

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 18th January 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'Christ the Light of the Nations! The Spirit of God rested on Christ when he was baptised by John the Baptist. Through the giving of the Spirit John recognises Christ as the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. We too through the gift of the Holy Spirit are to become the light of the world proclaiming salvation to the ends of the earth.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners: Father Joseph, (whilst in the care of the staff at St Joseph's Care Home in Coleshill), **Deacon Kevin and I** ask that each of us may through the presence of the Holy Spirit recognise, as did John the Baptist, 'the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.'

Father Joseph continues to be cared for at St Joseph's Care Home in Coleshill. He remains serene and happy and appreciates your thoughts and prayers.

Years 1 and 5 at St Augustine's School celebrated Mass together on Wednesday. They reflected on the call of Samuel and what is needed to hear God's call, and to listen well.

Our school communities seem to have settled well into the new school term and are working enthusiastically in all areas of school life.

I am away from Monday to Thursday of this week, spending time with my priest friends, one of whom is recovering from a serious infection. Monsignor Danny has kindly agreed to celebrate Mass, as has Fr Denis Carter on Tuesday morning. For sick calls please contact Olton Friary on 0121 706 0505 or the Columban Fathers on 01564 772 096

Please note the change of Mass times on Monday 2nd February. Mass will take place in the evening at 6.30pm. It is the Feast of the Presentation of the Child Jesus in the Temple and we have invited the families of all, whose children were baptised in 2025 to attend Mass. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park.

The Week of Prayer for the Unity of Christians runs from Sunday 18th- Sunday 25th January. The theme is 'One Body, One Spirit.' For 2026 the prayers and reflections for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity have been prepared by the faithful of the Armenian Apostolic Church, along with their brothers and sisters of the Armenian Catholic and Evangelical Churches.

This weekend we celebrate Peace Sunday. We are encouraged to reflect on the message of Pope Leo XIV which is: ***Peace be with you all: towards an 'unarmed and disarming' peace.*** This is a challenging but exciting goal. He is telling us that peace should not rely on fear, threat, or weapons. Peace should have the capacity to resolve conflicts and open hearts through mutual understanding and hope. The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have produced a very helpful statement on this topic: "***Called to be peacemakers.***" This may be found on www.cbcew.org.uk

Please remember in your prayers all who have recently died, including Mr. Chris Johnson, who for many years was the caretaker at Saint Augustine's school. He was greatly loved by the children and staff.

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.

GIFT AID- if you Gif Aid your Offertory and your circumstances have changed, either you have moved address, or no longer pay tax, or do not use your envelope anymore, please let us know so that we can update our records.

COMMUNITY CAFÉ- Monday 19th January 2026 11.30am-1.30pm. All welcome. Hot food provided.

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from Monday 25th May until Saturday 30th May. The cost is £986 (plus a single supplement) The Pilgrim organisers are appealing for Doctors, Nurses, Carer or Hospitalier (non-medical helpers) to join them on the pilgrimage. For details please speak with Fr Dominic or look on the diocesan website. Please contact with any queries: Kate White, Pilgrimage Organising Secretary: 0121 230 6288 (Office hours 9am-5pm Monday to Friday) or via email: admin.lourdes@rcaob.org.uk If any young Parishioner would like to participate in the diocesan pilgrimage, we would hope to subsidise their fare.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £ 165 loose £796:12 Total: £ 961:12

Voluntary Collection this weekend: Pax Christi.

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	Julia. a Benjamin	Nora Shearin
Patricia Mann	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	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	Eve	
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell	Mrs. Bernie McCann	Bethany Tidyman	Jeanette and Robert Walton		

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 17 th Jan 12.30pm Bernard	Saturday 17 th January 12.30pm	Sunday 18 th Jan 9am M Coburn/
Sat 24 th Jan 12.30pm T Duffy	R Wong/ Ginny	J Powers
Sunday 18 th Jan 9am M Pearsall	Saturday 24 th January 12.30pm	Sunday 18 th Jan 11am B Ngala
Sunday 18 th Jan 11am M Watts	Ginny/J Wong	Sunday 25 th Jan 9am J Sica/ G Sica
Sunday 25 th Jan 9am M Coburn		Sunday 25 th Jan 11am A Kelly
Sunday 25 th Jan 11am E Young		

'Bereavement Group - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am **2026:** Wed 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; 26th January; 9th & 23rd February; 9th & 23rd March; 13th & 27th April; 11th & 25th May; 8th & 22nd June; 6th July A Guide to 'Meditation

For news and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website: www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

SVP and Mini Vinnies Cake sale and bucket collection 31Jan/1Feb This year we are raising funds to provide 7 sewing machines and a masala grinder & sealing machine for 8 families in India. We would welcome your support. Any cakes baked or bought would be very much appreciated. We are hoping to raise £660

Mike and Elspeth Sullivan invite you to an evening charity concert in the parish hall on Saturday 21st February at 7.00pm. Do please put this date in your diary. Further details to follow.

