

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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Year C 26th JANUARY 2025

Dear Parishioners, 'You together are the Church's body. We all belong to the Church of which the head is Christ. Just as the human body is made up of many parts all of which are interdependent, so too we are dependent on each other and ultimately on Christ. The Holy Spirit is given to us so that we may bring the Good News to the poor. In our lives we witness to the fulfilling of God's promises in the Holy Scripture.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish to thank everyone who contributed to the beautiful reception and First Mass on Tuesday evening and the Requiem Mass on Wednesday for Father Fred Sheldon; thank you for your prayerful support and attendance; for those who beautified the Church; those who took part with a particular ministry in the Masses; thank you to those who brought refreshments and those of you who served them; thank you to Mrs Annette Kelly, who helped to co-ordinate the various requirements, and to Miss Bernadette O'Donnell, our Secretary, for organising the Service booklets. Father Fred would be overjoyed at the kindness and generosity you have shown. May he enter into the joy of the Lord.

Our next Pastoral Council meeting will take place on Sunday 9th February at the end of the 11am Mass Please let us know if you wish to have any items for discussion. The Jubilee Year will be the main focus.

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 20th February between 7.30pm-9pm. If you wish to attend, please speak with Mary Clark or with or with one of the Clergy.

Our Schools have celebrated the Jubilee Year with various activities this last Friday, January 24th. We look forward to celebrating this Jubilee Year and to planning some local pilgrimages, and hopefully participating in some of the diocesan pilgrimages. For details and resources for the Jubilee Year, please visit: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jubilee-year

Thank you for your generosity towards last week's second collection for Pax Christi, the Catholic International Peace Movement.

St Augustine's School are delighted to offer places in our Nursery for September 2025. If you have a child or know of a family whose child will be eligible for nursery provision in September do please contact the School office on: 0121 705 4355 or email the office on: 85office@st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk You will receive a warm welcome on visiting the School. Further information may be found on the School's website: www.st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk

Next weekend, we will celebrate the Feast of the Presentation.

Mass on Wednesday will start at 11.00am; it is a Requiem Mass for Margaret Mary Rochfort.

Meditation Group in the parish Meeting Room at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church Acocks Green at 1.00 PM
 It is an opportunity to be still and to experience how much we are loved by God. You are most welcome to come and join us: Monday 27th January; 10th February; 24th February; 10th March; 24th March; 7th April 2025.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP- gather on the first Sunday of the month for prayer, conversation and encouragement of one another. This is not a counselling group; but the group promise good listening skills, respect for confidentiality and a cuppa. Time 3pm-4.30pm; Friary Lounge Olton Friary St Bernard's Road B92 7BL. information, information please speak to Bro Gerard on 0121 706 0505 or contact Noleen Walsh on 0121 706 5184

JUBILEE YEAR- The theme for the Jubilee Year is 'Pilgrims of Hope. As part of the Jubilee Year, we will be undertaking Pilgrimages. One idea is for us to visit Catholic Churches in our neighbourhood. There are also the annual Diocesan Pilgrimages to Walsingham, Evesham, Hednesford, Harvington and Lourdes. Further details to follow.

For those of our young Parishioners who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament of Confirmation, Meetings will take place on Tuesdays 5pm-6pm beginning Tuesday 25th February 2025.

Diocesan Directories are on sale in both porches-£3.50

Offertory Collection last weekend Gift Aid £185 Loose £788.19 Total £969:14

Second Collection last weekend: Pax Christi £565:54

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Amongst the many interesting details there is an appeal for volunteers to 'support Catholic Chaplaincy in Prison

A special appeal for volunteers to help a gathering of Ukrainians, for a couple of hours on Saturday afternoons, serving refreshments and washing up; in the Parish Hall. If there are enough volunteers a rota system will be operated. This is a good opportunity to support the Ukrainian Community. If you are willing to help, please contact Kathleen O'Hara on: 07769 892994

An Invitation from The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité: The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité warmly invites you to a special Mass celebrating the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 8 February, at 4:30pm, in St Chad's Cathedral, Birmingham.

This celebration is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer, honour Our Lady, and seek her intercession for the sick and their carers. Refreshments will be served after Mass. We extend a special invitation to:• All who have served in Lourdes,• Schools, students, and• Pilgrims planning to join our Diocesan Pilgrimage in May 2025
 The Birmingham Lourdes Hospitalité is a religious confraternity affiliated with the Hospitalité Notre Dame de Lourdes. We are committed to supporting pilgrims, especially those staying in the Accueil, by providing meaningful experiences and financial assistance to those in need.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Kevin McDaid	Jonathan Williams	Michael	Eve
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 Baretto	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	Eilish, Tony & Angela Duffy		Delbert Manorina	Breda Fleming	Pat Hurst
Father Michael White	Father Tony Rohan		Benjamin Wort	Patrick Hickey	Callum Graham
Ian Sanchez	Father Andrew McCann		Juliana Benjamin	Bridget McNamara	Trish Embley
Ellen Gilmore	Doreen and Wilson Cotton		Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell		

