

# SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 30th January 2022**

**Dear Parishioners,**

**'The greatest gift is love.** We are a people not only of faith and hope but especially of love. Love is the greatest gift which the spirit of Christ gives to the members of His Church. This gift is also given to those outside the Church and for this, we should thank God. Love breaks down human barriers and divisions. Love will bring about Christian unity and greater Christian witness if we are open to the spirit.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

**Father Dominic writes:** 'Dear Parishioners, Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I, thank you sincerely for the contributions you have made to the 'Walking Together' either by attending the recent Meetings or by completing the flyers left in Church. We would still welcome your prayerful reflections and contributions, as the deadline for feedback is the third week of February.

**Please continue** to pray that we will allow the Holy Spirit to touch our hearts and minds with His wisdom, so that we will be able to communicate joyfully the Good News of Salvation, especially to members of our own families.

**We have just finished** the Octave of Prayer for the Unity of Christians. We offer our prayerful support to those of you who are married and whose spouse is of another Christian tradition, and who live out in your marriage the hopes and challenges of the path to full Christian Unity. You may wish to listen to Archbishop Bernard speaking on Vatican Radio about Christian Unity. You will find it on the diocesan website- [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk)

**It was a joy to** welcome our Confirmation Candidates to their enrolment Mass last Sunday, along with our Teachers and Parents. They led us very prayerfully in the celebration of the Mass. Our thanks to all concerned.

**As we look to** the future pastoral provision within our deanery parishes and diocese, I wish to inform you that our deanery of East Birmingham will be joining with the deanery of North Birmingham. Please pray that the enlargement of the deaneries throughout the Diocese will lead to further Clergy collaboration and to the continued care of the parishioners. The first gathering of the new deanery will take place in March at Oscott College.

**Please note** that we have a Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 10am for Mrs Kathleen Lunham. Kathleen will be received into the Church at 7pm on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January. PTO

29th January Saturday	Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13      Luke 4:21-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Mary Ledden-RIP Damian Ryan-RIP	Church open for Private Prayer 11.45am-12.30pm Mass Confession 11.45am-12.15pm
30th January <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	Jeremiah 1:4-5,17-19 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13      Luke 4:21-30 Public and Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish  11.00am Bernard Adkins-RIP	Church open for Private Prayer 10.30am Confessions 10.30am-10.45am Tea/Coffee available after each Mass
31st January Monday  St John Bosco  'Apostle of Youth'	2 Samuel 15:13-14,30,16:5-13 Mark 5:1-20 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Margaret Jeffs-RIP Peter Jones-RIP	Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30am
1st February Tuesday  Feria in Ordinary Time	2 Samuel 18:9-10,14,24-25,30-19:3 Mark 5:21-43 10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Requiem Kathleen Patricia Lunham  George Core-RIP	Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30
2nd February Wednesday FEAST of the Presentation of the Lord	Malachi 3:1-4 OR Hebrews 2:14-18 Luke 2:22-40 Public & Live streamed Mass 11.15am Requiem George Bicknell Jack Lucey-RIP  6.30pm Justin Ryan-Intention All People of the Parish	Private Prayer & Confession 10.45am-11.15am Lectio Divina' at 7.30pm To join in the Meeting please email Helen Brookes who will forward you the link to join the Meeting. Helen's email: <a href="mailto:ehb73@yahoo.co.uk">ehb73@yahoo.co.uk</a>
3rd February Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time St Werburg/ St Blaise St Ansgar	1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12      Mark 6:7-13 10.00am Public and Live streamed Mass Bridget Grimes-RIP  Tony & Marion Feeney	Church open for Private Prayer After 10am Mass until 11.30am
4th February Friday Feria in Ordinary Time	Ecclesiasticus 47:2-11      Mark 6:14-29 Public and Live streamed Mass 6.30pm Mary Dunleavy-RIP  Andria McDermott-RIP	Holy Hour 5.15pm-6.15pm Church open for Private Prayer 5.15pm-6.15pm & up until 6.30pm Mass
5th February Saturday St Agatha	Isaiah 6:1-8      1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11 Public and Live streamed Mass 12.30pm John Martin McClean-RIP  Lali Ratnaraja & Family	Church open for Private Prayer 11.45am-12.30pm Mass Confession 11.45am-12.15pm
6th February  Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Isaiah 6:1-8      1 Corinthians 15:1-11 Luke 5:1-11 Public and Live streamed Masses 9.00am Beatrice McCaffrey-RIP  11.00am Mike Treanor & Family-Intentions	Church open for Private Prayer 10.30am

**We have a** Requiem Mass on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at 11.15am for Mr George Bicknell. You are welcome to attend these Requiems; they will also be live-streamed.

There will be a 6.30pm Mass on Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> February, to celebrate the Feast of Candlemas. We have requested the free use of the lower level of Dominion Car Park for Wednesday evening's Mass.

**We would** welcome some more volunteers to help with cleaning the Church after the Wednesday Mass. If you are able to help please let the cleaners know.

**I am very pleased** to inform you that we will resume serving Teas and Coffees after the Sunday morning Masses from the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> January.

The diocese has issued us with new guideline for requirements when attending Mass. We will place them on the Parish website for you to view.

