

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C 18th May 2025

Dear Parishioners, 'You must love one another. Jesus tells us that we are known as his disciples by the caring love that we show for one another. We have to love one another as he has loved us. In this way we will open the door of faith to the pagans and give them the opportunity to praise God who makes all things new.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I join in thanking Jesus with our First Holy Communion children, their parents and families, their teachers and catechists, and for the joy of celebrating their First Holy Communion this weekend. May their reception of Holy Communion always be a cause of thanksgiving.

Please pray for Adrian Tsz Yin Chow who is to be baptised into the family of the Church this Sunday. The next baptismal preparation evening will take place on Thursday 19th June from 7.30pm-9pm. All are welcome. Please inform Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy if you wish to attend.

I will be in Lourdes with the Oxford Handicapped Fellowship and 3 Parishioners from Thursday 22nd May until Tuesday 27th May. We ask your prayers for a safe and fruitful pilgrimage and assure you of our prayers for you. In my absence for sick calls please contact the Friary-telephone 0121 706 0505.'

We wish you a very happy and blessed Saint Augustine's Feast Day for May 27th. May Saint Augustine ask for God's special blessings on us all.

On Saturday 7th June at St Brigid's Northfield (B 31 5AB) an intercultural mass will take place at 12.00 noon. Bishop David Evans will be the main celebrant.

On Sunday 8th June at 2.pm a Pentecost African Mass will take place at Christ the King Church, Kingstanding.(B44 0QN)

Discover 'Trypraying' - Zoom 7.30pm Thursday 22nd May

Is anyone there? Does anyone listen when we pray?

Trypraying is a 7-day prayer guide for those who don't pray! It's been used by hundreds of thousands of people and is often read and passed on to friends, colleagues and neighbours. To find out more there will be a Zoom meeting hosted by the Office for Mission to hear stories about how the guide has been used, and how peoples' lives have been changed, by simply praying.

Contact Paul Northam at office.mission@rcaob.org.uk

Catechists Training Day at St Ambrose Barlow Church Hall Green, Saturday 28th June 10.30am-3.30pm. If interested, please speak with Father Dominic.

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: 19th May; 2nd June; 16th June; 30th June 2025.

St Augustine's Community Café- Next Meeting Monday 19th May. 11.30am until 1.30pm

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid £216 Loose £1,526:33 Total: £ 1,742:33 This weekend

Second Collection: Christian Aid. Second Collection last weekend: Clergy Training Fund: £659:63

Next weekend we welcome Father Emmanuel Ogunnaike (from the Missionary Society of Saint Paul) who will be making the annual appeal on behalf of the Missions.

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	Breda 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	Karen Hall	Louisa Creighton		

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READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday 17 th May 12.30pm Uchechi	Saturday 17 th May 12.30pm	Sunday 18 th May 9.00am
Saturday 24 th May 12.30pm T Cund	Jinny/ R Wong	J Powers/ J Sica
Sunday 18 th May 9am C Ramsey	Saturday 24 th May 12.30pm	Sunday 18 th May 11.00am B Ngala
Sunday 18 th May 11am R Noronha	A Kelly/ J Wong	Sunday 25 th May 9am
Sunday 25 th May 9am M Pearsall		M Hallissey/ G Sica
Sunday 25 th May 11am C Hodrien		Sunday 25 th May 11am E Duffy

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.webeliefefestival.com

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.**

The Clergy Training Fund exists primarily to pay for the formation of the future priests and permanent deacons for our Archdiocese. It also supports the Diocesan Vocations Director who helps with Discernment. It takes 7 years of formation to become a priest and costs approximately £30,000 a year to support each seminarian. The Clergy Training Fund relies solely on your generosity by the annual second collection on this Good Shepherd Sunday and through regular giving by standing order (forms available in both porches) Donation envelopes are also available from Saint Augustine's Office and from the Piety Stall. These may be placed into our regular collections. Above all we can support the Clergy Training Fund by praying for an increase vocation to the priesthood and permanent diaconate in the Archdiocese.

Thank you for last week's generous Second collection for the Clergy training Fund.

