

**SAINT AUGUSTINE
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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th January 2023

Dear Parishioners, 'How happy are the poor in spirit! Jesus gives us the Beatitudes and tells us how happy we would be if we were poor in spirit because then the kingdom of heaven would be ours. Poverty of spirit means having a correct standard of values in which we put Christ first and everything else in sub-ordinate to him We are rich in Christ because we know that everything of lasting value comes from him.'(Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: 'Dear Parishioners, Let us make our boast in the Lord for He has chosen us - 'foolish by human reckoning, to shame the wise, and to shame what is strong that He chose what is weak by human reckoning.'(1 Cor: 1:27)

Welcome to our young Parishioners from Year 6 who are being enrolled at today's 9am Mass as candidates for Confirmation. We also welcome their parents, families and teachers, and also members of the Children's Sacramental Choir.

The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 16th February at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. If you would like to attend please inform Mary Clark or one of the Clergy. The evening will last until 9pm as we are combining two baptismal evenings into one.

I am pleased to inform you that the rugby jersey signed by England's rugby Captain, Courtney Lawes, has gone to a Parishioner with the highest bid. We are delighted that the money raised will go towards the cost of sending a young person to Lourdes. Thank you to those of you who bid for the jersey. It is much appreciated.

This Sunday is celebrated as World Leprosy Day. If you would like to know more about the Saint Francis Leprosy Guild, please email: Katherine.jones@stfrancisleprosy.com

We are very pleased to welcome our teenage Parishioners attending secondary school to a Bible Study Course. It will be led by Father Denis Carter, a Columban Father, and will take place on Wednesday afternoons between 4.30-5.30pm in St Augustine's Church. All are welcome.

Lourdes Pilgrimage- application forms may be found on the Diocesan website or requested from the Presbytery.

The Diocesan website carries a lot of interesting news and courses. Please visit www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk Amongst all the news you will find details of:

- i) A new online course 'Taking Liturgy seriously 2' hosted by the Society of St Gregory, starting 9th February and runs until November '23
- ii) A 'Come and See Weekend.'
- iii) Retreat for young adults- Discovering the Divine Office.

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Saturday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas	Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Teresa Leeper-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm
29th January FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13 1 Corinthians 1:26-31 Matthew 5:1-12 Public and Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of The Parish 11.00am James, Olive & Deceased Members of the Farmer Family	
30th January Monday	Hebrews 11:32-40 Mark 5:1-20 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Bernard Adkins-RIP	
31st January Tuesday St John Bosco	Hebrews 12:1-4 Mark 5:21-43 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Albert Woodruff-RIP	
1st February Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time	Hebrew 12:4-7,11-15 Mark 6:1-6 Public & Live streamed Masses 11.30am Patrick Smith- RIP	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
2nd February Thursday FEAST Presentation of the Lord <i>World Day for Consecrated Life</i>	Either Malachi 3:1-4 OR Hebrew 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Brian Healy & Family-Living & Deceased	
3rd February Friday Feria in Ordinary Time St Blaise/ St Ansgar	Hebrews 13:1-8 Mark 6:14-29 Public and Live streamed Masses 11.30am Requiem Seamus Dunlavy 6.30pm Isabel & Tony O'Meara & Family-Intents	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm
4th February Saturday	Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Annette Cuddy-Intention	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm
Sunday 5th February Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Racial Justice Day	Isaiah 58:7-10 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Matthew 5:13-16 Public and Live streamed Masses 9.00am Johnny Green-RIP 11.00am All People of the Parish	

iv) **Introduction to** Voluntary Workplace Chaplaincy Birmingham and Solihull. Starting 9th February. See poster in the porch.

Continuing on Thursdays at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall we will have the showing of the 'Chosen'. It will take place each week for the next four weeks. It tells of the background and people so closely involved in Jesus' life and His mission. It is a very inspiring portrayal of the time of Jesus. You are very welcome, even if you only attend occasionally.

