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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Fr Paul Devanev Deacon Kevin O'Connor

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT 18th February 2018

Dear Parishioners,

'Alive through the waters of Baptism. We die to the world and live to God through the waters of Baptism. We will still be tempted as Christ was in the wilderness, but if we repent and really believe in the Gospel then we have nothing to fear. God is faithful to those who keep their promises to Him and we are promised to God through Baptism.'

Please pray for Lincoln Paul Young who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday afternoon. The baptismal preparation evenings for March will take place on Thursday 1st and Thursday 8th March at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome. This Saturday evening, February 17th, Night Fever will take place in Church between 7pm-9pm. All are welcome. Please pray for God's Blessing on this event. Please note that on Tuesday we have an additional Mass at 6.30pm. The Nostalgic Disco will take place next Saturday 24th February in the Parish Hall from 7.15pm-10.15pm. All are welcome. Please sign the list in the main porch if you are able to attend. No entrance fee, however, donations for 'Aid to the Church in Need' would be very welcome. Do please take a copy of the 'Walk with Me' Booklets which this Lent guide us through the spirituality of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. In order to help us understand Saint Ignatius' Spirituality, Mrs Anne Cartwright will lead an afternoon in the parish Hall on Saturday 10th March between 3pm-4.30pm. All are welcome.

Please do try to attend the Mass and closing Meeting of the Visitation of the parishes of the East Birmingham Deanery. It will take place on Thursday 22nd March at 7pm. There will be free carparking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. Archbishop Bernard will be present along with Bishop Robert and the Vicar General.

St Augustines Questionnaire 2018 is coming! This is about your chance to give feedback about our parish welcome and other areas you may feel are important. What matters to you as a Catholic person, to your family and friends and to others around you? Pope Francis encourages Evangelisation projects like these. The launch of the questionnaire will take place at Masses on the weekend of the 10th and 11th March 2018, when background information and other essential details will be given. St Augustine's needs you! The questionnaire is just the beginning. Your input is needed in this exciting venture. There's a young adults' version too.

17th February Saturday Commemoration of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary 18th February FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15 12.30pm Mary O'Sullivan-RIP Eileen, John & Tony Daly-RIP Tom O'Callaghan-Intention Genesis 9:8-15 1 Peter 3:18-22 Mark 1:12-15 9.00am Sarah Flannery-RIP 11.00am Bernard Concannon-RIP	Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass 'Night Fever' 7pm-9pm Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses
19th February Monday Lent Feria	Leviticus 19:1-2,11-18 Matthew 25:31-4 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Annie Murtagh-Intentions	Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm 'Journey in Faith' after 10am Mass in the Presbytery
20th February Tuesday Lent Feria	Isaiah 5:10-11 Matthew 6:7-15 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Tom Maguire-RIP 6.30pm Mai Kilmartin-Intentions	Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm Legion of Mary 6.15pm Youth Group
21st February Wednesday <i>Lent Feria</i> St Peter Damian	Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 11:29-32 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Father Sean McTernan-RIP Jean & Edward Lingard-RIP	Parents & Toddlers Group Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm
22nd February Thursday FEAST Chair of St Peter	1 Peter 5:1-4 Matthew 16:13-19 12.05pmThe Rosary 12.30pm Tim Salt-RIP Rosie O'Connor Richard Bird-Special Intention	Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm Exposition 12.05-12.30pm SVP Meeting 7.00pm
23rd February Friday Lent Feria St Polycarp CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY	Ezekiel 18:21-28 Matthew 5:20-26 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Bridie McCready 6.30pm Michael O'Sullivan	Exposition after 10am Mass until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass at 6.30pm
24th February Saturday Lent Feria	Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10 12.30pm Sheila Doyle-RIP Kevin Waters-RIP Delia-Intention	Confession/Exposition 10.30am-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass
25th February Second Sunday of Lent	Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18 Romans 8:31-34 Mark 9:2-10 9.00am Michael & Margaret Fitzmaurice 11.00am Kath Clark-Intention	Tea/Coffee after 9am and 11am Masses

Offertory Collection last week: £1,194:91(Gift Aid £215:20:19 Loose £979:71) Second Collection next week: CAFOD Family Fast Day Gift Aid Envelopes available

The Paid Internship for Teaching Scheme at St. Peter's Solihull Teaching School Alliance The Scheme is a Government funded project to encourage more under-graduates to consider a career in teaching Maths or Physics at secondary school level. This four-week scheme, based at a secondary school in Solihull or Birmingham, will allow you to get an insight into the teaching profession through working closely with experienced and enthusiastic teachers and pupils aged 11-18. Whilst there is no obligation to commit to becoming a teacher by the end of scheme, we hope we can show you what a fantastic profession teaching is! Places are limited, so to register your interest on this programme please go to our website https://www.st-peters.solihull.sch.uk/teaching-school and complete the short form by Friday 16th March. If you would like to know more please telephone us on (0121) 705 3988 ext: 278 or email us at teachingschool@st-peters.solihull.sch.uk

Friends of the Holy Land we would like to thank all your parishioners who attended the pancake lunch last Tuesday for their wonderful contributions which amounted to £435.95 and hopefully they enjoyed the 180pancakes that were cooked on the day. This money has been banked and total notified to FHL headquarters in Kenilworth with all proceeds going directly to our Christian brothers and sisters in the Holy Land to support the projects. Once again thank your brilliant support, and please thank your parishioners and ask them to please keep our Christian Brothers in Palestine in their prayers.

