

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh

Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Second Sunday of Lent Year A 1st March 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'Jesus is transfigured in glory. On the high mountain Jesus is transfigured in the presence of his apostles. His messages to them, 'Do not be afraid' reminds us that when Jesus is transfigured in glory. His message to them 'Do not be afraid' reminds us that when God calls us, we must bear the hardships of this life in the knowledge that Christ is everything. For him we are prepared to leave behind all things in order to proclaim his Gospel. (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners: Father Joseph died peacefully last Saturday morning, February 21st, on the 10th anniversary of Canon Sean McTernan's death. Deacon Kevin and I join with you in thanking our heavenly Father for Father Joseph's steadfast and loving example of what it means to be a Priest. His gentle, humble and wise character will remain an example and encouragement to us all. Father felt so much at home with us here at St Augustine's and I thank you, and our housekeeper, Annette, and Bernadette, our secretary, for the care and devotion you gave to Father Joseph. As soon as we have details of his funeral arrangements we will let you know.

The next baptismal preparation will take place on Thursday 16th March from 7.30-9pm. All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please speak with Mrs Mary Clark or with the Clergy.

Please pray for all our young Parishioners who are to be Confirmed by Bishop David on Wednesday March 11th at 6.30pm. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

The Lenten Penance Service will take place on Monday 30th March at 7p, at Our Lady of the Wayside Church.

The World Day of Prayer takes place on Friday March 6th at the United Reformed Church on the Warwick Road, between 10.00am -2.00pm. All are welcome. Prayers will be led from the front at 12.00 midday.

We would welcome some more volunteers to help clean the Church on a Wednesday after the 12.00 midday Mass. Do please try to respond to this request, even if your availability would be at a different time or day.

Deacon Kevin is to lead us in some Lenten Reflections on a Tuesday evening at 6.30pm for five weeks, continuing this Tuesday. These reflections are to help us deepen our understanding of Baptism in the context of our Lenten Journey. Do please try to support these Meetings.

Solihull Methodist Church are hosting a series of Lenten Breakfasts, beginning on Saturday 28th February. Breakfast begins at 8.30am and a Talk at 8.50am, finishing at 9.50am. Your attendance would be appreciated. The Talks are based on the Lord's Prayer- the 'Our Father.'

The community at Olton Friary are hosting a day of Recollection on Saturday 28th February beginning with Mass at 10.15am and ending about 3.30pm. If you can attend, please speak with myself or contact the Friary directly. This day is for Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion.

For the next two weekends we will be speaking to you about our fundraising initiative. We will be appealing to your continued generosity.

Next Friday, 6th March, there is a Requiem for Mary Munko at 12pm; all are welcome to attend. There will be the usual 6.30pm Mass.

Stations of the Cross will take place on a Wednesday before the midday Mass and on a Friday before the 6.30pm Mass. the schedule for Friday will be: Exposition from 5pm until 5.45pm followed by Stations, followed by 6.30pm Mass.

Each Wednesday evening 'Lectio Divina' (the prayerful reflection on Scripture) takes place by zoom between 7.30pm-8.15pm. You are very welcome to participate. Email staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk and we will provide you with a link.

Each Thursday evening a prayer Meeting in the blue room of the Parish Hall 7pm-8pm. You are welcome to come along.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £155 loose £1,028:31 Total: £1,183:31 A special thanks to those who Gift aided their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £38.75. For envelope donations. Standing Orders for the month of January: £1,767-allowing us to claim: £441:75 in Gift Aid. This weekend CAFOD Family Fast Collection. Next weekend Second Collection: Cathedral maintenance.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Daniel Meadows	Kevin McDaid	Jonathan Williams	Michael	Juliana Benjamin	Nora Shearin
Patricia Mann	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Catherine Walton
Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes	Eve, Karen Beale	Bethany Tidyman
James Brown	John McCarthy	Mary Johnson	Savio Baretto	Roger Cox	Fr Gerard Kelly
Christopher Edmund Poole		Liam Lewis	Joseph Wong	Briege Williams	Angela Hyland
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Molly Saunders	Mike Sassano	Mary & Amanda	Aoife Cook
Rosemary Knowles	Tony & Eilish Duffy	Breda Fleming	Lilian	Andrea Cadman	Mary Philpott
Father Michael White	Benjamin Wort	Callum Graham	Michael Leyland	Wilson Cotton	Angela Keating
Bridget McNamara	Ellen Gilmore	Ian Sanchez	Chris Docker	Jeanette and Robert Walton	
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell		Mrs. Bernie McCann	Nora Ferguson	Matilda Polidori	Bridie Williams

