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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Year B 31st March 2024

Dear Parishioners, 'Christ our hope is risen! Christ died to rise again so that his Father will be glorified. We too are brought back to true life in Christ. If we die with him, we will rise with him and in our lives be witnesses to the power of the resurrection.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.) **Father Dominic writes:** Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I rejoice with you as we celebrate Our Lord's resurrection from the dead. May Jesus' victory over death renew our courage and help us to be joyful witnesses of a life, which has overcome death and of a love which transforms our lives. **Thank you to** each and every one for your generous and prayerful participation of the Holy Week Services. May we each discover the blessings of being God's children in whom His soul delights. **Please pray for** Gabriel Hawker who is to be Confirmed during the Easter Vigil and for Yennis and Alvin who are to be Baptised, Confirmed and Received into Full Communion during the 12.30pm Mass on Saturday 6th April.

The next baptism preparation evening will take place on Thursday 2nd May between 7.30pm-9pm. All are welcome. Please inform Mary Clark if you wish to attend.

The Easter Monday Men's Mass will take place at St Chad's Cathedral on Monday 1st April at 10am. Everyone is invited to attend. The Archbishop will be the leading celebrant.

Walk With Me Booklets and Calendars for Eastertide are available in both porches. Do please take them. A new flower rota is available for our flower arrangers.

Special thanks to our Choir and Choir Mistress, our Organists, altar servers, readers and special ministers of Holy Communion; thanks to our Church Wardens and those who clean the Altar Linen and, those who clean the Church and those who have beautified the Church with flowers. Thanks also to Bob and Bobby Ryder for looking after the Parish website. Our thanks to Annette, our housekeeper and to Bernadette our secretary; to Annetta and Beata who help domestically in the house and in the Hall. Thank you to our Catechists who help with preparing our Parish family for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation; and to our Parents and Parishioners who help with the Children's Liturgy and who organise the parents, toddlers, babies and pre-school children's Meetings on a Tuesday morning.

Thank you to each and every one for your generous sharing of your gifts and time and for your spiritual, practical and financial support of the Parish. You have responded so generously to the recent appeals to the various charities.

Thank you finally, for your Easter Offerings, your gift to the Parish Clergy.'

FIRST FIVE SATURDAY FATIMA DEVOTION For peace in the world. On 13 July 1917 Our Lady requested "The Communion of reparation [by the Church] on the First Saturdays".

Many people have chosen to leave a gift in their Will to CAFOD and these generous donations fund one third of CAFOD's long-term support to help people out of poverty . For more information and to take up CAFOD's free will writing offer go to www.cafod.org.uk/give/leave-a-gift-in-your-will/free-will-service

JOB VACANCIES: Administration Support Officer; St Augustine's Classroom Teacher, Deputy Diocesan Solicitor, St Pauls School RE Teacher; For each vacancy, please see details on Notice Board.

Marriage Care, a Catholic organisation providing support and counselling for married couples, and marriage preparation days/evening, are wishing to recruit volunteers for their work. They are based at St Joseph's Centre, at Holy Souls Church, Acocks Green. If you would like to know more, please speak to a member of the Marriage Care Team on- 0800 389 3801.

Offertory Collection: Gift Aid £216 Loose £984:57 Total:£1,200:57

READERS

Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday 6 th April 12.30pm T Cund Saturday 13 th April 12.30pm Bernard		
HOLY SATURDAY M Watts		
C Hodrien M Smith T Choi	HOLY SATURDAY 1. A Kelly	
EASTER SUNDAY 9am M Coburn 11am E Egarus	EASTER SUNDAY 9am M Hallissey	EASTER SUNDAY 11am Ginny E Duffy
Sunday 7 th April 9am C Ramsey Sunday 7 th April 11am	Sunday 7 th April 9am M Hallissey	Sunday 7 th April 11am B Ngala

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	Eileen Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Don Deneny	Jonathan Williams
Patricia Mann Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans
Catherine Walton Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Pauline Samathar	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes
James Brown John McCarthy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Eve	Roger Cox
Christopher Edmund Poole	Liam Lewis	Joseph Wong	Briege Williams	Angela Hyland
Nicole Plummer Pat Brogan	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Mike Sassano	Mary & Amanda
	Theima Cole	Molly Sauriders	WING Sassailo	ivially & Allianua

