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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 4th March 2018

Dear Parishioners,

'We preach a crucified Christ. Christ gave His life in love to His Father. In a way which we do not understand, this death shows forth the wisdom of God. Christ rose again from the dead. This great miracle on which our faith depends shows that we believe that the message of eternal life is contained in Christ's death and resurrection.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

The second of March's baptismal preparation evenings takes place on Thursday 8th March at 8pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Please pray for the Parish of Saint Thomas More in Sheldon who are being visited this weekend by Bishop Robert. **We have a Holy Hour by Candle-Light** this Thursday, March 8th, from 6.15pm-7.15pm. All are welcome. The Holy Hour will be followed by a Meeting with Dr Marie Cook, who is the Director of Further Education at Maryvale. She will speak to us of how Maryvale wishes to help in the training and development of parish/pastoral Ministries and of how we can grow in faith. You are very welcome to attend this Meeting; 7.30pm-9.30pm in the Parish Hall. Free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park is available.

The Novena of Prayer for the Canonisation of Blessed Dominic Barberi continues until March 9th. Do please use the prayer on the back of the Newsletter. Following on from the Novena there will be a Deanery 24 Hours of Mercy over 9th/10th March. The Parish of Corpus Christi in Stechford will host this Deanery 24 hours of prayer. Saint Augustine's Parish will take responsibility for the hour from :8pm-9pm on Friday. If anyone wishes to have a lift to Corpus Christi please let the Clergy know. **Please note that we** have a Requiem Mass for Mrs Ann Howitt on Wednesday 7th March at 9.30am. There will be an additional Mass at 12.30pm.

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 car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park. Archbishop Bernard will be present along with Bishop Robert and the Vicar General. **You are very welcome to join the Meetings** which are reflecting on 'Amons Laetitiaie'- the exhortation on Marriage and Family Life. These Meetings are taking place on Sunday morning between the Masses 10.15am-10.45am and on Monday mornings after the 10am Mass. **Next weekend** Mrs Sue Nightingale will make an appeal on behalf of her Charity work with the poor in Brazil.

3 rd March Saturday Lent Feria	Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25 12.30pm Chris Fuller-RIP Olive Cook-RIP Michael O'Connor-RIP	Confession/Exposition 11.00-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass
4 th March <i>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</i>	Exodus 20:1-17 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 John 2:13-25 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Deceased relations of Pat Jones & Family in Ireland who are unwell	Tea/Coffee available after 9.00am and 11.00am Masses
5 th March Monday Lent Feria	2 Kings 5:1-15 Luke 4:24-30 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Madeleine Coburn-Birthday(CWL)	Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm 'Journey in Faith' after 10am Mass in the Presbytery
6 th March Tuesday Lent Feria	Daniel 3:25,34-43 Matthew 18:21-35 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am Elizabeth Hamill-Intention Tony McCabe-RIP	Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm Legion of Mary 6.15pm Youth Group
7 th March Wednesday Lent Feria Ss Perpetua and Felicity	Deuteronomy 4:1,5-9 Matthew 5:17-19 9.30am Requiem Anne Howitt 12.05pm The Rosary 12.30pm Ada Quinn-Intention	Parents & Toddlers Group Rainbows 4.30pm-5.30pm Brownies 5.45pm-7.30pm
8 th March Thursday Lent Feria St John of God	Jeremiah 7:23-28 Luke 11:14-23 12.05pm The Rosary 12.30pm Thomas & Marie Hamill-Intention John & Mary Reilly-RIP Mary Connolly-80 th Birthday	Pre School 9.30am-12.30pm Exposition 12.05-12.30pm Holy Hour by Candlelight 6.15pm-7.15pm-followed by Meeting with Dr Marie Cook SVP Meeting 7.00pm 8pm Baptismal Preparation Evening-Presbytery
9 th March Friday Lent Feria St Frances of Rome	Hosea 14:2-10 Mark 12:28-34 9.35am The Rosary 10.00am John & Teresa Murtagh-Intention 6.30pm Finnegan Family-Intention	Exposition after 10am Mass until 12.30pm Holy Hour 5.00pm-5.45pm Stations of the Cross 5.50pm Followed by Mass at 6.30pm
10 th March Saturday Lent Feria	2 Chronicles 36:14-16 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21 12.30pm Thomas Finneran-RIP Eileen Danagher-80 th Birthday Joe Casey-RIP & Ellen Earle-RIP	Confession/Exposition 10.30am-12.00 Noon Tea/Coffee available after 12.30pm Mass
11 th March Fourth Sunday of Lent	2 Chronicles 36:14-16 Ephesians 2:4-10 John 3:14-21 9.00am Roberta Thompson-RIP 11.00am Duffy Family	Tea/Coffee after 9am and 11am Masses

