

# *SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH*

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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time   Year C 27<sup>th</sup> July 2025

**Dear Parishioners,** 'God is our Father. When we pray Christ tells us that we are to call God our 'Father'. Through Baptism we share with Christ in the sonship of God. We are to persist in our prayers to God and he will answer us just because he is our Father. We must ask until we receive and seek until we find.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish all our Grandparents God's special blessings this Sunday, a day designated by the Church to pray and to give thanks for the place that Grandparents have within our families and within the wider community. May the prayers of Saint Joachim and Saint Anne, the Grandparents of Jesus, strengthen and uphold all our Grandparents. May our Grandparents help us to find joy that we are children of God.

**This Saturday we hold** our Summer Fayre between 1.30-3.30pm and after each of the Sunday Masses. Thank you for all the lovely gifts you have brought, for returning the monies and counterfoils for the Raffle. Do please come along to the Fayre and enjoy some tasty refreshments, ice-creams and waffles. Thank you to our Stall holders and to all who have helped in any way. Help will be required after the 11am Mass on Sunday to tidy the Hall. The proceeds will go to helping the people of Myanmar, recovering from a devastating earthquake.

**This Thursday,** at the end of the 12.00 midday Mass, we will have the Anointing of the Sick.

**We are hoping to arrange** a Minibus for the annual pilgrimage to the Shrine of the English Martyrs at Harvington Hall on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. Mass is at 3pm; Confessions 1.45pm-2.30pm. Archbishop Bernard Longley will be the leading Celebrant.

**The Birmingham Catholic** Charismatic Renewal Conference takes place at St John's Hotel in Solihull, from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> August until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August. This year's Conference promises to be an inspiring time of worship, teaching and renewal through our adult and children's programmes. The theme is: 'Heart speaks to Heart.' To book your place for the week or daily contact Ray on:

078818851964 or email: [info@bccrc.org.uk](mailto:info@bccrc.org.uk) Download a booking form- [www.bccrc.org.uk](http://www.bccrc.org.uk)

**Within the South Solihull** Parishes, we are planning a Pilgrimage to Rome for the close of the Jubilee Year. Would you be interested in taking part, from January 4<sup>th</sup> to January 8<sup>th</sup> 2026? The cost is £850 for sharing a room and £950 for single supplement. Further details from Bernadette, our Parish Secretary.

**We offer our prayerful congratulations** to Angela and Michael Keating, on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, this Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> July.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid £155 Loose £855:86 Total: £1010:86

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Trevor Windle	Daniel Meadows	Kevin McDaid	Jonathan Williams	Michael	Juliana Benjamin
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	Tony & Eilish Duffy	Delbert Manorina	Breada Fleming	Lilian	Andrea Cadman
Father Michael White	Eve	Benjamin Wort	Callum Graham	Michael Leyland	Wilson Cotton
Bridget McNamara	Ellen Gilmore	Ian Sanchez	Father Andrew McCann		

Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell

**For news and events** around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

READERS		Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm R Wong/Ginny	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 9am J Sica/G Sica Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 11am J Hickey
26 <sup>th</sup> July 12.30pm	T Cund		
2 <sup>nd</sup> August 12.30pm	Bernard	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August 12.30pm Ginny/J Wong	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 9am M Coburn/G Sica Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 11am A Kelly
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 9am	C Ramsey		
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup> July 11am	Cecilia		
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 9am	M Pearsall		
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 11am	M Watts		

**We Believe, 25th-28th July 2025**, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of **St Mary's College, Oscott**, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webelievefestival.com](http://www.webelievefestival.com) Archdiocese of Birmingham discount. We Believe team have created a discount code for people in the Archdiocese of Birmingham. If you live in the Archdiocese and want to come along, by entering the code BIRMINGHAM50 you can get a 50% discount on any festival ticket. Please see poster in porch for details.

**Holy Trinity Catholic School** will be celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in September ; we are keen that former pupils, staff and anyone previously connected to Holy Trinity have the opportunity to attend. For more detailed information please see Notice board, main porch. 5.00pm Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANT**- Looking for work. Experienced in this role, previously working with elderly and vulnerable in the comfort of their own homes and a care home. Contact Beata- 07941374386

**ST AUGUSTINES SCHOOL**-Remaining places in school: Nursery, Reception and Year 1 spaces remain for September 2025 - enquiries via the office.


**St. Peter's Secondary School. A Level Results Day – Thursday 14th August 2025**

A Level results will be available for collection from **8.00am** in the **Sixth Form Common Room**. **GCSE Results Day – Thursday 21st August 2025**. GCSE results will be available for collection from **8.30am** in the **Sports Hall**. In previous years a small group of parishioners have been present to offer prayerful support to the students as they receive their results. Would any of you wish to do so this year. If so, please let Father Dominic know.

**Father Michael Stack**, a retired priest of the Archdiocese, has written a book entitled: 'Why a Hospice?' They are available in the main porch, priced £5.00.

**Would any of our young** Parishioners, aged 16+ wish to train as a youth leader? If so, please speak with one of the Clergy.

