

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 26th October 2025

Dear Parishioners, 'The prayer of the humble man. The self-righteous person has a closed mind and heart. Like the Pharisee he considers himself superior to others whereas the humble man recognises that he is a sinner before God. It is his prayer which will be answered. When we recognise that we need help we will receive it because we know that the answer to our prayer is due to God's mercy and not to our own goodness.'

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I wish our parents, school staff and young parishioners a very refreshing and restful half term.

Please pray for Andrei and Angelo Pillazo and Franklin Phillip Scarrot who are to be baptized into the family of the Church this Sunday. The next baptismal preparation evening is to take place on Thursday 13th November from 7.30pm-9pm in the Presbytery. If you wish to attend, please speak with Mrs Mary Clark or with one of the Clergy. All are welcome.

For the month of November, we will offer a Novena of Masses for the Holy Souls. We have provided some forms and envelopes for you to complete with the names of all whom you wish to include in the Novena of Masses. These are available in both porches.

Please remember in your prayers Father Sean Gough who has been Inducted as Parish Priest of Saint Anne's in Chelmsley Wood and St Anthony's, Kingshurst; and also Father Van Nguyen who is to be Inducted as Parish Priest of Holy Trinity, Sutton Coldfield and Sacred Heart, Four Oaks, on Friday 7th November.

The annual Mass for the deceased Clergy of the Deanery will take place at Our Lady of the Wayside in Shirley, on Tuesday 11th November at 12.00 midday. All are welcome.

Each Thursday evening, from 7pm-8pm a Prayer Meeting takes place in the blue room of the Parish Hall. You are welcome to attend. On Thursday 30th October, Parishioners from the four parishes of South Solihull Mission are invited for a Meeting at Olton Friary at 7pm. Do please come along as we seek to collaborate more closely together.

The United Reform Church - You are invited to the 200th Anniversary celebrations at URC on 1st & 2nd November 2025. Events start at 10am on 1st November and 2nd November. Also, the URC are asking for Nativity Scenes for a Community Nativity Exhibition-6th-7th December URC Solihull Warwick Road. See poster in porch for details.

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. The Confirmation preparation will begin on Tuesday 4th November at 5pm in the Presbytery. All are welcome.

Are you interested in learning more about the Catholic Faith, either as a Catholic or non-Catholic, please speak with Father Dominic.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid: £156 loose £1,046:42 Total: £1,202:43. Second Collection last weekend: Missio-£680:73 2nd Collection next weekend: Johnson Association-The Johnson Association provides financial help and support to the retired, sick and infirm clergy of the Archdiocese. Gift Aid envelopes are available for you.

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 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	Michael Leyland	Wilson Cotton	Matthew Sheils	Natalie Holliday
Bridget McNamara	Ellen Gilmore	Ian Sanchez	Chris Docker	Eve	
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell	Mrs. Bernie McCann	Bethany Tidyman	Nora Shearin		

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READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Sat 25 th Oct 12.30pm Bernard	Saturday 25 th October 12.30pm	Sunday 26 th October 9am
Sat 1 st Nov 12.30pm T Duffy	Ginny/J Wong	J Sica/G Sica
Sunday 26 th October 9am C Ramsey	Saturday 1 st November 12.30pm	Sunday 26 th October 11am
Sunday 26 th October 11am C Hodrien	Ginny/A Kelly	E Duffy
Sunday 2 nd November 9am SCHOOL	Saturday 8 th November 12.30pm	Sunday 2 nd November 9am
Sunday 2 nd November 11am Emanuelle	S.Bingham/A Kelly	M Hallissey/J Powers
		Sunday 2 nd November 11am B Ngala

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.

Marriage Care is recruiting volunteers and Relationship Counsellor trainees to provide relationship support to couples. While our Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) course for the 2027 intake will start accepting applications next year, we encourage potential applicants to first take on the role of Marriage Preparation Facilitator to gain experience and explore their passions in the year before entering the CRC programme. We encourage you to sign up as soon as possible and **before 15 October 2025** to be in time for our upcoming round of training. Please visit www.marriagecare.org.uk/get-involved/ or email the Birmingham Centre Co-ordinator at birmingham.admin@marriagecare.org for signing up or enquiries.

