

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh

Deacon Kevin O'Connor (Retired)

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 26th July 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'Faith is a priceless treasure. God turns everything to our good. He gives us a wisdom by which we discern true values in the world around us. Our greatest gift is faith which gives us a deeper wisdom even than that of Solomon.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners, Thank you for your generous support of the Summer Fayre. It was a very successful and enjoyable occasion and a handsome sum of money has been raised for the people of Venezuela, who have been tragically affected by the recent earthquakes. Thank you for the gifts you brought, for the donations you made and for the purchase of the raffle tickets. Thank you to the organisers, those who served the food and managed the stalls and to those of you who helped set up the garden and to tidy up on the Sunday afternoon.

'God loves a cheerful giver!'

We offer our prayers, our thanks and our good wishes to our Grand-parents on this day of prayerful celebration for the gift of our Grand-parents.

We wish all our families who are on holiday at the moment a refreshing and relaxing time, savouring the goodness of the Lord.

Deacon Andrew's first Mass as a Deacon, last Sunday, here at St Augustine's was such a joyful occasion. It was so nice to welcome Fr Lee from Taiwan, Monsignor Danny, Deacon Andrew's family and so many of the Hong Kong Community, from near and far. Deacon Andrew will be serving at St Mary's Harborne and assisting the Hong Kong Community.

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 Believe Festival- an unmissable opportunity to discover the traditions and charisms that flow through the Church, to grow in authentic community, and to encounter the transforming love of God.

Join us from **Friday 24 - Monday 27 July** at the historic and beautiful setting of St Mary's College, Oscott for a feast of the True, the Good and the Beautiful. *There's a 33% discount on day tickets using the code 'BIRMINGHAM-DISCOUNT' at checkout.* Last year more than 2,000 Catholics gathered in the grounds for the first-ever *We Believe Festival*, celebrating Catholic life and faith. The event is hosted by St Mary's College, Oscott and the Guild of Our Lady of Ransom. See poster in porch. Or email: info@webelievefestival.com

Please note there is a Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 11.30am for Sonya O'Shea, there will not be a 10am Mass. **Also, on Wednesday** there is a Requiem at 12.30pm for Michael Joseph O'Mahoney.

Gift Aid: £299 (A special thanks to those who Gift Aid their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £74.75 Loose £853:94 Total-£1,152:94 . Standing Orders for the month of June £3,125:50 Summer Fayre/Raffle/Teas/Coffee/bucket collection- £4,539:54 Second Collection this weekend: **LEPRA-** Today 475 people will be diagnosed with Leprosy. 25 of these will be children. An estimated 4 million people across the globe are living with undiagnosed Leprosy. Leprosy is not a disease of the past, it still exists and it is destroying lives. 91p of every £1 donated to LEPRA goes directly to helping improve the health and wellbeing of some of the world's most vulnerable.

RAFFLE WINNERS: Would ticket holders 308, 325, 490, 334 and John Floyd call at the Presbytery to collect their prizes.

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: 26th July, 23rd August, 27th September from 4pm to 4.20pm, Refreshments served afterwards.

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School-Places available in Nursery and Years 2 and 3 from September.

Is your child due to start Nursery (born Sept 2022 – August 2023) or years 2 or 3 in September 2026? Spaces have become available at St Augustine's school to start in September. The nursery offers a full time (8:50-3:20pm) provision, term time only. Application forms can be found on the school website <https://www.st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk/admissions/> or by contacting the school office on 0121 705 4355 or 85office@st-augustines.solihull.sch.uk.

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
Adrian Boyes	Patrick Mitchell	Catherine Bird	Helen Kirk	Patrick Murphy	Patricia Sheasby
Edward Martin	Jess Stanton	Daniel Meadows	Delia Gaughan		

READERS		EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 25 th July	12.30pm Bernard	Saturday 25 th July 12.30pm	Sunday 26 th July 9am
Sat 1 st August	12.30pm J Sharpe	J & R Wong	J Sica/ M Hallissey
Sunday 26 th July	9am M C Barbour		Sunday 26 th July 11am A Kelly
Sunday 26 th July	11am R Noronha	Saturday 1 st August 12.30pm	Sunday 2 nd August 9am
Sunday 2 nd August	9am M Pearsall	Ginny/J Wong	J Sica/ J Powers
Sunday 2 nd August	11am C Hodrien		Sunday 2 nd 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

Our Lady of Lourdes School-2 vacancies Level2/3 Teaching Assistants. See notice board for details.

