

# *SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH*

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**Fr Dominic Kavanagh   Father Joseph Narikuzhi   Deacon Kevin O'Connor**

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time   Year C 5<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Dear Parishioners, 'Increase our faith!** We all need to continue professing our faith in God in the midst of an increasing materialistic world. It is not easy and so we require Christ's help because we must never be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord. We have his spirit with us and so we can rely on his power.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** Father Joseph, (whilst on holiday) Deacon Kevin and I take encouragement from St Paul's words to Timothy to 'fan into flame the gift of God- for God gave us a spirit not of fear, but of power and love and self-control.'

**We welcome Year 6** students from St Augustine's to the 9am Mass this Sunday for their enrolment into the Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Please pray for** Freya Purcell who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this weekend. The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October between 7.30pm-9pm. If you would like to attend, please contact Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy.

**The United Reform Church** on the Warwick Road invite you to a Concert by Rob Halligan on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm Tickets £5 on the door. You are invited to the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations at URC on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025. Events start at 10am on 1<sup>st</sup> November and 2<sup>nd</sup> November. See poster of events in porch.

**A day for Catechists** has been organised at St Ambrose Barlow Church on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 10am until 3.45pm. If you would like to attend, please speak with Father Dominic.

**Olton Friary** are holding a Flower Festival to celebrate this Jubilee Year, on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October. Our own flower ladies have made a beautiful arrangement for this occasion. Do please try to visit over the weekend.

**Our sincere thanks** to you for your regular weekly contributions. We have received from the Inland Revenue £6,484:87 in Gift Aid Tax Refund, plus a further £1,995.00 in loose change tax refunds, making a total of £8,479:87 for this last financial year. Thank you also for your generous response to the recent second collections, including last week's collection for Father Hudson's Caritas.

**For news and events** across the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website- such events include an invitation from Radio Maria to their Mariathon, 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> October; also an Autumn Party at Alton Castle; Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> October; also a Justice and Peace Assembly on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October at St Chad's Cathedral from 10.30am until 3.45pm. **Are there any Parishioners** who would like to help us establish the 'Live Simply' status from CAFOD. If so, please speak with Deacon Kevin and/or Father Dominic

**First Holy Communion and Confirmation** preparation for children who do not attend a Catholic School will begin later this term. For those youngsters who wish to be prepared for these Sacraments, please would their parents contact the presbytery.

**St Augustine's** Primary School have a few places available in Nursery, Reception and Year 1. Please contact the School: telephone 0121 705 4355

**Are you interested in** learning more about the Catholic Faith, either as a Catholic or non-Catholic, please speak with Father Dominic. **A new Course for adult** Catechesis in Cantonese is being prepared for those who seek to join the Catholic Church. The Meetings will take place at St Mary's Harborne, they started on 4<sup>th</sup> September continuing every Thursday between 7.30pm-8.45pm. For further details please see posters in Church.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid £151:11 loose £959:11 Total: £1,110:22 Second Collection last weekend: Fr Hudson's Society: £662:95 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection this weekend CAFOD Harvest Fast

**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	Anthony Herron
Patricia Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans
Catherine Walton	Harry Conlon	Eileen Nolan	Paulina Samathar	Rita Titchmarsh	Helen Brookes
James Brown	John McCarthy	Mary Johnson	Savio Bareto	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	Matthew Sheils
Bridget McNamara	Ellen Gilmore	Ian Sanchez	Father Andrew McCann	Chris Docker	Eve
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell	Mrs. Bernie McCann	Bethany Tidyman			

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READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct 12.30pm Bernard	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 12.30pm	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 9am
Sat 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 12.30pm T Duffy	R Wong/R Wong	M Coburn/M Hallissey
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 9am Enrolment		Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 11am E Duffy
Yr 6 School		
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 11am E Young	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 12.30pm	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 9am J& G Sica
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 9am MC Barbour	A.Kelly/Ginny	Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 11am B Ngala
Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 11am H Cettler		

**'Bereavement Group** - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am 2025: Wed 8th October 12th November 10th December **2026:** Wed 14th January 11th February, 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 15th & 29th September 13th & 27th October; 10th & 24th November 8th December; A Guide to 'Meditation' 'Meditation' is a way of 'being' rather than a way of 'thinking'. It is about becoming still. It helps us to become more loving people in our relationships. It takes our mind off ourselves. & we see people as God sees them. Do come along and see for yourself.

**CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal** this Harvest Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at [www.cafod.org.uk/envelope](http://www.cafod.org.uk/envelope) or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

**Church Groups : Catholic Women's League, CWL** . A National Catholic organisation for all Catholic women. What do we do ? We gather in prayer and friendship monthly and our meetings include prayer services, speakers, socials, quizzes and other events. We support parish events and local , national and global charities by fundraising and practical help. We meet on local, diocesan and national levels as well as online. St Augustine's CWL section meet on the third Monday of each month at 7:30pm in the parish centre and there will be a warm welcome for new members so please come along if you are interested.

**The Carlo Acutis Youth Group** meets at the Friary every Friday evening between 6.30pm-8.30pm for Years 6 and upwards. If you would like to attend, you are very welcome. Please take a friend with you.

**Would any of our young** Parishioners, aged 16+ wish to train as a youth leader? If so, please speak with one of the Clergy.