SVP REQUESTS: Thank you so much to all who have donated items requested for men in need- they have been gratefully received. Still required: tee-shirts, jogging bottoms and hoodies (sizes S,M,L only) Brand-new underwear/socks. Also, trainers sizes 8-11(41-44). Toiletries for male and females and nonperishable food. Please note WE ARE UNABLE TO ACCEPT ITEMS OTHER THAN THOSE ABOVE. With our appreciation-SVP St Augustine's: 07568 508271

'Bereavement Group - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45am 2025: Wed 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 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.

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.

25th October Saturday	Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Joseph Barreto-RIP Tony McLaughlin-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i>
26th October THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ecclesiasticus 35:12-14,16-19 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 Luke 18:9-14 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Keating Family & Friends-Thanksgiving 11.00am All People of the Parish Trish Embley-RIP	<i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i>
27th October Monday Feria in Ordinary Time	Roman 8:12-17 Luke 13:10-17 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Jenny Cox-Birthday Gillian Ray-RIP	
28th October Tuesday St Simon/St Jude	Ephesians 2:19-22 Luke 6:12-19 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am John McGrath-RIP Joan Brosnan-RIP	Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am
29th October Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time	Romans 8:26-30 Luke 13:22-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Lada & Vito Piccolo-Birthdays Gerry Kerr-RIP	Confession 11.30am Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk
30th October Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time	Romans 8:31-39 Luke 13:31-35 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Bridie Harper-RIP Jeanette Walton-Intention	
31st October Friday Feria in Ordinary Time	Romans 9:1-5 Luke 14:1-6 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am Jozef & Anna-RIP 6.30pm Philip Burling-RIP	Holy Hour & Exposition 5.15pm- 6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm
1st November Saturday St John Henry Newman to be proclaimed Doctor of the Church	Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Esther Murphy-Intention Father Harry Taylor Thanksgiving Magdelene Jenkinson	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i>
2nd November Solemnity of All Saints	Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12 Public and Live streamed Masses 9.00am Thanksgiving Savio Anthony Noronha 11.00am Norah & Patrick Brennan-RIP Anne Patricia Davies-Taylor-RIP	<i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i>

A SIMPLE THANK YOU

Dear Jesus, Thank you for everything you have given to me.
Thank you for the beauty of your creation, for the gifts earth and sky.
For the majesty of mountains
For the warm glow of the Sun,
For the excitement of the sea.
Thank you for the love of my family,
For giving me the companionship of true friends
For the support of those around me
For keeping me going when times are hard
For taking me back when I have strayed away.
Thank you for the important things in life For the hope that I will do your will.
For the faith I have in God For the trust you have bestowed
But above all
For the knowledge that You love me. Amen.

BLESSING OF GRAVES NOVEMBER 2025

- *Oscott Cemetery*: 1 November, 3pm
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- *Erdington Abbey*: 2 November, 2pm
- *Woodlands*: 2 November 2pm
- *Brandwood End*: 2 November 2pm
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- *New Hall Cemetery*: 2 November, 2pm
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- *Lodge Hill & Widney Manor*: 9 November 2pm
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- *Quinton*: 9 November 2pm
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- *Rectory Rd Cemetery*: 9 November, 2pm
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- *Witton Cemetery*: 9 November, 2pm
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- *Kings Norton & Widney Manor*: 16 November 2pm
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- *Wythall, Robin Hood and St Nicholas*: 23 November 2pm

Yardley 30th November 2pm

Please pray for: Peter John Bates, Michael Donnelly, Alan Gorman, 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., Donald Platt and Anne Weir who died recently.

Also, Margaret Patricia Brennan, Duncan Riddell, Ann Carroll, Derek Anthony Richardson, Gerard William Gorman, Helen Lysaght, Dorothy Askew, Father Harry Taylor, Deacon Paul Grosvenor, Norah Brennan, Veronica Oliver, Felicity Dormer 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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