

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh, Fr. Prem Fernando, Deacon Kevin O'Connor (Retired)

Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A 30th August 2026

Father Dominic writes: 'Take up your daily cross. Suffering shows us how much we are prepared to sacrifice in our following of Christ. He tells us to take up our cross daily and follow him. It is in apparently losing our lives that we will find them in a newer, deeper way and then we shall be rewarded according to our behaviour. This approach will never be easy but it is the only path to real holiness and happiness.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Dear Parishioners, May we find room in our hearts to echo the words of the psalmist in today's psalm:

'I will bless you all my life; in Your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet; with joyful lips, my mouth shall praise You.'

I am very pleased to inform you that the Archbishop has appointed Father Prem Fernando to assist you, the Parishioners and myself, here at St Augustine's. Father will be arriving on Monday. Do please keep Father and I in your prayers. Father originates from Sri Lanka and has among other appointments served as Chaplain to Warwick University and to Oxford Brookes University. I know that you will make him very welcome.

We offer prayerful congratulations to Zac Richardson who is to be Baptized, Confirmed and Received into Full Communion during the 9am Mass this Sunday.

Please remember in your prayers those students who are beginning their formation at the Seminary and in religious formation, including Daniel Richards, and those of our young Parishioners beginning university or college, apprenticeships or different and new beginning. May Jesus' friendship open up to them a new horizon in life.

The Anointing of the Sick will take place after the 12.00 midday Mass on Thursday 3rd September.

Please would you write to your local MP asking that they will vote against the re-introduction of the 'Assisted Dying'(Assisted-Suicide) Bill, which will come before Parliament in early September. In my experience as Chaplain to the Marie Curie, I appreciate the wonderful care that is given to the dying. It is this service that needs to be extended, not the introduction of assisted suicide. Please respond to this important request.

Dates for your diary: Thursday 1st October 7.30pm-9pm—the next baptismal preparation evening.

Saturday 3rd October. Invitation to all who carry out a particular Ministry, e.g. Readers, Church Wardens etc, to come together with Parishioners from cluster parishes, at Olton Friary on **Saturday 3rd October**. Starts with Mass at 10.15am; Refreshments 11am. 11.30-12.30pm Discussion/Meetings and sharing good practise.

Saturday 10th October-Catechists and would-be Catechists, a gathering at Erdington Abbey. 10am for 10.30am start, finishing at 3.30pm with Prayer & Benediction. Please bring a packed lunch. Cost £5.

Saturday 17th October CAFOD and Father Hudson's Caritas invite you to a 'LOVE IN ACTION' here at St Augustine's. 2pm-4.30pm (Mass at 12.30pm). All who are interested in social justice issues, including care for the poor and care for the environment, are encouraged to come along to St Augustine's Parish Hall.

Gift Aid: £241.00 (A special thanks to those who Gift Aid their donation, allowing us to claim an additional £60:25 Loose £835:26 Total-£1,076:26 Standing Orders for month of July:£3,447

An inclusive Mass for People with SEN and Disabilities takes place each month at Our Lady and St Brigid's Church, Northfield. This is the forthcoming date: 27th September from 4pm to 4.20pm, Refreshments served afterwards.

CHF Birmingham-Smilers Inclusive Mass for anyone who struggles with Mass in a normal setting; a relaxed Service- freedom to roam, make noise. 1st Mass Saturday 5th September 2026 Holy Souls Church Acocks Green Birmingham B274JY. See poster in main porch for more details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Lali Ratnaraja	Angela Keating	Mary Cassidy	Rosemary Knowles	Philomena Kenny	Phillip O'Neill
Briege Williams	Jonathan Williams	Father Pat Sayles	Maureen Hughes	Kitty Gardener	Julie Hickey
Patrick Mitchell	Catherine Bird	Helen Kirk	Patricia Murphy	Patricia Sheasby	
Edward Martin	Jess Stanton	Daniel Meadows	Delia Gaughan		

READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER
Sat 29 th August 12.30pm J Sharpe	Saturday 29 th August 12.30pm	Sunday 30 th August 9am
Sat 5 th Sept 12.30pm M Connor	J Wong/ A Kelly	M Coburn
Sunday 30 th August 9am C Ramsey	Saturday 5 th September 12.30pm	Sunday 30 th August 11am B Ngala
Sunday 30 th August 11am E Young	J Wong/A Kelly	Sunday 6 th September 9am
Sunday 6 th Sept 9am M Coburn		G & J Sica
Sunday 6 th Sept 11am H Cettler		Sunday 6 th September 11am
		J Hickey

Lectio Divina by zoom, will continue this Wednesday from 7.30pm-8.15pm. All are welcome.