30 th March Holy Saturday	MORNING PRAYERS & ROSARY-10am Genesis 1:1-2:2 Genesis 221-18 Exodus 14:15-15:-1 Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 28:1-10 8.00pm Easter Vigil- Mr Flynn-RIP	Confession 11am-12 noon
31st March SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	Chris Conway-Intention Acts 10:34,37-43 Colossians 3:1-4 John 20:1-9 9.00am All People of the Parish Stan-Intention 11.00am Francis O'Regan Father Philip Harrop-Intention	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses
1st April Easter Monday	Acts 2:14,22-23 Matthew 28:8-15 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Karen Teere	
Solemnity 2nd April Easter Tuesday	Acts 2:36-41 John 20:11-18 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Carmel Ransford Mark Naylor-RIP	The Toddlers' Group 9.30am- 11.30am
Solemnity 3rd April Easter Wednesday	Acts 3:1-10 Luke 24:13-35 Public and Live streamed Mass 11.30am M&T -Thanksgiving	Confessions 10.45am-11.15am
Solemnity 4th April Easter Thursday Solemnity	Natasha-Intention Public & Live streamed Mass Acts 3:11-26 Luke 24:35-48 10.00am Kieran Lavin-RIP 12.00 noon Requiem Irene Nicholson	
5th April Easter Friday Solemnity	Public & Live streamed Masses Acts 4:1-12 John 21:1-14 10.00am Brian & Dymphna Finnegan & Family 6.30pm Holy Souls	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm
6th April Easter Saturday Solemnity	Public & Live streamed Mass Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31 12.30pm Michael Crook-RIP Susan Joyce- RIP	Tea/Coffee available after Mass Confessions 11am-12.00 noon Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm
7th April SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY	Public & Live streamed Masses Acts 4:32-35 1 John 5:1-6 John 20:19-31 9.00am Margretta Cheung-RIP All People of the Parish 11.00am Ann & John Moran 60th Wedding Anniversary Liz Taylor-Birthday	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses

An Easter Reflection The following item was read out in a church as a Communion Reflection. It is a description of an Easter ceremony in Russia where it is highly dangerous to be a believer.

'Someone at the back of the church lit a candle,
a single point of light
not able to pierce the darkness.
But there was another, and another,
for each of the worshippers carried a candle.
Swiftly the flame was passed
from one to another.

In less than a minute, the church was a blaze of light - no, not the impersonal glare of electricity - it was a thousand individual flames united in a single faith.

Each candle lit up the face behind it that bore the deep lines of suffering.

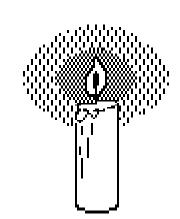
Yet it was illuminated and the suffering turned into joy, because of the

certain knowledge that the Lord has risen.
These people do not debate the
Resurrection

they have experienced it in their lives. They have not preserved the faith in hostile surroundings; it has preserved them.

Their joy is a glimpse through the curtain which divides us from heaven.'

Lord, may your Easter light shine on us this day and chase away the shadows of the night of death.



Please pray for: Teresa Mary Jukes, Adrian Paul Flynn, Irene Margaret Petronella Nicholson, (Requiem Mass on Thursday 4th April at 12.00 midday. Reception on Wednesday 3rd April at 6.00pm) Maria Ann Sharples (Requiem Mass on 11th April 11am) Margaret Freeman, Margrett Cheung ,Raymond Pilkington, Emma Wilson , Stephen John McGrath, Alan Watts, Gretchen Dean who died recently.

Also, Jozef Munko, Dr Elizabeth Scull, Martin Power, Gerald Edward Thomas, Colin Arthur Cowlishaw, Zack Adam Price, Eugene O'Donnell, Susan Monica Joyce, Dennis Oxley, Julia Mahoney, Margaret Teeling, Ellen (Angelina) Petrucco, Josephine McAuley, Angela Mary D'Arcy 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 Representative is Anne Ryder. She 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.