

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

First Sunday in Lent 26th February 2023

**Dear Parishioners**, 'Christ conqueror of sin and temptation. God created the human race free from sin but our first parents yielded to the temptation of the devil. In them each one of us has sinned just as in Christ we are given the power like him to overcome the temptations of this world.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** 'Dear Parishioners, it is good to see Father Joseph looking so well after his return from his holiday in India and his visit to his family. He, Deacon Kevin and I thank you for your attendance at the Ash Wednesday Masses and pray that our Lord will sustain us on our Lenten journey.'

**Please pray** for Athena Jones who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday.

**This Saturday** we welcome Father Bruno who is visiting our Parishioners from Hong Kong. Father will celebrate Mass at 3pm in Cantonese on Saturday afternoon. Our thanks to Monsignor Danny for helping with the arrangements for Father Bruno's visit. **At the Masses** this weekend we welcome Mr Michael Keating, our Parish representative for CAFOD. Michael will speak to us about the forthcoming Family Fast Day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Alongside the **CAFOD Family Fast Day** we are organising a Spring Fayre to raise monies for the people of Syria and Turkey, devastated by the recent earthquake. We would welcome any saleable items: cakes, bottles, preserves, plants. Please bring them to the Presbytery at your convenience. Help is needed with setting up the stalls on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 4pm and volunteers needed to help run the stalls after 12.30pm Mass on Saturday and again on Sunday after the 9am and 11am Masses. If you are able to help please inform Mrs Annette Kelly or one of the Clergy. **One of our Parishioners, Mr James Oliver**, is undertaking CAFOD's Lenten Walk. If you are able to sponsor James please visit: <https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/james-oliver> If anyone wishes to join James on his walks, please contact him on:

[james.church@jamesoliver1973.plus.com](mailto:james.church@jamesoliver1973.plus.com)

**We have been invited to participate** in 'Prayer and Life' workshops which will run for a period of 15 weeks. You would be asked to attend a 2-hour weekly meeting (possibly a Saturday morning starting at 10am) and to commit oneself to daily prayer and scripture reading. The starting date would be Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> March. Further details to follow.

**Please note**, now that Fr Joseph has returned, we will have an additional 10am Mass on Friday morning PTO

<p>25th February Saturday</p>	<p><b>Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19</b>  <b>Matthew 4:1-11</b>  <b>Public and Live streamed Mass</b>  <b>12.30pm</b> Mrs Baretto &amp; Children  Mary Sullivan-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm  Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>26th February  <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b></p>	<p><b>Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19</b>  <b>Matthew 4:1-11</b>  <b>Public and Live streamed Masses</b></p> <p><b>9.00am</b> Suzanne Boazman-RIP  Ailish Crehan-RIP  <b>11.00am</b> Kevin McGovern-RIP  All People of the Parish</p>	
<p>27th February Monday  Feria in Ordinary Time  St Gregory of Narek</p>	<p><b>Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18 Matthew 25:31-46</b>  <b>Public and Live streamed Mass</b>  <b>10.00am</b> Mary Reilly-RIP</p> <p>Greg McGovern-RIP</p>	
<p>28th February Tuesday  Feria in Ordinary Time  St Oswald</p>	<p><b>Isaiah 55:10- 11 Matthew 6:7-15</b>  <b>Public and Live streamed Mass</b>  <b>10.00am</b> Sharon Bryan-RIP</p>	
<p>1st March Wednesday  <b>FEAST</b>  St David  Patron of Wales</p>	<p><b>Philippians 3:8-14 Matthew 5:13-16</b>  <b>Public &amp; Live streamed Masses</b>  <b>11.30am</b> CWL AGM</p> <p>Dan McCarthy-RIP</p>	<p><b>Confessions 10.45-11.15am</b>  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>2nd March  Thursday  <b>FEAST</b>  St Chad  Patron of the Archdiocese</p>	<p><b>Romans 12:3-13 Luke 10:1-9</b>  <b>Public and Live streamed Mass</b>  <b>10.00am</b> Sarah Dennison-RIP</p> <p>Margaret McSorley-RIP</p>	
<p>3rd March  Friday  <b>FAMILY FAST DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26</b>  <b>Public and Live streamed Mass</b>  <b>10.00am</b> Eddie Deery-RIP</p> <p><b>6.30pm</b> Philip Corr-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.00pm  Stations of the Cross 6pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>4th March Saturday  St Casimir</p>	<p><b>Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:18-20</b>  <b>Matthew 17:1-9</b>  <b>Public and Live streamed Mass</b>  <b>12.30pm</b> Bridie Doyle- RIP  Rose Boyle- Intention</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm  Confessions 11am-12.00pm  Spring Fayre 1.30pm-4.00pm</p>
<p>Second Sunday of Lent  5th March</p>	<p><b>Genesis 12:1-4 2 Timothy 1:18-20</b>  <b>Matthew 17:1-9</b>  <b>Public and Live streamed Masses</b>  <b>9.00am</b> Brendan Mullin-RIP  All People of the Parish</p> <p><b>11.00am</b> Michael Molloy_RIP  Members of the Owens &amp; Deery  Families-Living &amp; Deceased</p>	

We continue with our Bible Study course on Wednesday afternoons from 4.30-5.30pm. This is for all teenagers and is being led by Father Denis Carter, a Columban Father. All are welcome.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**-This Lent, CAFOD is supporting families with the skills and tools they've asked for to fight the climate crisis. In Bangladesh, 14 year old Dristy and her mum Rupall are building seed beds and planting palm trees to protect their crops from flooding and cyclones. Give on Family Fast Day(3<sup>rd</sup> March) to help families grow in strength to adapt to the climate crisis.