<p><b>4th October Saturday</b></p> <p><b>St Francis of Assisi</b></p> <p><b>'Preach the Gospel at all times and, if necessary, use words.'</b></p>	<p>Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17: 5-10 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 12.30pm <b>All People of the Parish</b> <b>Maureen Collard-RIP</b></p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i></p>
<p><b>5th October</b></p> <p><b>TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b></p>	<p>Habakkuk 1:2-3,2:2-4 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14 Luke 17: 5-10 Public &amp; Live streamed Masses  9.00am <b>All People of the Parish</b>  11.00am <b>Mary Ryan-RIP</b></p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p>
<p><b>6th October Monday</b></p> <p><b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> <b>St Bruno</b></p>	<p>Jonah 1:1-2:1,11 Luke 10:25-37 Public and Live streamed Mass <b>9.30am Baby Isabella Rose Breeze-RIP</b>  <b>Bethany Tidyman-Intention</b></p>	
<p><b>7th October Tuesday</b></p> <p><b>Our Lady of the Rosary</b></p>	<p>Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 10:38-42 Public and Live streamed Mass <b>10.00am Annetta Hojda &amp; Family-Intentions</b></p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p><b>8th October Wednesday</b></p> <p><b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b></p>	<p>Jonah 4:1-11 Luke 11:1-4 Public and Live streamed Mass <b>12.00pm Imogen Beth Breeze-Intention</b></p>	<p>Confession 11.30am Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm <a href="mailto:staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk">staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</a></p>
<p><b>9th October Thursday</b></p> <p><b>FEAST</b> <b>St John Henry Newman</b></p>	<p>1 Corinthians 2:10-16 Matthew 13:47-52 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass <b>12.00pm Eugene &amp; Anna O'Donnell-RIP</b></p>	<p>5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of Bishop David Evans</p>
<p><b>10th October Friday</b></p> <p><b>Feria in Ordinary Time</b> <b>St Paulinus of York/ Ss Denis &amp; Companions/ St John Leonardi</b></p>	<p>Joel 1:13-15, 2:1-2 Luke 11:15-26 Public &amp; Live streamed Masses 10.00am <b>Breda &amp; Mark Fleming-Intentions</b>  <b>6.30pm Paddy Byrne-RIP</b></p>	<p><b>Holy Hour &amp; Exposition 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm</b></p>
<p><b>11th October Saturday</b></p> <p><b>Blessed William Howard/</b>  <b>St John XXIII</b></p>	<p>Kings 5:14-17 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19 Public &amp; Live streamed Mass 12.30pm <b>Mr Mrs Joy Smith-Intentions</b> <b>Christine &amp; Michael Scott-50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</b></p>	<p>Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i></p>
<p><b>12th October</b></p> <p><b>Twenty- Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b></p>	<p>Kings 5:14-17 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 17:11-19 Public &amp; Live streamed Masses  9.00am <b>Anna Ransome-Intention</b>  <b>11.00am John &amp; Michelle James-Ruby Wedding Anniversary</b>  <b>All People of the Parish</b></p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p>

CAFOD PRAYER  
Generous God,  
We praise and thank you  
For all that you have given us.

May the fast we have made remind us  
That all good things come from you  
And are intended for all.

Fill our hearts with your love  
And move us to be good neighbours  
To all our sisters and brothers.

Turn us away from indifference  
And lead us to work together  
To create a movement of hope.

Inspire us all to play our part,  
To build a better world  
Where each and every person  
Can share in the joy of your gifts. Amen.

Please pray for: Peter John Bates, Michael Donnelly, (Requiem Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October, 11am), Alan Gorman (Requiem Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October, 12pm; Reception Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 6pm), Baby Martin Joseph Smith, Father Noel Breslin, Doctor Denys Nicol, Denis Linehan, Father Paul Johnson, Paul Malone, Dymphna McKiernan, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Gilbert Anderson, Mavis Reynolds, Bernadette Harris, Delia Finnegan, Father Tony Rohan, Andrew Lockington and Sister Maura Magner M.M.M.

Also, Eileen Dewar, Patrick Gill, Mary Florence Webb, David Leslie Wenlock, Roger Stanley Oldfield, Father John Fitzpatrick, Chistina Pugh, Mary Cusack, Michael Joseph Hyland, Valerie Turner, Maimie O'Connor, Helena Bartoszewicz, Eileen Joyce Doyle, Thomas Scanlon 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 Representatives are Anne Ryder and Susan Wakeham. They can be contacted at [sq.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sq.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.**

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

**OLTON FRIARY-** In order to raise funds to repair the Church organ a concert at the Friary. The concert is 'A Wonderful World', an exciting event on Saturday 4th October 2025, 7.30 at Olton Friary, in the Church. Hear fabulous music from across the world, played by our own amazing organist Gerry Poole, and a special guest organist Pavlos Triantaris. Also listen to beautiful solos, the church choir and prepare to be amazed by a dance cabaret of ballroom dancing. Tickets £12 per person, under 12s are free. Refreshments served after the concert in the Church Hall.

To book your tickets or for more information please contact Geraldine Gnych [geraldine.gnych@oltonfriary.org.uk](mailto:geraldine.gnych@oltonfriary.org.uk)