

# SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

Fourth Sunday of Easter   Year C 11th May 2025

**Dear Parishioners,** 'Christ gives eternal life to all who listen to his voice. Christ is the good shepherd who will lead us to springs of living water where God will wipe away all tears from our eyes. We are a light for the nations so that the salvation of Christ may be preached to the ends of the earth. We have a mission to everyone even though at times people will turn against us because of our belief. We remain full of joy in the Holy Spirit.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I join with you in thanking God our loving Father for the gift of our new Pope, Leo XIV. How beautiful that on this Good Shepherd Sunday Our Lord has given us another Shepherd after His own heart to lead the Church.

**Archbishop Bernard reflects:** *'I welcome the wonderful news of the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. As he prepared to give us his first blessing as Pope in St Peter's Square, he also gave us a message of joyful encouragement, calling us to be bridge-builders who are the light of Christ in the world. As the first Pope from the United States of America he also remembered the people of Chiclayo in Peru where he had served as bishop until 2023. I have just spent the last few days at Buckfast Abbey with all the Bishops of England and Wales as we prayed for the Cardinals in Conclave and as we waited to hear whom the Holy Spirit would identify as the Successor of Peter. It will be a great joy to serve the Church's mission inspired by the guidance of Pope Leo. All the lay faithful, the Religious and clergy of our Archdiocese are praying for our new Holy Father that he may serve the Church for many years and be richly blessed in his apostolate.'*

**Today is a World Day of Prayer for Vocations.** May we each listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd who leads to the fulness of life.

**We look forward to** our First Holy Communion celebrations on the weekend of 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> May and the Sacrament of Confirmation on 25<sup>th</sup> June. Saint Augustine's School are exploring the theme of 'Vocations' throughout this week. Year 3 from Saint Augustine's will be travelling to Alton Castle on Tuesday for a Retreat Day.

**I will be travelling to Lourdes** on 22<sup>nd</sup> May with the Fellowship Group and three of our Parishioners. If you would like me to bring any petitions with me, I would be happy to do so.

**Please note that on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> May,** Mass will be celebrated at 6.30pm as we are attending a deanery meeting in Sutton Coldfield and will need to leave early.'

**Congratulations** to the pupils, Staff, Parents and Governors of Saint Peter's Catholic Secondary School on receiving such an excellent Ofsted report, which resulted in being graded as "Outstanding" in all areas. The report may be found on the school website.

## St Augustine's Community Café- Next Meeting Monday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**Meditation Group** in the parish Meeting Room at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls Church Acocks Green at 1.00 PM  
It is an opportunity to be still and to experience how much we are loved by God. You are most welcome to come and join us: 19<sup>th</sup> May; 2<sup>nd</sup> June; 16<sup>th</sup> June; 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025.

**CTS NEW VERSION MISSALS**- Estimated to be published end of April 2025. New Revised Weekday Missal £55.00  
New Revised Daily Missal £69.99. Please speak with Stephanie Withers or ladies on Piety Stall to order or to ask for more details.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid £239 Loose £1,074:83 Total: £1,313:83 This weekend Second Collection Clergy Training Fund

### **PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH**

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	Kevin McDaid	Jonathan Williams	Michael	Juliana Benjamin
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 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	Delbert Manorina	Breada Fleming	Pat Hurst	Andrea Cadman
Father Michael White	Father Tony Rohan	Eve	Benjamin Wort	Patrick Hickey	Callum Graham
Bridget McNamara	Ellen Gilmore	Ian Sanchez	Father Andrew McCann	Doreen and Wilson	Cotton
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell	Michael Leyland				

**Our Diocesan Youth Service** (Kenelm Youth Trust) have planned some very interesting events over the next weeks and months, including a Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, which Bishop Timothy Menezes. If you wish to know more, please visit: [www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk](http://www.kenelmyouthtrust.org.uk)

**For news and events** around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website:

[www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 12.30pm T Duffy	Saturday 10 <sup>th</sup> May 12.30pm	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00am
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 12.30pm Uchechi	A Kelly/ J Wong	M. Coburn/ G Sica
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 9am Uchechi	Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> May 12.30pm	Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 11am J Hickey
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 11am H Cettler	Jinny/ R Wong	
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 9am C Ramsey		Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 9.00am
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 11am R Noronha		J Powers/ J Sica
		Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> May 11.00am B Ngala

**We Believe, 25th-28th July 2025**, a festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind. Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of **St Mary's College, Oscott**, Sutton Coldfield. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more. Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at [www.webeliefestival.com](http://www.webeliefestival.com)

**EASTER 2025; OUR FRIENDS IN NEED**- Thank you for your generosity this year, which has served so many of our friends in need- individual people and families. St Augustine's currently needs chocolate items for Easter, tinned meat, UHT milk and juice, basmati rice, pot noodle, tinned rice pudding, tea bags, coffee and sugar, tinned fruit, custard pots. Can you help? For more information, please contact the SVP- 07568 508271 Collection of items can be arranged is required.