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 28 th Feb 12.30pm Bernard	Saturday 28 th February 12.30pm	Sunday 1 st Mar 9am
Sat 7 th Mar 12.30pm T Duffy	A Kelly/R Wong	M Coburn/G Sica
Sunday 1 st March 9am M Pearsall	Saturday 7 th March 12.30pm	Sunday 1 st March 11am E Duffy
Sunday 1 st Mar 11am T Washbrooke	J Wong/ Ginny	Sunday 8 th March 9am M Hallissey/ G Sica
Sunday 8 th March 9am M Coburn		Sunday 8 th March 11am J Hickey
Sunday 8 th March 11am Cecilia		

'Bereavement Group - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am **2026:** Wed 11th March; 8th April 13th May 10th June 8th July Supporting you in 'Bereavement'. **Meditation Group** - Upcoming dates" Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Parish Meeting Room. Mondays 1pm; 23rd February; 9th & 23rd March; 13th & 27th April; 11th & 25th May; 8th & 22nd June; 6th July

Safeguarding is the responsibility of everybody in the parish. We are looking to appoint a Safeguarding Representative to guide us along the path of making sure that everybody is safe within our parish. No experience is required as training is provided by the archdiocese. If you might consider helping the parish by taking on this important role, please speak to Fr Dominic.

Calling men of all ages and states of life: book your place at 'Commissioned', the National Men's Pro-life Conference, on April 18th at Birmingham Christian College. Through compelling talks on fatherhood, marriage, post-abortion healing, spiritual warfare and sexual responsibility learn to live out your vocation with humility, courage and integrity. For more info including speakers or to book your place go to <https://www.marchforlife.co.uk/commissioned-pro-life-mens-conference/> or contact info@marchforlife.co.uk

Birmingham Centre of Catholic Marriage Care has released the 2026 schedule for in-person marriage preparation workshops and other services. Please refer to the flyer or contact birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org for more details.

Sincere thanks to those who have contributed so generously to the appeal for subsidising our young **Parishioners who** wish to take part in the diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. If anyone is interested, please speak with Father Dominic. Cost by air, from £986 pp; 25th May to 30th May. 5 nights. Cost by coach, 4 nights from £716pp departing 24th May. Single room supplements apply. I **would like to appeal** to any generous Parishioners, willing to donate to subsidise a pilgrim Parishioner participating in this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes.

The Parents of our First Holy Communion Children are invited to a Parents' evening in St Augustine's Church Hall on Thursday 5th March or Thursday 12th March from 7.30pm-9.15pm. Please choose one of these evenings to attend. We will request free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

Please remember in your prayers those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, which will take place on Wednesday 11th March at 6.30pm, with Bishop David Evans.

BACH CHOIR- St Chad's Cathedral Saturday 14th March 7pm. See poster/leaflet in porch.