17th January Saturday St Anthony ‘Patriarch of Monks’	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Thanksgiving Savio Magdelene Noronha Kathleen Lunham-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
18th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME PEACE SUNDAY	Isaiah 49:3, 5-6 1 Corinthians 1:1-3 John 1:29-34 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Doreen Cotton RIP Reine & Vancy Albuquerque - Intentions 11.00am Daniel Mettall RIP All people of the Parish	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses Octave of Christian Unity
19th January Monday FEAST St Wulstan	1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23 John 10:11-16 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Pauline Samathar-Intention	St Augustine’s Community Café 11.30am-1.30pm Octave of Christian Unity
20th January Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time St Fabian/ St Sebastian	1 Samuel 16:1-13 Mark 2:23-28 10.00am Father Simon Hall-RIP	Toddlers’ Group 9.30am-11.30am Octave of Christian Unity
21st January Wednesday St Agnes	1 Samuel 17:32-33,37,40-51 Mark 3:1-6 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Esther & Pat Murphy-RIP	Confession 11.15am-11.45am Lectio Divina 7.30-8.15pm. Email: staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk Octave of Christian Unity
22nd January Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time St Vincent	1 Samuel 18:6-9,19:1-7 Mark 3:7-12 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Peter Todd-RIP	Octave of Christian Unity
23rd January Friday Feria in Ordinary Time St Nicholas Owen	1 Samuel 24:2-20 Mark 3:13-19 Public & Live streamed Mass 6.30pm Deacon Ernie Titchmarsh & Anne White-RIP	Holy Hour and Exposition 5.15pm-6.15pm followed by Mass 6.30pm Octave of Christian Unity
24th January Saturday St Francis de Sales 23 rd Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Grace Archbishop Bernard Longley	Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 Matthew 4:12-23 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Robin Easterby-RIP Aggie O’Reilly-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass Octave of Christian Unity
25th January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God	Isaiah 9:1-4 1 Corinthians 1:10-13 Matthew 4:12-23 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Margaret & Michael Rochfort-RIP All People of the Parish 11.00am Norah & Patrick Brennan-RIP	Public & Live streamed Masses Tea/Coffee available after both Masses Octave of Christian Unity

Pope Leo has announced the theme – ‘**Peace be with you all: Towards an ‘unarmed and disarming peace’** – and we are putting together liturgy and prayer resources to help you mark the day and reflect on this vital theme in your parish or group. Pope Leo has continued the exhortation of Pope Francis that the call to live nonviolent ‘disarmed’ lives is core to Catholic Social Teaching and the key to peace in a world scarred by violent conflict.

There Will Be Peace

There will be peace:

when attitudes change;
when self-interest is seen as part of common interest;
when old wrongs, old scores, old mistakes
are deleted from the account;
when the aim becomes co-operation and mutual benefit
rather than revenge or seizing maximum personal or group gain;
when justice and equality before the law
become the basis of government;
when basic freedoms exist;
when leaders - political, religious, educational - and the police and media
wholeheartedly embrace the concepts of justice, equality, freedom, tolerance,
and reconciliation as a basis for renewal;
when parents teach their children new ways to think about people. There will be
peace:
when enemies become fellow human beings

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord, Jesus Christ, I come before you in Prayer

Asking that, in this troubled world, You will bring peace

to those who are suffering in many forms and in many ways.

Keep us safe, Lord, I implore you, From every manner of violence.

May we all live in peace with one another, Free from prejudice and injustice;

Showing tolerance and understanding.

Make nations take away the fear of war.

Remove terror from our sight Let us give food to those who are hungry.

And grant comfort to the oppressed; may Your kingdom reign on all the earth. Amen

Please pray for: Margaret Byrne, Barbara Bolton, Mary Rita Johnston, Antonio Albini, Mary Nicholls, Seamus Manley, Sheila Griffin, Phillip Austin Walsh, Donald Platt, Brenda Carney, Patricia Butler, Clare Klein, Geoffrey Doyle, Chris Johnson and Cornelius Callanan who died recently.

Also, Father David Lloyd, Edward Caffery, Aleyne Fenton, Maureen Gertrude Mac Donald, Roy Wilcox, Margaret Muriel Elliott, Roy Leonard Jones, Christine Peace, Bernadette Agnes Parsons, Theresa & Sean McMahon, Maureen Lilian Lawrence, Dorothy Plomer-Roberts, Jose Belson, Mary Josephine Foy, Othon Ferguson, Philip Brian Mathews, Josephine Mary Concannon, James Keogh, Eileen Boyle, Katherine Cox, Francis Joseph Docherty, John Christopher Francis Putil, Mary Maria Curry, Thomas Anthony Oliver 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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or 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.