**CWL and SVP Joint project - Emergency Backpacks for released prisoners.** We are working with the charity PACT Prison Advice and Care Trust (Charity number 219278) to provide essential emergency backpacks for released prisoners who are often destitute. Please can you help? We need donations of second-hand backpacks in good condition, and the following new items: new socks, new pants, toothbrushes, toothpaste, soap, face-flannels, deodorant, shampoo, shower gel, combs, brushes, notebooks, pens, Nut-free energy bars or chocolate bars, Warm hat and gloves (for Winter packs). There will be a box in each porch to collect your donated items. **Thank you for your help.**

**Men (married or single)** who might wish to reflect on the possibility of a vocation as a permanent deacon, or who simply wish to find out a little more, are warmly invited to attend Evening Prayer and Benediction followed by tea and light refreshments at Sacred Heart and Holy Souls church in Acocks Green on Sunday 11th May at 4.30pm. Wives and family members are also very welcome. For further details contact [dcn.tim.anthony@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:dcn.tim.anthony@rcaob.org.uk) or just turn up to reflect and listen.

<p>10th May Saturday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p> <p>St John of Avila</p>	<p>Acts 13:14, 43-52      Apocalypse 7:9,14-17</p> <p>John 10:27-30</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Eileen Kell-RIP</p> <p>Special Intention- Dymphna</p>	<p>Confessions 11am-12.00pm</p> <p><i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i></p>
<p>11th May</p> <p>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER</p> <p>GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY</p> <p>World Day of Prayer for Vocations</p>	<p>Acts 13:14, 43-52      Apocalypse 7:9,14-17</p> <p>John 10:27-30</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Libby Service-Intention</p> <p>Ted &amp; Mary Deery-RIP</p>	<p><i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i></p>
<p>12th May Monday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p> <p>Ss Nereus &amp; Achilleus</p> <p>St Pancras</p>	<p>Acts 11:1-18      John 10:1-10</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>9.30am Robert Douglas &amp; Jeanette Walton- 46<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary</p> <p>Betty McGregor-Intention</p>	
<p>13th May Tuesday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p> <p>Our Lady Of Fatima</p>	<p>Acts 11:19-26      John 10:22-30</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>6.30pm Father Paddy Stanley-Intention</p> <p>Doreen O'Connor- Intention</p>	<p>Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am</p>
<p>14th May Wednesday</p> <p>St Matthias</p>	<p>Acts 1:15-17      John 15:9-17</p> <p>Public and Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.00pm Pat &amp; Mamie Owens- RIP</p> <p>Karen Tehan-Intentions</p>	<p>Confession 11.30am</p> <p>Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm</p> <p><a href="mailto:staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk">staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk</a></p>
<p>15th May Thursday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 13:13-25      John 13:16-20</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.00pm Deacon Kevin O'Connor-Intention</p> <p>Isabella Mantella -Intention</p>	
<p>16th May Friday</p> <p>Easter Feria</p>	<p>Acts 13: 26-33      John 14:1-6</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Masses</p> <p>10.00am Pat Diviney-RIP</p> <p>6.30pm Frances &amp; Martin O'Regan</p>	<p>Holy Hour &amp; Exposition 5.15pm</p> <p>Followed by Mass 6.30pm</p>
<p>17th May Saturday</p>	<p>Acts 14:21-27      Apocalypse 21:1-5</p> <p>John 13:31-35</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Mass</p> <p>12.30pm Mary Johnson-RIP</p> <p>Peter Tickell-Intention</p>	<p>Tea &amp; Coffee available after Mass</p>
<p>18th May</p> <p>Fifth Sunday of Easter</p>	<p>Acts 14:21-27      Apocalypse 21:1-5</p> <p>John 13:31-35</p> <p>Public &amp; Live streamed Masses</p> <p>9.00am All People of the Parish</p> <p>11.00am Gwen-Intention</p> <p>Lisa Muckley-Intention</p>	<p>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</p>

## **PILGRIMS OF HOPE**

Hymn for the Jubilee Year 2025

### ***Refrain:***

**Like a flame our hope is burning, may our song arise to you,  
Source of life that has no ending, on life's path we trust in you.**

### **PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

*God our Father,  
You made each of us to use our gifts in  
the Body of Christ.  
We ask that You inspire young people  
whom  
you call to priesthood and consecrated  
life  
to courageously follow Your will.  
Send workers into Your great harvest  
so that the Gospel is preached,  
the poor are served with love,  
the suffering are comforted,  
and Your people are strengthened by the  
sacraments.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.  
Amen*



Jesus said:  
"I am the good shepherd.  
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Please pray for: Pope Francis, Wayne O'Neill, Father Fred Sheldon, Samuel Robinson, Michael Costello, Maha Eraifej, Deacon Pat Flanagan and Desmond Duffy, Thomas D Ward, Angela Lloyd, Trish Embley, Philomena Barreto, Angela Duffy, Josephine Egonu, Eileen Horsburgh, Christopher Morgan-Cettler, Pat Clarke, Joseph Leyden who died recently.

Also, Margaret Danks, Annie & Robert Danks, Francis McKeown, Kathleen Veronica (Vera) Manton, Joseph Cassidy, Josephine Walker, Jennifer Doyle, John Joseph Edward Doyle, Andrew Henry Robert Browne, Kathleen Mary Hemming, James Joseph Owens, Mary Mitchell, Mary Frances Williams, Pauline Marie Callaghan, Thomas Joseph Kellett, 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 [sg.staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.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.

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