

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

Fifth Sunday in Lent 26th March 2023

Dear Parishioners, 'Christ is our resurrection and our life. When we are dead through sin Christ brings us His Spirit so that we may truly live the new life of grace. We are the spiritual brothers and sisters of Christ through God's Spirit who raised Jesus from the dead.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I join with you in welcoming to the Parish this weekend a member of Survive Miva. This Catholic lay Association provides funding for essential transport for health outreach in isolated rural areas, and for the Church's pastoral care in places of difficult access. There will be a second collection in response to this appeal.

Your prayers are asked for Ruari John McTiernan who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday. **We welcome** Father Timothy Boniwell to the 9am Mass this Sunday morning. Father Timothy is a priest of the Ordinariate. **We look forward** to the great Feast of Holy Week and Easter. At the Masses next weekend we will have the Blessing and distribution of Palms. There is a sheet in the Sacristy for our Special Ministers of the Eucharist and Readers to sign indicating your availability for Holy Week Services. A special lilac-coloured sheet has been prepared detailing the times of the Services for Holy Week and Easter.

Our Parishioners from Hong Kong are organising a day of celebration this Sunday, March 26th, between 1-6pm. The various activities, which will take place in the Church and Hall, include the opportunity to learn about the language, customs and culture of Hong Kong.

The second of our Parents' Meetings for First Holy Communion preparation will take place on Wednesday 29th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall. Free car-parking has been requested for the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

Please visit the Diocesan website to see the latest news from around the Archdiocese. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk You will find details of the recently published document, 'Love the Stranger.' It is produced by the Bishops' Conference and is a Catholic response to Migrants and Refugees. Also, the Catholic Social Action Network(CSAN) Statement on the illegal migration Bill and its request for your support can be found at www.cbcew.org.uk/love-the-stranger. OLV Golf Day. Thursday 20th April at Fulford Heath Golf Club. £23.50. First tee is at 11am and bacon butties available from 10am. There is a Fish N Chip Supper in the Parish Hall afterwards. Parishioners can sign up for both or either. Please contact the Parish Office on 0121 744 1967 or olw.shirley@rcaob.org.uk

<p>25th March Saturday Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord</p>	<p>Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45 Public Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Deceased Members of McNamee Family Winston Perrier-RIP</p>	<p>Prayer & Life Workshop 10am-12.00pm Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>26th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT</p>	<p>Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45 Public Live streamed Mass 9.00am Mary Miller-Intention 11.00am Ben & Susan McKiernan-RIP Olli Haverty-RIP</p>	
<p>27th March Monday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Daniel 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 John 8:1-11 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.45am Requiem Patrick Joseph Ryan Dan Doyle-RIP</p>	
<p>28th March Tuesday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Numbers 21:4-9,12 John 8:21-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Patsi Egan- RIP Vera Manton-RIP</p>	
<p>29th March Wednesday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Daniel 3:14-20,91-92,95 John 8:31-42 Public & Live streamed Masses 11.30am Freddie's mom-RIP Ray-RIP</p>	<p>Confessions 10.45-11.15am 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: ehb73@yahoo.co.uk</p>
<p>30th March Thursday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Genesis 17:3-9 John 8:51-59 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Heather Bastains-Intention Daniel Savio Pereira-Thanksgiving</p>	
<p>31st March Friday Lent Feria</p>	<p>Jeremiah 20:10-13 John 10:31-42 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Kathleen Goaley-Intention 6.30pm Derek Richardson-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.00pm Stations of the Cross 6pm-6.15pm</p>
<p>1st April Saturday</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:11-54 Public Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Lali Ratnaraja & Family-Intentions John White- RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord 2nd April</p>	<p>Isaiah 50:4-7 Philippians 2:6-11 Matthew 26:14-27:11-54 Public Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Susan Joyce-RIP Bernadino Pedro- RIP</p>	<p>Anointing of the Sick 3.00pm</p>

As we work more closely with our neighbouring parishes we will try to join together for Services and special occasions. To this end, the Lent Penance Service will take place at St George and St Teresa's Dorridge, on Tuesday 4th April at 7pm. All are welcome.

The Service of the Anointing of the Sick will take place here at St Augustine's on Sunday 2nd April at 3pm. All are welcome. Light refreshments will be served in the hall after Mass.

Introduction to the Diocesan Vision. First meeting Thursday 27th April at 7pm at Our Lady of the Wayside.