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READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 25 th Jan 12.30pm T Cund	Sunday 26 th January 9am	Sunday 26 th January 11am
Saturday 1 st Feb 12.30pm Bernard	M Coburn	A Kelly
Sunday 26 th Jan 9am C Ramsey	Sunday 2 nd February 9am	Sunday 2 nd February 11am
Sunday 26 th Jan 11am E Young	M Hallissey	E Duffy
Sunday 2 nd Feb 9am Aditi		
Sunday 2 nd Feb 11am H Cettler		

<p>25th January Saturday</p> <p>FEAST Conversion of St Paul</p> <p>Octave of Christian Unity</p>	<p>Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm John Noone-RIP Rachel & Alex-Intention</p>	<p><i>Holy Hour 11am-12.00noon</i> <i>Confession 11am-12 noon</i> Tea & Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>26th January</p> <p>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>Sunday of the Word of God</p>	<p>Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10 1 Corinthians 12:12-30 Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>9.00am Elizabeth Farragher-RIP</p> <p>11.00am All People of the Parish Mary Ryan-RIP</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p>
<p>27th January Monday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>Blessed Edward Oldcorne</p> <p>St Angela Merici</p>	<p>Hebrews 9:15,24-28 Mark 3:22-30</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Sheila Bush-RIP</p> <p>Cormac Kenny-RIP</p>	
<p>28th January Tuesday</p> <p>St Thomas Aquinas</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:1-10 Mark 3:31-35</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Rita Terry-RIP Thomas Loftus-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>29th January Wednesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:11-18 Mark 4:1-20</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 11.00am Requiem Margaret Mary Rochfort Peter-RIP</p>	<p>Confessions 10.15am-10.45am</p>
<p>30th January Thursday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:19-25 Mark 4:21-25</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Bernard Adkins-RIP Anne Kelly-Intention</p>	
<p>31st January Friday</p> <p>St John Bosco</p>	<p>Hebrews 10:32-39 Mark 4:26-34</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Alan Watts-RIP</p> <p>6.30pm Teresa Kennedy-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5,15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass -6.30pm</p>
<p>1st February Saturday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 St Luke 2:22-40</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm John Clarke-RIP Theresa & Sean McMahon-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00 noon Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>2nd February Sunday</p> <p>Presentation of the Lord</p> <p>World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life</p>	<p>Malachi 3:1-4 Hebrews 2:14-18 St Luke 2:22-40</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am Baby Jude Michael Sherlin-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Father Michael White-Intentions All People of the Parish</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

On Sunday, January 26, 2025, the 6th 'Sunday of the Word of God' will be celebrated in all the dioceses of the world. This is an initiative that Pope Francis introduced to make people understand how important the Word of God is in the daily life of the Church and in Christian communities. In this context the Word is not confined to a book, but always remains alive and Active in people's lives. The theme for the Sixth Sunday of the Word of God, January 26, in this Jubilee Year, is: "I hope in your word" (Ps. 119:74).

St John Bosco Feast 31st January

St John Bosco, full of confidence I

Turn to you asking you to intercede for me. Help me to lead a good and happy life.

May I always be a help to others, avoid sin and die a happy death.

Bring down the blessing of God on those who are in my thoughts and prayers now.

And obtain for me the special graces which I now ask....

I trust in His love and mercy to grant what He knows is best for me.

St John Bosco, send us good and holy priests and religious,

and grant perseverance to those who are preparing to offer their lives to God. Amen.

Please pray for: Father Fred Sheldon, Noel Holmes, Raphael Lee, Michael Murtagh, Margaret Rochfort (Reception Tuesday 28th January, 7pm; Requiem Wednesday 29th January, 11.00am) Bernadette Carbery, (Requiem- Friday 31st January at St Anne's Catholic Church Chelmsley Wood 11am) Samuel Robinson (Robin Hood Crematorium Friday 31st January 3pm), John Westman (Reception Tuesday 4th February, 6pm; Requiem Wednesday 5th February 11.30am) Adrian Fretsome, Teresita Moriani, who died recently.

Also, Beatrice Eaglesfield, Grace Helen Pedley, Eileen Nimmo Bridget Bevan, Margaret Johnston Kirkpatrick Gillott, Nuala Therese Carthy, John Michael Reid, Clifford Aplin, Bernard Adkins, Sylvia Pickering, Eileen Ashley, Albert Thomas Kennedy, Mary Elizabeth Stock, Jim Quinn, Albert Woodruff, Thomas Joseph McGuire, John Smith, Ann Aubrey Denton-Hawkes, George Core, Wiolette Makselon, Phelim Gerard (Philip) McCabe 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 Sue 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 safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concerns.

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