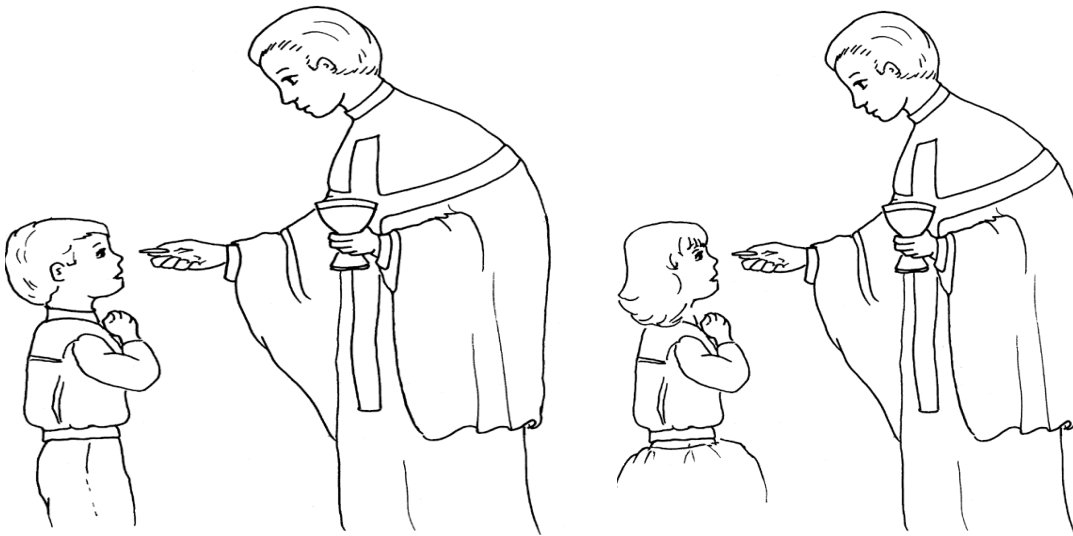
Total-£659:63; and our thanks to Mrs. Stephanie Withers for being our parish secretary for the Clergy Training Fund.

17th May Saturday	Acts 14:21-27 Apocalypse 21:1-5 John 13:31-35 Public & Live streamed Mass 9.30am First Holy Communion Children & Parents/Teachers 12.30pm Mary Johnson-RIP Peter Tickell-Intention	Confessions 11am-12.00pm Exposition 11.00-12.00 midday Tea/Coffee available after Mass
18th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	Acts 14:21-27 Apocalypse 21:1-5 John 13:31-35 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Gwen-Intention First Holy Communion Children/ Parents/Teachers Lisa Muckley-Intention	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses
19th May Monday Easter Feria St Dunstan	Acts 14:5-18 John 14:21-26 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Linda Sutton-Intention Fiona Baker-Intention	St Augustine's Community Café- 11.30am-1.30pm
20th May Tuesday Easter Feria St Bernardine of Siena Day of Prayer for the Survivors of Sexual Abuse	Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Janet Horsfall-Intention	Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am
21st May Wednesday Easter Feria Ss Christopher Magallanes & Companions	Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Annette & Franc Kelly & Family-Intentions Sadie & Tommy Joyce-Intention	Confession 11.30am Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk
22nd May Thursday Easter Feria St Rita of Cascia	Acts 15:7-21 John 15:9-11 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Thanksgiving Dominic Savio Noronha	
23rd May Friday Easter Feria	Acts 15: 22-31 John 15:12-17 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Rose McCarthy-Intention 6.30pm Michelle Gardner-Intention	Holy Hour & Exposition 5.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm
24th May Saturday Easter Feria	Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23 John 14:23-29 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Margaret & Michael Rochfort-RIP Jeanette Walton- Intention	Confessions 11am-12.00pm Exposition 11.00-12.00 midday Tea & Coffee available after Mass
25th May Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 15:1-2,22-29 Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23 John 14:23-29 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Andy Cotter-RIP 11.00am Patrick & Christine Flynn-RIP All People of the Parish	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses

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.

Verses: 1. Ev'ry nation, tongue, and people find a light within your Word,
Scattered fragile sons and daughters find a home in your dear Son.
2. God, so tender and so patient, dawn of hope, you care for all,
Heav'n and earth are recreated by the Spirit of Life set free.
3. Raise your eyes, the wind is blowing, for our God is born in time,
Son made man for you and many who will find the way in him.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PRAYER



Lord God, we commend our children to you. We place them in your care and protection, hoping that they will grow day by day in love for you. May they lead a good life and bring comfort to you who are their Creator. Consider, Lord the world, in which they will pass their lives, its corruption and false allure. Be on watch, dear Lord, to help and defend them. Lead them to the practice of virtue and the observance of your commandments. Make our lives holy also so that we may be an influential pattern for them. We ask of you, from the bottom of our hearts, your blessing on our children. We dedicate them to you, Lord; protect them as one protects the apple of his eye. Keep them in the shadow of your wings. Arrange it so that we and they may come together in heaven and praise you, most loving Father, for you have taken care of our whole family. Amen.

Please pray for: Pope Francis, Wayne O'Neill, Philomena Barreto, Angela Duffy, Josephine Egonu, Eileen Horsburgh, Chris Morgan-Cettler, Pat Clarke, Joseph Leyden, Terry Round, Anne-Marie Grimley who died recently. Also, Maureen Walters, Eddie Kubic, Mary Teresa Dalton, Leslie Docker, Johanna O'Connell, Roger Embley, Andrew Keating, Ray John Stanley, Pauline Harris, Arthur Claybrook, Catherine Phyllis Rea, Patrick Joseph Flynn, Eithne Holden, Eileen Crumpton, 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.

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