Please remember in your those who are receiving Instruction in the Catholic Faith at the present moment and who will be received into Full Communion at the Easter Vigil or during the Easter Season .

WALK OF WITNESS: GOOD FRIDAY 7th April join from 11am outside St Augustine's Church, please bring palm cross if possible. Finish 12.15pm at St Alphege; tea/coffee and Hot Cross buns in the Oliver Bird Hall.

Do you want to learn to pray and live the gospel? We are running the Prayer & Life Workshop at St Augustine's Parish Hall, starting Saturday March 25th 2023, from 10am-12pm for 15 consecutive weeks. It begins with a taster session so you're welcome to come to look and see. The workshop is a service to the church led by lay people devised by Fr Ignacio Larranaga, a Spanish Capuchin priest. The aim is to give a methodical approach to prayer, a new openness to scripture and a practical approach to living the Christian life. Further information is also available on the Prayer & Life workshop website. www.Prayerandlifeworkshopsuk.org

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

RAFFLE PRIZES: PLEASE BRING TICKETS TO THE PREBYTERY TO CLAIM YOUR PRIZE

6;11;26;46;91;96;111;231;311;386;396;526;551;616;621;711;766;776.

HEAD TEACHER VACANCY- Our Lady of the Wayside School -from September 2023. Closing date 10am 27th March. Information/application pack: www.olaas.co.uk Any questions Peter Davis 07738013672

Offertory Collection for 19th March Gift Aid:£161:84 Loose £923:34 Total £1,085:18 Second Collection this weekend: Survive-Miva

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 25 th Mar 12.30pm M.Green Saturday 1 st April 12.30pm T.Duffy	Sunday 26 th March 9am T.Nettikkadan	Sunday 26 th March 11am B.Ngala
Sunday 26 th March 9.00am M.Pearsall Sunday 26 th March 11am M.Watts	Sunday 2 nd April 9am J.Powers	Sunday 2 nd April 11am A.Kelly
Sunday 2 nd April 9.00am C.Ramsey Sunday 2 nd April 11am H.Cettler	Sunday 9 th April EASTER ROTA	Sunday 9 th April EASTER ROTA
	Sunday 16 th April 9am D.Nettikkadan	Sunday 16 th April 11am E.Duffy

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

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| 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 |
| Rosemary Knowles | | | | | |

Seven Last Words of Jesus Reflection 5 'It is Accomplished'

'After Jesus had taken the vinegar he said, 'It is accomplished'; and bowing his head he gave up His spirit.' (John 19:30)

Our suffering Lord, hanging on the cross, is described by the prophet Isaiah as 'A man without beauty, without majesty, no looks to attract our eyes; a thing despised and rejected by man.'

In human terms, Jesus' death on the cross can be seen as a sign of defeat, of failure even. And yet, Jesus' said, 'it is accomplished.' Jesus has conquered sin and death. He is our triumphant Lord! God's work has been done.

Through His suffering and death, Jesus has restored our relationship with God. He has saved us from sin and death and bought about a new beginning. 'The Lord has touched our human experience, and leads it now through the darkness to light, from death to life...to life of which there is no end and where the desires of humans are finally and completely fulfilled.'

And yet, mankind still suffers, we now endure our passion. But 'hidden in our suffering and pain is the seed of divine life, hope is now hidden in human despair, joy concealed in human sadness.'

As disciples of Jesus, and in obedience to the Father, we too have our mission, our work to complete. We are all called to make Jesus known to all people. To be channels of His love and peace, His justice, of forgiveness, hope and of faith.

Prayer

Dear God, as disciples of Jesus we pray,

That like Him, we may seek only and above all, to do your will. May we complete the work you have given us, and may your will be accomplished in us. Amen

'Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.'

(Acclamation 3)

Please pray for: Patrick Joseph Ryan (Requiem Monday 27th March 9.45am; Reception, Sunday 26th March 5pm) Mrs Joan Fitzpatrick and Margaret Kennedy who died recently.

Also, Philomena Bernadette Mullins, Jaqueline Ann Powers, Alice Behan, Geoffrey Dormer, Edmund(Ted) Wilcock, David Snape, Trixie Stella Maris Cotterill, Carol O'Connor, Constance Cooper, Kathleen Finneran, John Deasy, and all with anniversaries at this time.

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