Wednesday 19th August 2026, 10.30am – 2.30pm As part of their mission of commitment to caring for creation, the Columbans have made biodiversity restoration and protection a key priority. To celebrate this work and inspire others to take action, they are hosting a special Summer Open Day for local families during the summer! The day will include pond dipping, nature activities, arts and crafts, games, beekeeping talks, stories of mission from Columban priests and opportunities to explore our rewilded grounds and solar energy installation. Visitors are invited to bring a picnic and enjoy a day outdoors discovering God's creation. Please visit the Columban website for more information.

The Great Awakening- 1st August 2026 9am-4.30pm Bethel Convention Centre Kelvin Way, West Bromwich, Birmingham B70 7JW See poster in porch for details.

25th July Saturday FEAST St James	1 Kings 3:5-6, 7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Anne Mulrennan-RIP Seamus Fleming-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Refreshments after Mass
26th July SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly	1 Kings 3:5-6, 7-12 Romans 8:28-30 Matthew 13:44-52 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.00am Gene Cronin-RIP Jason King-RIP 11.00am Tony Duffy-RIP & Eilish Duffy-Intention Mary Donnelly-RIP	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses.
27th July Monday Feria in Ordinary Time Blessed Robert Sutton	Jeremiah 13:1-11 Matthew 13:31-35 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Mary Carrie-RIP All People of Parish	
28th July Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time	Jeremiah 14:17-22 Matthew 13:36-43 Public & Live streamed Mass 11.30am Requiem Songs O'Shea	Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am
29th July Wednesday Ss Martha, Mary & Lazarus	Jeremiah 15:10,16-21 John 11:19-27 OR Luke 10:38-42 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Requiem Michael Joseph O'Mahony	Confessions 11.15-11.45am 'Lectio Divina' - this week. Email for the link: staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk
30th July Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time St Peter Chrysologus	Jeremiah 18:1-6 Matthew 13:47-53 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Ann Meighan-RIP Roni (Veronica) Pickering-RIP	Prayer Meeting 7.00-8.00pm
31st July Friday St Ignatius of Loyola	Jeremiah 26:1-9 Matthew 13:54-58 Public & Live streamed Mass 6.30pm Keith Yip-Intention Father Joseph-RIP	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm- followed by Mass 6.30pm
1st August Saturday St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori	Isaiah 55:1-3 Romans 8:35,37-39 Matthew 14:13-21 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm CWL 120 th Anniversary Celebration Elaine Cullen-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
2nd August Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 55:1-3 Romans 8:35,37-39 Matthew 14:13-21 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Sarah Coyle-RIP Michael Cleary-RIP 11.00am Della Brosnan-RIP Barbara Bolton-RIP	Tea /Coffee available after both Masses

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR GRAND PARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Dear Lord,
We thank you for grandparents and elderly relatives
throughout the world, their lives and their vocation.
We are grateful for their love, care and the advice
that they give to each of us.
Protect them dear Lord, in all that they do,
as we continue to be blessed
by their wisdom in our communities.
Guide them in their earthly pilgrimage and
always keep them close to your heart,
so that they continue to generously respond to your call.
We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, Our Lord.
Amen.

Please pray for: Glynis Hawkins, Helen Mary Teresa McGrath, Jim Harding, Philip Gartland, Sonya O'Shea (Requiem, Tuesday 28th July, 11.30am), Michael Joseph O'Mahony (Requiem Wednesday 29th July 12.30pm; Reception Tuesday 28th July, 6pm), Bob Dipple, (Requiem Corpus Christi, 12th August, 1pm; Reception 11th August 6pm.) Tony Duffy (Requiem Thursday 13th August, 12pm; Reception Wednesday 12th August 7pm), David & Edna Powers, Michael Joseph O'Gorman, Reginald Harding, Nicholas Ian Barnett, Susan Kelly, Julie Agnew, Henry Oliver Price and Pete Foley who died recently.

Also, Desmond Augustine O'Neill, Gail Catherine McDonnell, Deacon Ernie Titchmarsh, Mary D'Arcy, Finn Ryan, Sheila Kelly, Geraldine Veronica McGlinchey, Janet Catherine Williams, Janet Smith, and all with a Clare Hatton, Father Thomas More OCF 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 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.