**As regards the Government's** decision to return to Plan A and the lifting of restrictions, may I ask that we continue with our present practises at Mass. Let us continue therefore to wear face coverings, unless exempt, and please sanitize your hands on entering and leaving Church.

**From this weekend**, the main porch will be open for private prayer throughout the morning and afternoon each day. The double doors going into the main part of the Church will remain locked. However, the Tabernacle is in clear view from the main porch and seats and a kneeler will be there for you to use. We hope that if you are passing by you will pop into say a prayer.

**We would like to** re-establish the rotas for Readers and Special Ministers of Holy Communion at the Sunday Masses. Would those of you already involved in these Ministries please indicate your availability for the Sunday Masses (including the 12.30pm on Saturday) Also, if any Parishioner is interested in either of these Ministries please let Father Dominic know.

**OUR LADY & ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC MULTI ACADEMY COMPANY**- seeks to appoint an Administrator Assistant. To start as soon as possible based at Bethany House, Kineton green Road Olton. Closing date 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022 at 5pm. 37 hrs per week full year. For details: [www.olaas.co.uk/current-vacancies](http://www.olaas.co.uk/current-vacancies) or contact Jane Martin [martin@olaas.co.uk](mailto:martin@olaas.co.uk)

**SVP- The SVP Society at St Augustine's**, would like to thank Parishioners greatly for their previous generosity in donating grocery items for individuals, groups and families in most need. Certain items are still needed on an ongoing and regular basis, so we are asking for your support once more in 2022. Can you help? We need Tinned meat, meals, tinned fruit & Veg Long-life meals, Long-life milk and juice, Packet mash, packer noodles, microwave rice, microwave pasta, Cornflakes, Weetabix, Rice Crispies/ similar. Toilet rolls, tissue boxes and packs. Toiletries-family/men's Washing tabs, washing up liquid.

Please deliver to the Church porch, Herbert Road entrance. If further information is needed, call:07568508271.

Thank you.

**Thank you to** all who have taken part in Lectio Divina each Wednesday evening. Special thanks to Helen Brookes for enabling the Meetings. The Meetings have recommenced.

Offertory Collection : 23rd January Gift Aid:£170 Loose:£568:24 Total £738:24 Second collection this weekend LEPR. Second collection next weekend: LIFE

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

Virginia Gregory,	Angela, Eilish,	Tony Duffy	Fr Fred Sheldon	Mary Ryan	William Moran
Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Esther Brasil	Anne Deary
Trevor Windle	Danny Meadows	John Doyle	Dan Doyle	Kevin McDaid	Sue Hodrien
Patricia Mann	Paul Mann	Cornelius Callanan	John Kavanagh	Damian Poole	John White
Diane Burgess	Kathleen Clark	Kathryn Farmer	Sandra Evans	Roisin Brown	Gillian Jones
James Brown	John McCarthy	Kath Reidy	Noreen O'Connor	Mary Johnson	Joanne Moss
Christopher Edmund Poole		for protection and peace in the Mbag Family	Eve		Steve Bates
Nicole Plummer	Pat Brogan	Amanda Stellfox	Thelma Cole	Molly Saunders	Catherine Walton
Roger Cox	Savio Barretto				

**World Leprosy Day: Sunday 30th January 2022** World Leprosy Day is observed on the last Sunday of January every year to raise awareness of leprosy. This particular date was chosen as a tribute to the life of Mahatma Gandhi who had great compassion for people with leprosy, and who was assassinated on 30 January 1948.

St Francis Leprosy Guild's Prayer for people with leprosy

Lord, we remember the many people around the world afflicted by leprosy. May we follow the example of your Son, Jesus, and St Francis of Assisi and show them love and compassion.

We pray that they may be freed from the disease and its stigma.

We give thanks for those who have been cured.

We remember those who are permanently marked by the disease and all who care for them.

We give thanks for every Catholic nun who is caring for people with leprosy.

We pray that you will bless them with all that they need to serve those in their care and sustain them in their mission. Amen.

We give thanks for the work of all those who have sought to alleviate the physical and emotional difficulties of those affected by leprosy, including Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta, and Mahatma Gandhi. We invite you to pray for those continuing their work in contemporary times with skill and compassion.

*'It is not about how much you do, but how much love you put into what you do that counts'. - Saint Mother Teresa*

Please pray for: Keith Burgess, Mr Brian Jones, Eileen Kelly, Tom Oliver, Kathleen Patricia Lunham (Requiem Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February, 10am; reception Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 7pm), George Bicknell, (Funeral Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, 11.15am), Mary Elizabeth Rowley, (Requiem Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February, 11am; Reception, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 5pm) who died recently.

Also, Clifford Aplin, Bernard Adkins, Sylvia Pickering, Eileen Ashley, Albert Thomas Kennedy, Mary Elizabeth Stock, Jim Quinn, Albert Woodruff, Thomas Joseph Maguire, John Smith, Ann Aubrey Denton-Hawkes, George Core, Wioletta Makselon, Noel Blackwell, Michael Waldron, Irene Mary Clipson, Mary Ray, Ignatius Anthony Poole, Sarah Jane Weston Smith, Mary Jones, Zonia Morgan-Cettler, Lena Cahall, Denis Neale, George Galbraith and all with anniversaries at this time.

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