**We are very pleased that the Children's Liturgy** will be restarting at the 9am Mass. All children up to and including Year 2 children are welcome to attend. Initially, this will take place on Sundays when St Augustine's school choir will be singing on Sunday 5th March. It is hoped to increase the frequency of sessions if more volunteers can be found. Further details from Father Dominic or Kate Maddock.

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE**- application forms may be found on the Diocesan website or requested from the Presbytery.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**- St Alphege Church. Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10-2.30pm Private prayer and prayers led from the front 12 noon. See poster in main porch.

**APF MISSION**- It would be appreciated if all existing and new promoters could attend a short meeting on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February at 10.15am (between the two Masses) in the Chapel. All APF mission box promoters and box holders are invited to St Chad's Cathedral for a Diocesan Mass, celebrated by Archbishop Bernard to celebrate Mission; followed by light refreshments in the Grimshaw Room at 12 noon-Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March. Please confirm attendance with Franc Miller ( 0121 681 7031) for planning and catering.

**Cake Sale:** Thank you all for the fantastic response to our Cake Sale. We raised £740.83 and were truly delighted. We hope you enjoyed the cakes as much as we enjoyed baking and selling them. The SVP and mini-Vinnies.

**CAFOD Syria-Turkey Earthquake Appeal** CAFOD is responding with support of provision of food, water, shelter, medical assistance, and winter kits for survivors. Your donations in recent months have made that quick response possible. Let us join CAFOD in praying for our sisters and brothers affected by the earthquakes and the winter weather. Your support for CAFOD throughout the year allows our Catholic agency to act quickly when disasters strike. For more details visit CAFOD's Syria Turkey Emergency Appeal online at [Prayer for the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquakes](http://Prayer for the people of Turkey and Syria affected by the earthquakes) ([cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk))

Offertory Collection for 19<sup>th</sup> February : Gift Aid:£199:85 Loose £843:99 Total £1,43:84 Second Collection last week: LIFE: £428:63 Second Collection next weekend: CAFOD Family Fast

## READERS

## Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> Feb 12.30pm T.Cund	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 9am	Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 11am
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm M.Green	T.Nettikkadan	E.Duffy
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm T.Duffy		
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm T.Cund	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 11am
	J.Powers	J.Hickey
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 9.00am C.Ramsey	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 9.am	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 11am
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> Feb 11am H.Cettler	M.Coburn	A.Keating
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> Mar 9.00am SCHOOL Yr 5	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 11am
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 11am J.Benjamin	M.Hallissy	H.Brookes

## **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	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Eileen Keaton
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
Angela Hyland					

## SEVEN LAST WORDS OF JESUS'

### Reflection 1

In His agony on the cross, Jesus looks for a reason to forgive His executioners. **'Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.'** (Luke 23:32-4) 'Jesus shows forth, here, a divine generosity which is surprising, and so very consoling. It is as if the Lord wants to go further than we could ever go to excuse us.'

'Nonetheless, Jesus looks into our hearts to find sorrow for our sins, or at least the beginnings of it.' He calls us to repentance; to recognise our sins, to admit to them and to tell him we are sorry. We can be comforted in knowing that 'a humble and contrite heart, he will not spurn.' 'If you and I truly want forgiveness, if our sorrow is real, what is it that stops us from knowing that we have been forgiven? Is it our failure to believe in His love for us?' We need 'never for one moment doubt God's forgiveness. It is the faithful companion of our sorrow.'

In His response to the repentant thief, we again see the readiness of Jesus to forgive and to comfort: **'Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.'** (Luke: 23:39-43) This man had lived a life of crime and yet was granted, 'there and then, the vision of God, the endless happiness of ecstatic love, and this right at the end of his life.' 'To each one of us, unless, of course, we choose otherwise, God will one day say: **'Today you will be with me in paradise.'**'

### Prayer

Father, I am sorry. Forgive me. I have failed you, let you down. I have hurt you.

Through Jesus' sacrifice on the cross Forgive me, heal me, restore me. Amen.

**'Father, forgive them; they do not know what they are doing.'**

**'Indeed, I promise you, today you will be with me in paradise.'**

(Luke 23:32-4)

(Luke: 23:39-43)

**'Being Human in Inhuman Institutions'** Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> at 2pm via Zoom. We are very pleased to welcome Dr Amy Daughton, Associate Professor in Practical Theology at the University of Birmingham to give us this intriguingly titled talk. She will look at Pope Francis' encyclical, Fratelli Tutti and help us understand better the background to Pope Francis' call for a synodal Church. Amy was previously Director of Studies at the Margaret Beaufort Institute in Cambridge. This will be a Zoom meeting and the Zoom link will be sent out nearer the time. To register please email: [actabhm@gmail.com](mailto:actabhm@gmail.com).

Please pray for: Margaret Johnston Kirkpatrick, Gillott (Funeral Service Robin Hood, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March 12.30pm) Father Garry Byrne, Ditoza Severina, Patricia Noakes who died recently.

Also, Frank McGuinness, Mary Agnes Service, John Francis Mitchell, Leslie Hawkesford, Thomas Anthony Masterson, Veronica Patricia Taylor, Desmond Cushenan, Sarah Caroline Dennison, Hildegard Barbara Lynch, Sheila Ann Harrison, Margaret Mary Possart, Margaret Wallace, William (Bill) Michael Burton, Robert Jones, Frank Alexander Patrick Barwell and all with anniversaries at this time.

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