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**Fr Dominic Kavanagh    Fr Paul Devaney    Deacon Kevin O'Connor**

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 4<sup>th</sup> February 2018**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**'Everybody is looking for Christ.** Christ gives meaning to our lives. Without Him life would be no better than hired drudgery, but with His spirit in us all our service of others is done for love of Him. It is a service which brings us perfect freedom. The world needs Christ and it is our duty to bring Him to everyone.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**The second of February's** baptismal preparation evening takes place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

**There will be a second collection** this weekend for the LIFE Organisation. 'All monies raised will be spent in the Archdiocese to give practical and emotional support to women, men and their families who feel their only option is abortion as we provide a better way, making it possible for women to keep their babies and make abortion a thing of the past.' For further information, please visit: [lifecharity.org.uk](http://lifecharity.org.uk)

**Please pray for Olton Friary Parish** as this weekend they will have their Parish Visitation with Bishop Robert. **We are thinking of having a nostalgic disco** in the parish hall, to raise funds for Aid to the Church in Need. The music (1960s, '70s, & '80s) We want people to 're-live' their youthful memories; so the plan is for a dance, not a 'just sit and listen' night. Admittance free; donations on departure. There is a safety-limit of 50, so late-comers might be excluded.

**Dates for your diaries:** Dr Marie Cook from the Maryvale Institute is coming to meet with Parishioners from the parishes within the Deanery on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Parish Hall. She wants to develop the Parish ministries and to help us in whatever way is best. Do please come along. **On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** at 7pm we have a Mass and Closing Meeting for the Visitation of the East Birmingham Deanery. Do please come along to support this.

**PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES-** Would any Parishioners be interested in joining Father Dominic and the Fellowship Group in going on pilgrimage to Lourdes from Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> May until Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018? The cost would be between £600 and £650. (The alternative would be for those interested to travel on the Diocesan Pilgrimage which leaves a day earlier on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May and is slightly more expensive.) The Fellowship Group leader is arranging flights from Birmingham to Bordeaux return with transfer by coach to and from Lourdes. Father Dominic would need to know as soon as possible.

<p>3<sup>rd</sup> February Saturday Feria in Ordinary Time <i>St Werburg/ St Blaise/ St Ansgar</i></p>	<p>Job 7:1-4,6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Mark 1:29-39 12.30pm Tommy Kirwan-RIP Tony Dempsey-Poorly Lali Retna Raja &amp; Family</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>4<sup>th</sup> February <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Sunday</p>	<p>Job 7:1-4,6-7 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 Mark 1:29-39 9.00am Zonia Morgan-RIP &amp; Paul Griffin-RIP 11.00am Anne Teresa McGuire &amp; Thomas Joseph McGuire-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses</p>
<p>5<sup>th</sup> February Monday St Agatha</p>	<p>1 Kings 8:1-7,9-13 Mark 6:53-56 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Michael, Bridget ,Aidan Keane-RIP</p>	<p>Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm 'Journey in Faith' after 10am Mass in the Presbytery</p>
<p>6<sup>th</sup> February Tuesday St Paul Miki &amp; Companions</p>	<p>1 Kings 8:22-23,27-30 Mark 7:1-13 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Michael Kiely-RIP Pat &amp; Mamie Owens-RIP</p>	<p>Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm Legion of Mary 6.15pm Youth Group</p>
<p>7<sup>th</sup> February Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>1 Kings 10:1-10 Mark 7:14-23 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am CWL Rota Mass Mary &amp; Daniel O'Brien</p>	<p>Parents &amp; Toddlers Group  Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm</p>
<p>8<sup>th</sup> February Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time <i>St Jerome Emiliani/ St Josephine Bakhita</i> Day of Prayer for Victims of Trafficking</p>	<p>1 Kings 11:4-13 Mark 7:24-30 12.05pm The Rosary 12.30pm Albert Woodruff-RIP Michael Clarke-RIP Jenni &amp; Kevin Donovan</p>	<p>Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm Exposition 12.05-12.30pm  Baptismal Preparation Evening 8pm-In Presbytery</p>
<p>9<sup>th</sup> February Friday Feria in Ordinary Time</p>	<p>1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19 Mark 7:31-37 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Tim O'Sullivan-RIP 6.30pm Patrick McGrory-RIP</p>	<p>Exposition after 10am Mass until 12.30pm  Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass at 6.30pm</p>
<p>10<sup>th</sup> February Saturday St Scholastica</p>	<p>Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 Mark 1:40-45 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 12.30pm Jim Mooney-RIP Catherine Smith-RIP Richard Bird-Thanksgiving</p>	<p>Confession/Exposition 10.30am-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass</p>
<p>11<sup>th</sup> February Sunday Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  World Day for the Sick. Day for the Unemployed</p>	<p>Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46 Mark 1:40-45 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 9.00am Shantha Mathew-RIP 11.00am Norah &amp; Patrick Brennan-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee after 9am and 11am Masses</p>

**Offertory Collection last week: £1,176:19( Gift Aid £262:32 Loose £913:87 )**

**Second Collection last weekend-Racial Justice £545.06**

**Second Collection this week: LIFE Organisation**

**40DAYS FOR LIFE**-Come and hear Noel's story:'From UK abortion worker to pro-life activist' and Clare McCullough founder of the Good Counsel Network. '40 Days for Life Kick-off event on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February, 2pm, Upper Cloister Room, B.Ham Oratory, 141 Hagley Road,B16 8UE. All welcome. For information contact Isabel: 07773501721

**VACANCY FOR DEPUTY HEADSHIP AT ST PETER'S SCHOOL, SOLIHULL** - Closing date February 8<sup>th</sup>; interviews 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> March. See poster in porch.