Father Hudson's Care are seeking further Host families to support our Ukranian Guests. If you are able to host an individual/family please email Liudmyla Sadova, Ukranian Refugees' Support Coordinator, at liudmylasadova@fatherhudsons.org.uk or ring Father Hudson's Care on- 01675 434 000, Monday to Friday 8.30-5pm.

GRATEFUL THANKS FROM SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul) AT ST AUGUSTINE'S.....All donations of food, clothing and toys for our Christmas 2022 'Friends in Need' Appeal were greatly appreciated by the individual people and groups who benefited from the hampers, parcels and gifts. The donations helped provide for a better Christmas for so many.

WHAT ITEMS ARE SVP STILL ACCEPTING?Non- perishable groceries including UHT milk, plus men's clothing & footwear (S, M and L sizes only, suitable for 18-45s.) Please contact SVP on: 07568 508271 if you would still like to donate, or if you would like to become a befriender.

Marriage Care – Volunteers Needed! Catholic Marriage Care are looking for Marriage Preparation Facilitators in the Birmingham Team to present and facilitate courses for engaged couples. If you are interested, please contact Christina - Birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org Find out **more** about how you could help support couples and families at: www.marriagecare.org.uk or email volunteer@marriagecare.org.uk

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: Sunday 12th February and 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.

Offertory Collection for 29th January : Gift Aid:£247 Loose £846:81: Total £1,093:81

Second Collection next week: Racial Justice:

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 28 th Jan 12.30pm T.Duffy	Sunday 29 th January 9am	Sunday 29 th January 11am
Saturday 4 th Feb 12.30pm T.Cund	T.Nettikkadan	A.Keating
Saturday 11 th Feb 12.30pm M.Green		
Saturday 18 th Feb 12.30pm T.Duffy		
Sunday 29 th Jan 9.00am Confirmation Enrolment Yr 6	Sunday 5 th February 9am	Sunday 5 th February 11am
Sunday 29 th Jan 11am M.Keating	M.Coburn	H.Brookes
Sunday 5 th Feb 9.00am Finbar, Cormac Joe	Sunday 12 th February 9am	Sunday 12 th February 11am
Sunday 5 th Feb 11.00am J. Benjamin	D.Nettikkadan	A.Kelly
Sunday 12 th Feb 9.00am M.Coburn	Sunday 19 th February 9am	Sunday 19 th February 11am
Sunday 12 th Feb 11am C.Hodrien	M.Hallissey	B.Ngala

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	Noreen O'Connor	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto
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
Eileen Keaton	Margaret McDermott				

Feast of the Presentation February 2nd

Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying: "Sovereign Lord, as you have promised, you now dismiss your servant in peace. For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all people, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."



**Lord God, you are the source of everlasting light.
Your son, our beloved Lord Jesus
was presented in the temple 40 days after his birth.
He was recognized by Simeon and Anna,
and welcomed as the promised Messiah.
May we like them, behold the glory of the Lord Jesus.
Grant that we may stand before you
With hearts cleansed by your forgiving love. May we serve you all our days
and make your name known as we worship you as our Lord.
So may we come by your grace to eternal life. Amen.**

O God, who in the work of creation commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may shine into the hearts of all your people, dispelling the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, and revealing to them the knowledge of your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Please pray for: Seamus Dunleavy(Requiem Friday 3rd February 11.30am; Reception Thursday 2nd February 6pm), Mary Jo Byrne (Requiem Wednesday 8th February 12.15pm) Regina White, Eamonn Priestley, Brendan McCartney, Roisin Helen Brown, Margaret Hayde, David Carroll, Michael Kelly Brian Hughes who died recently.

Also, 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, Wioletta Makselom, Phelim Gerard (Philip) McCabe, Noel Blackwell, Michael /Waldron, Irene Mary Clipson, Mary Ray, Ignatius Anthony Poole, Sarah Jane Weston Smith, Mary Jones, Zonia Morgan-Cettler, Lena Cahill, and all with anniversaries at this time.

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