For News and events around the Archdiocese please visit the diocesan website:

www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

All are welcome to join this year's Harvington Hall Pilgrimage. **Sunday 6th September**

This year the principal celebrant will be His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain assisted by The Most Reverend Bernard Longley. *Confessions:* 1.45pm – 2.30pm *Mass:* 3pm FREE PARKING on site. **Please bring your own chairs and packed lunch.**

Beloved Disciple- Holy Souls Parish Meeting Room & Church. Tuesday evenings starting at 6.30pm; Information evening 1st September 6.30pm. Places Limited. See poster in porch for details.

On Saturday 5th September the MARCH FOR LIFE takes place in London. A coach has been organised with the following pick-up points: Holy Soul Church at 06:50am; Olton Friary at 07:10am and Our Lady of the Wayside at 07:30am. The intention is to arrive at Westminster Cathedral for Mass before going on to Emmanuel House and then the subsequent March. Do please try to support this March for Life, especially the unborn.

The Season of Creation runs from September 1st to October 4th and has as its theme 'Living Water', inspired by the vision of God's life giving water, bringing renewal and healing to creation. A range of resources are available on the diocesan website. www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk

29th Saturday The Passion of St John the Baptist	Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Cathleen Joyce-RIP Anne Dunlea	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm Refreshments after Mass
30th August TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Jeremiah 20:7-9 Romans 12:1-2 Matthew 16:21-27 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Robbie Cook-RIP Pascha Gardiner-RIP 11.00am Geraldine McHugh-RIP All People of the Parish	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses.
31st August Monday Feria in Ordinary Time St Aidan & Saints of Lindisfarne	1 Corinthians 2:1-5 Luke 4:16-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Christine Norris-RIP Paulina Samathar-RIP	
1st September Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation Beginning of Season of Creation	1 Corinthians 2:10-16 Luke 4:31-37 Public & Live streamed Mass 10.00am Thanksgiving St Peregrine Adrianna Wheatley-RIP	Toddlers' Group 9.30-11.30am in the parish hall.
2nd September Wednesday Feria in Ordinary Time	1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Luke 4:38-44 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Tony Duffy-RIP Peggy O'Connor-Intention	Confessions 11.15-11.45am 'Lectio Divina' - this week. Email for the link: staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk
3rd September Thursday FEAST St Gregory the Great	2 Corinthians 4:1-2,5-7 Luke 22:24-30 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm John Kavanagh-Birthday Veronica Pickering-RIP	Prayer Meeting 7.00-8.00pm
4th September Friday Feria in Ordinary Time St Cuthbert	1 Corinthians 4:1-5 Luke 5:33-39 Public & Live streamed Mass 6.30pm Special Intention Mary & The People of Donbas region of Ukraine-for peace in this region Noreen Murray-RIP	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm- followed by Mass 6.30pm
5th September Saturday St Teresa of Calcutta	Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Liz & Chris-Intentions Philomena & Jo Gallagher-Intentions	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confession 11am-12.00pm Tea/Coffee available after Mass
6th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Ezekiel 33:7-9 Romans 13:8-10 Matthew 18:15-20 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am Noronha Family Ellen & Patrick McCafferty-RIP & Joan & John Frost-RIP 11.00am Alex D'Souza-RIP All People of the Parish	Tea /Coffee available after both Masses

Gift of Water

God of creation, source of every living thing,
we thank you for the gift of water.
We pray for all who cannot turn on a tap with confidence
that water will come; for families who ration every drop,
and for those whose stored water is unsafe.
Bless the Christian communities of the Holy Land.
Give strength to those facing hardship,
wisdom to those working for justice, and skill to those installing tanks,
wells and solar panels.
Teach us to recognise Christ in all who thirst,
make us generous friends to our brothers and sisters in his homeland.
May they know that they are seen, remembered and held in prayer.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for: Jim Harding, Philip Gartland, Sonya O'Shea, Michael Joseph O'Mahoney, Mrs Faye Hicks, Bob Dipple, Tony Duffy, Peter Alfred Foley, Geraldine McAndrew, David & Edna Powers, Michael Joseph O'Gorman, Reginald Harding, Nicholas Ian Barnett, Susan Kelly, Julie Agnew, Henry Oliver Price, Christopher Jeffrey Pedley (Requiem 24th September 11am) who died recently.

Also, Richard Bynoth, Dorothy Gamble, Norman Francis Miley, Philip Robinson, William Dowling, Gerard Stanley, Cathleen Marie Joyce, 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: Amanda Felton and Veronica Walsh. 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 if you have any concerns.

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

JOB at THE FRIARY our Housekeeper/Cook is soon to retire. * Involves cooking & some housekeeping
* part for SCJ community & part for parish * 18 hours per week 9.30-1.00 Mon-Fri * Diocesan living wage £13.45 per hour
* begins October 1st 2026 * More info? Please contact Olton Friary Parish office on 0121 706 0505.