIP	Holy Hour and Exposition 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass 6.30pm
31st January Saturday St John Bosco	Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Ann & Mike Withers-Intentions Father Paul Johnson-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
1st February Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Racial Justice Day	Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish Maha Ereifej-RIP 11.00am Barbara Bolton-RIP	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses

The Prayer of St. Francis de Sales

Be at peace.
Do not look forward in fear to the changes of life;
rather look to them with full hope
as they arise.
God, whose very own you are,
will deliver you from out of them.
He has kept you hitherto,
and He will lead you safely through all things;
and when you cannot stand it,
God will bury you in his arms.
Do not fear what may happen tomorrow;
the same everlasting Father who cares for you today
will take care of you then and every day.
He will either shield you from suffering
or give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imagination.

St. Francis de Sales 1567-1622

Patron of Journalists

Please pray for: Paulina Samathar, Margaret Byrne, Barbara Bolton, Sheila Griffin, Donald Platt, Brenda Carney, Geoffrey Doyle (Requiem 13th February 11.30am), Clare Elizabeth Klein (Requiem 27th February 10.30am), Stephen Jenkins, Chris Johnson and Cornelius

Also, Margaret Bourke, Roland(Rollo) Wolfe, Beatrice Eaglesfield, Grace Helen Pedley, Eileen Nimmo, Kevin Tynan, Bridget Bevan, M Eileen Ashley, Albert Thomas Kennedy, Mary Elizabeth Stock, Jim Quinn, Albert Woodruff, Thomas Joseph McGuire, John Smith and

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