**For the Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee Year**, Father Hudson's Caritas has developed a pilgrimage of hope around Birmingham City Centre, suitable for families, groups and individuals. The booklet (available online or in both porches) will guide you on a route around the City. At 10 stops you will be invited to reflect on issues of social justice, recognising signs of hope in our City and reflecting on how you can take action for change. On Father Hudson's Caritas website you can download the booklet and the route map. For further information contact Emily Pugh- 01675 434 000

<p>26th July Saturday</p> <p>St Joachim &amp; Anne</p>	<p>Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Trish Embley-RIP Laura Bourke-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass Fayre 1.30pm-3.30pm</p>
<p>27th July</p> <p>SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly</p>	<p>Genesis 18:20-32 Colossians 2:12-14 Luke 11:1-13 Public &amp; Live streamed Masses 9.00am Golden Wedding Anniversary -Michael &amp; Angela Keating</p>  <p>11.00am All People of the Parish Geraldine McGlinchey-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p> <p>Fayre continues after both Masses</p>
<p>28th July Monday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Exodus 32:15-24,30-34 Matthew 13:31-35 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Sadie Joyce-Intention</p> <p>Ashley McCabe-RIP</p>	
<p>29th July Tuesday</p> <p>Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus</p>	<p>Exodus 33:7-11,34:5-9,28 John 11:19-27 OR Luke 10:38-42 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Slawek's Intentions</p> <p>Margaret Rochfort-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>30th July Wednesday</p> <p>Feria in Ordinary Time</p> <p>St Peter Chrysologus</p>	<p>Exodus 34:29-35 Matthew 13:44-46 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Deceased members of Mullen &amp; McNamara Families Dolores Charlton-RIP</p>	<p>Confession 11.30am Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm <a href="mailto:staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk">staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</a></p>
<p>31st July Thursday</p> <p>St Ignatius of Loyola</p>	<p>Exodus 40:16-21,34-38 Matthew 13:47-53 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Special Intention Mary T O'Sullivan</p>	
<p>1st August Friday</p> <p>St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori</p>	<p>Leviticus 23:1,4-11,15-16,27,34-37 Matthew 13:54-58 Public &amp; Live streamed Masses 10.00am Ann Clarke-RIP</p> <p>6.30pm Lisa Muckley-</p>	<p>Holy Hour &amp; Exposition 5.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>2nd August Saturday</p> <p>St Eusebius/ St Julian Eymard</p>	<p>Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5,9-11 Luke 12:13-21 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Muthumalar Vijoyaratnam-RIP</p> <p>Kathleen Bevis-Birthday</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p>
<p>3rd August</p> <p>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23 Colossians 3:1-5,9-11 Luke 12:13-21 Public &amp; Live streamed Masses 9.00am Father Philip Harrop</p> <p>11.00am All People of the Parish</p> <p>Tony McLoughlin-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

# WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY

**The elderly are signs of hope and witnesses of blessedness.** The theme of the first Message of Pope Leo XIV for the *World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, whose fifth edition will be celebrated on Sunday, 27 July 2025 is “**Blessed are those who have not lost hope (Sir 14:2)**” and fits into the context of the Jubilee of Hope 2025. In the Message, the Holy Father invites us to recognise the elderly not only as recipients of pastoral care, but as witnesses of hope who are active protagonists in the life of the Church.

Old age can be a time of blessedness in which hope, tested in the fire of a long life, becomes a source of joy and renewed trust in the Lord. God “teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, the first witnesses of hope.” states Pope Leo XIV in his *Message*

Pope Benedict XVI's Prayer for Grandparents

Lord Jesus, you were born of the Virgin Mary,  
the daughter of Saints Joachim and Anne.

Look with love on Grandparents the world over.

Protect them! They are a source of enrichment for families,  
for the Church and for all of society. Support them!

As they grow older, may they continue to be for their families  
strong pillars of Gospel faith, guardians of noble domestic ideals,  
living treasures of sound religious traditions. Make them teachers of  
wisdom and courage, that they may pass on to future generations  
the fruits of their mature human and spiritual experience.

Lord Jesus, help families and society to value the presence  
and role of Grandparents. May they never be ignored or  
excluded, but always encounter respect and love. Help them to live serenely and to feel  
welcomed in all the years of life which you give them. Mary,  
Mother of all the living, keep Grandparents constantly in your care, accompany them on their  
earthly pilgrimage, and by your prayers, grant that all families may one day be reunited in our  
heavenly homeland, where you await all humanity for the great embrace of life without end.

Amen!

Please pray for: Paul Malone (Requiem 8<sup>th</sup> August 10am), Dymphna McKiernan, (Requiem Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> August 11am), John Pears (Woodlands Cemetery, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2pm), Hilary Mayell, Olam Devaney, Gerard William Dornan, Doreen Cotton, Father John Baggley, Deacon Tony Rigby, Deacon Brian Cox, Angela Mary Cleeton, Delia Finnegan, Father Tony Rohan and Robin Easterby who died recently.

Also, Deacon Ernie Titchmarsh, Mary D'Arcy, Finn Ryan, Sheila Kelly, Geraldine Veronica McGlinchey, Janet Catherine Williams, Janet Smith, Clare Hatton, Father Thomas More OCF, Pauline O'Hare, Olive Doreen Jones, Eileen Philomena Gallagher 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 Susan Wakeham. They can be contacted at [sg.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.

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