SCAH- Solihull Methodist Church The Ad Concert Band. Saturday 3rd March 2018. 7pm See poster in porch for details.

FREE FAMILY PANTOMIME RAISING FUNDS FOR CHARITY, OH YES IT IS! FRIDAY 23 FEBRUARY AT 7pm & SATURDAY 24 FEBRUARY AT 2.30pm & 7pm OUR LADY OF COMPASSION SCHOOL, KINETON GREEN ROAD, OLTON

Marriage Preparation Weekend run by Worldwide Marriage Encounter 29th June (8pm) – 1st July (4.30pm) at Maryvale Institute, Old Oscott Hill B44 9AG Bookings can be made online (booking fee of £50) at https://wwme.org.uk/weekends/residential-engaged-encounter-weekend-oscott-birmingham For further information please contact Phil & Rita Jackson 0121 244 7762 or visit the website https://wwme.org.uk/

Readers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Don Deneny

Pam Davies

11.00am Sarah Pitchford Chris Hodrien

Eucharistic Ministers this week

SUNDAY

9.00am Anne & Michael Hallissey

Madeleine & Gerry Coburn

11.00am -

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Cleaning Rota: for week beginning February 19th for Services 24th/25th February - E

Annie Fuller, Teresa Donovan, Rebecca Davies

Flowers Rota: - for week beginning February 19th for Services February 24th/25th - No Flowers in Lent

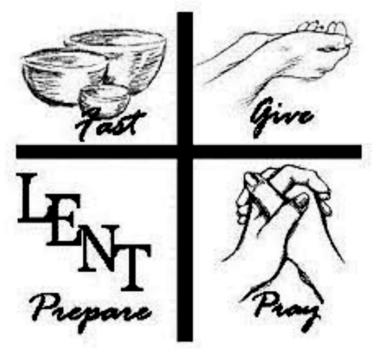
Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Brian Jones Anne White Jayne Hemming Joseph Lockington Clare Farmer James Farmer Martha Sheridan Kathleen McLoughlin Patricia Jones Eilish Duffv Mick Green Andrew Simpson Bernadette Day Patrick Gallagher Richard Bird Russell

Christopher Browne Kate McAvinney Sarah Maloney John Balder
Ann Marie Boyd Kathy Stead Amando Tenorio Heath Balder
Maureen McLoughlin Louisa and Nick Margaret Kelly Teresa Farrelley

Joseph Farmer Peggy Roper Therese Coulton Baby Lily Day Rose Walsh Aidan, Patrick and Michael O'Donnell Norman Hart Martine and Rita McDonnell Raymond Shenstone Cornelius Callanan Doreen Shirley Glen Hughes Finbarr Herron Sally & Maddy John Keaney Susanna Gordon Mark Andrew Sutton **David Nunan** Angela Duffy Baby Lara Constantinou Tony Duffy Dean **Gavin Jones**

Suzanne RhodenTench Elizabeth (Ann) Howitt Margaret Hughes



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus may we follow you on the pilgrim way of Lent,

May we journey with you into the wilderness,

Willing to move beyond the ordinary,

So that we can discover your unexpected sacred places.

Jesus may we wash our hands and purify our hearts,

Learning to thirst after righteousness and hunger after justice.

May we humble ourselves before you,

Expecting to see you revealed in a new light.

Jesus may we walk with you no matter how challenging the path,

Learning to be patient with darkness and growth,

Willing to live with not knowing,

Until your mustard seeds take root and sprout into life.

Please pray for: Anne Marshall (Requiem Wednesday 28th February, 12.00pm), Nuala Murphy and Clara Betts who died recently. Also, Thomas Finneran, Bernard Joseph Concannon, Joan Maughan, Kathleen Walters, Susan Addis, Mary Ann Callaghan, Nora Catherine McLoughlin, Valerie Wahall, Sean C. Cushenan, Mary O'Sullivan, Kathleen Theresa Forbes, John Christopher Lynch, Kathleen Lynch, Father Sean McTernan, Jean Lingard, Gerard Anthony Kavanagh, Sheila Emily Doyle, and Rita Shanley and all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

Please note: Women's World Day of Prayer Friday 2nd March 2018 at St Helen's Church Solihull 10.30am Please try to support this Service and the people of Suriname as they seek to combat the impact of climate change.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

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