<p>28th February Saturday</p> <p>St Oswald</p>	<p>Genesis 12:1-4 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Kathleen Ward-Intention Joe Magee-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i></p>
<p>1st March</p> <p>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</p>	<p>Genesis 12:1-4 Timothy 1:8-10 Matthew 17:1-9</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Georgina Wheeler-Intention Karen Beale Special Intention</p> <p>11.00am All People of the Parish Kathy Smith</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p>
<p>2nd March Monday</p> <p>FEAST</p> <p>St Chad</p> <p>Patron of the Archdiocese</p>	<p>Romans 12:3-13 Luke 10:1-9</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Callum Reidy-RIP</p> <p>Theresa Kennedy-RIP</p>	
<p>3rd March Tuesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Isaiah 1:10,16-20 Matthew 23:1-12</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am John James Brown-RIP</p> <p>Fanny Jenkins-RIP</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p> <p>Lenten Reflections-6.30pm</p>
<p>4th March Wednesday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>St Casimir Patron Saint of Poland</p>	<p>Jeremiah 18:18-20 Matthew 20:17-28</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Michael O'Reilly-RIP Nora Shearin</p>	<p>Confession 11.15am-11.45am 'Lectio Divina' - 7.30pm-8.15pm Email staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk for link</p>
<p>5th March Thursday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p>	<p>Jeremiah 17:5-10 Luke 16:19-31</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Father Paul Johnson-RIP Trish Quinn-Intention</p>	
<p>6th March Friday</p> <p>Lent Feria</p> <p>Women's World Day of Prayer</p>	<p>Genesis 37:3-4,12-13,17-28 Matthew 21:33-43,45-46</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Requiem Marg Munko 6.30pm James Patrick Cooney-RIP Healy & Paulger Families-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour and Exposition 5.00pm-5.45pm followed by Stations of the Cross, followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>7th March Saturday</p> <p>Ss Perpetua & Felicity</p>	<p>Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Rita Titchmarsh-Intention</p> <p>Sarah Dennison-RIP</p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i></p>
<p>8th March Sunday</p> <p>Third Sunday of Lent</p>	<p>Exodus 17:3-7 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 John 4:5-42</p> <p>Public & Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am All People of the Parish Alfie Ryan-RIP</p> <p>11.00am Ellen Shinton-RIP</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

Prayer for CAFOD Family Fast Day

Loving God,
You created a world of abundance,
yet too many go without daily bread.
On this Family Fast Day,
we offer our small sacrifices in solidarity
with our sisters and brothers in need.

Bless the work of CAFOD and all who serve,
bringing hope, dignity, and justice
to communities around the world.
Open our hearts to share generously,
our minds to seek fairness,
and our hands to build a future
where no one is left hungry.

Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please pray for: Brenda Carney, Geoffrey Doyle, Laurence Marie Knight, Paulina Samathar, Patricia Butler, Frances Mazone, Clare Elizabeth Klein, Stephen Jenkins, Chris Johnson, Funeral Service, Robin Hood Crematorium, (Tuesday 3rd March; 12pm) Kate Nelson, Mary Munko (Requiem 6th March 12pm), Bernadette Coley, Cornelius Callanan, Mary Louisa Law, (Requiem 19th March 11.30am; Reception 18th March 6pm), Francis (Frank) Valentine Byrne Monday 23rd March, 11.45am Redditch Crematorium and Roni (Veronica) Pickering (Requiem 24th March: 12pm. Reception Monday 23rd March 6pm) who died recently.

Also, Leslie Hawkesford, Julia Christina Keaveney, Thomas Anthony Masterson, Veronica Patricia Taylor, Desmond Cushenan, Sarah Caroline Dennison, Hildegard Barbara Lynch, Sheila Ann Harrison, Margaret Mary Possart, Margaret Wallace, William (Bill) Michael Burton, Robert Jones, Frank Alexander Patrick Barwell, Dermot McKenna, Mary Adkins, John McIntyre, Patrick Joseph Gallagher, James Patrick Cooney, William O'Dwyer, Doris Hart, Lee Farrell, Bernard Wasley, Hilda Corbett, Jenny Parsons all with anniversaries is time.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdiocese's policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Anne Ryder and Susan Wakeham. They can be contacted at sq.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or if you have any concerns.

This Church live streams Mass and other events. Please see notices in Church for more details.

PART TIME SAFEGUARDING ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT OFFICER- closing date for applicants 3rd March. See link on diocesan website for details: [Safeguarding Administration Support Officer | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](#)

There are also two voluntary roles with links on the diocesan website:

Trustee & Chair of Safeguarding Sub-Committee: [Lead Trustee for Safeguarding | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](#)

Lead Trustee for the Property sub-Committee: [Lead Trustee for Property | Birmingham Diocesan Trust](#)

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