**HEADTEACHER -ST EDWARD'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL COLESHILL**- details on website

<http://www.bdes.org.uk/vacancies.html> and other leadership vacancies.

**FRIENDS OF THE HOLYLAND**-Thank you for your Parish's Crib offerings of £113.60, which we received recently. Your support for our fellow Christians in the Holy Land will make a real difference. Last year the crib offerings enabled us to make a very significant increase to the number of Christian families benefitting from our support programme. Pancake Lunch. Friends of the Holy Land FHL, invite all parishioners to the annual pancake lunch to be held this year on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February between 11am and 2pm. The event will take place in the lounge at Olton Friary, St Bernards Road and a suggested donation of £2 per head is requested, with all proceeds going to Christians in the Holy Land via FHL. I do hope you can join us. for any queries please contact Steve and Jenny Roper on 0121 705 1737.

**Deaconesses and leadership roles for women in the Church- is anything changing?** A talk by Dr Oonagh O'Brien of the Margaret Beaufort Institute, Cambridge. On Sunday afternoon, **February 25<sup>th</sup>**, 1.30 for 2pm start, at St Mary's Parish Centre, Harborne B17 0DN. No charge, everyone welcome, an ACTA event. For more information email

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**PRACTICAL LOCAL SUPPORT ROLE FOR CHRISTIAN AID** The Christian Aid Committee for Central Solihull will be meeting in early February to plan for Christian Aid Week in May. We continue to seek a 'Finance Coordinator'. If bookkeeping is a way through which you could support the work of this global aid charity and the fund-raising of our churches, then do please get in touch. The role carries no responsibility for bank accounts, but maintains records of collections. Reports are made to the borough-wide Christian Aid Treasurers group (which meets twice per year) and to the regional office. Our Committee of Church Co-ordinators meets twice a year in February and July. The role-holder also sorts and banks the proceeds from the Christian Aid Week Coffee Morning, held at the Methodist Church. If you feel able to respond, please contact either the Chair: Revd Mark Fisher [mjf.urb@me.com](mailto:mjf.urb@me.com) 07950399615 or Secretary: Mrs Moira Wyatt [geoffrwyatt@btinternet.com](mailto:geoffrwyatt@btinternet.com) 0121 705 0311

**Readers this week**

**SUNDAY**

**9.00am** Michael Keating  
*SCHOOL YEAR 4*

**11.00am** Maria Marsay  
Marie Watts

**Cleaning Rota: for week beginning February 5th for Services 10th/11th February - C**

Marguerite Pearsall, Anne Hallissey, Julia McGovern, Katrina Hicken

**Flowers Rota: – for week beginning February 5th for Services February 10th/11th –Helen Super**

**Eucharistic Ministers this week**

**SUNDAY**

**9.00am** Angela Keating/Mary Deneny  
*Anne & Michael Hallissey*

**11.00am** Helen Brookes  
Annette Kelly

**Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish**

Jayne Hemming

Clare Farmer

Patricia Jones

Bernadette Day

Christopher Browne

Ann Marie Boyd

Maureen McLoughlin

Joseph Farmer

Baby Lily Day

Martine and Rita McDonnell

Sally & Maddy

Susanna Gordon

Dean

Suzanne RhodenTench

Brian Jones

James Farmer

Eilish Duffy

Patrick Gallagher

Kate McAvinney

Kathy Stead

Louisa and Nick

Peggy Roper

Rose Walsh

Raymond Shenstone

John Keaney

Mark Andrew Sutton

Gavin Jones

Elizabeth (Ann) Howitt

Anne White

Kathleen McLoughlin

Mick Green

Richard Bird

Sarah Maloney

Amando Tenorio

Margaret Kelly

Therese Coulton

Aidan, Patrick and Michael O'Donnell

Cornelius Callanan

Glen Hughes

David Nunan

Baby Lara Constantinou

Margaret Hughes

Joseph Lockington

Martha Sheridan

Andrew Simpson

Russell

John Balder

Heath Balder

Teresa Farrelley

Norman Hart

Doreen Shirley

Finbarr Herron

Angela Duffy

Tony Duffy

*God beholds thee individually, whoever thou art. He 'calls thee by name.'  
He sees thee, and understands thee, as He  
made thee. He knows what is in thee, all thy own peculiar feelings  
and thoughts, thy dispositions and likings, thy strength  
and thy weakness. He views thee on thy day of rejoicing,  
and the day of sorrows. He sympathizes in thy hopes  
and thy temptations. He interests Himself in all thy anxieties and  
remembrances, all the risings and fallings of thy spirit. He  
has numbered the very hairs of thy head and the cubits of  
thy stature. He compasses thee round and bears thee in His arms;  
He takes thee up and sets thee down. He notes thy very countenance,  
whether smiling or in tears, whether healthful or sickly. He looks  
tenderly upon thy hands and thy feet; He hears thy voice,  
the beating of thy heart, and thy very breathing.  
Thou dost not love thyself better than He loves thee.*

**Parochial & Plain Sermons, Blessed John Henry Newman**

**Please pray for:** Mary Breatnach (Requiem Olton Friary, Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February; 10.15am: Reception, Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February, 4.45pm) and Pat Jones sister, Nuala who died recently. Also Zonia Morgan-Cettler, Denis Neale, George Galbraith, Doris Chambers, John Farrell, John Patrick O'Brien, Mary Margaret Francis, Christopher John Fuller, Mary Lee and Denis Driscoll and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

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