Offertory Collection last week: £1,111:90(Gift Aid £246:70 Loose £865:20)

Second Collection last week: CAFOD Family Fast Day - £2431:31

Second Collection this week: Cathedral Maintenance

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.urch@me.com 07950399615 or Secretary: Mrs Moira Wyatt geoffrwyatt@btinternet.com **3rd Sunday of lent 2018** 0121 705 0311

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/>

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

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.

DEMENTIA AWARENESS WEEK- will take place from 12th-19th March.

CHOIR FOR HOLY WEEK- Would anyone like to join the Choir for Holy Week and Easter. Please come along to the practise on Wednesday evenings at 6pm

Readers this week	Eucharistic Ministers this week
SUNDAY	SUNDAY
9.00am Gerry Coburn Madeleine Coburn	9.00am Madeleine & Gerry Coburn Joan & Dan Doyle
11.00am Juliana Benjamin Mary Clark	11.00am Dasan Nettikkadan Dasan Nettikkadan
Cleaning Rota: for week beginning March 5th for Services 10th/11th March - G Tracey Dunleavy, Dasan & Tessa Nettikkadan	
Flowers Rota: – for week beginning March 5th for Services 10th/11th March –No Flowers in Lent	

Please remember in your prayers the sick of the Parish

Jayne Hemming	Brian Jones	Anne White	Joseph Lockington
Clare Farmer	James Farmer	Kathleen McLoughlin	Martha Sheridan
Patricia Jones	Eilish Duffy	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
Sally & Maddy	John Keaney	Glen Hughes	Finbarr Herron
Susanna Gordon	Mark Andrew Sutton	David Nunan	Angela Duffy
Dean	Gavin Jones	Baby Lara Constantinou	Tony Duffy
Suzanne RhodenTench	Margaret Hughes		

NOVENA OF PRAYER FOR THE CANONISATION OF BLESSED DOMINIC BARBERI

1st -9th March 2018

Prayer to be used each day:

O God, who so lovingly raised Blessed Dominic to the heights of holiness, learning and apostolic zeal and made him a powerful minister of your mercy, listen to our humble request.

We pray that you will in your goodness, grant a miracle through the intercession of Blessed Dominic, so that the Church may further honour him on earth and that many more people will come to know and invoke the help of this faithful servant of the Church.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord Amen.

Mary, Mother of Mercy: pray for us.

Blessed Dominic Barberi: Pray for us.

Blessed John Henry Newman: Pray for us

Please pray for: Elizabeth Anne Howitt (Requiem Wednesday 7th March 9.30am ; Reception Tuesday 6th March 6pm), and John Fitch (Funeral Service Thursday 22nd March, 12.00pm; Robin Hood Crematorium) who died recently. Also Robert Jones, Frank Alexander Patrick Barwell, Dermot McKenna, Mary Adkins, John McIntyre, William O'Dwyer, Doris Hart, Lee Farrell, Bernard Wasley, Hilda Corbett, James Bernard Hope, Anna Bernadette O'Donnell, Thomas Masterson, Pamela Marie Quinlan Francis, Alice Butler, and baby Edward Hemming all those whose anniversaries are at this time.

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