

SAINT AUGUSTINE OF ENGLAND CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Fr Dominic Kavanagh Father Joseph Narikuzhi Deacon Kevin O'Connor

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C 31st August 2025

Dear Parishioners 'Behave humbly. God's blessing comes to those who behave humbly. Jesus warns us against seeking honour from among men. We are to be humble like him if we are to find favour with God. Jesus our leader will bring us to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God, only if we follow him humbly.' (Pope Saint John Sunday Missal.)

Father Dominic writes: Father Joseph, Deacon Kevin and I welcome one of the Priests from Our Lady of the Wayside, to celebrate the 9am Mass this Sunday morning. In my absence for emergency sick calls please contact Olton Friary on: 0121 706 0505 or Our Lady of the Wayside on: 0121 744 1967. **The next baptismal preparation** evening will take place on Thursday 18th September from 7.30-9.00pm. All are welcome. If you wish to attend, please speak with Mrs Mary Clark or one of the Clergy. **The Guild of St Stephen** have organised an annual Mass of Thanksgiving to be celebrated on Saturday 4th October 2025 at 12.00 noon at St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham. Bishop David Evans will be the main celebrant.

The Season of Creation is from 1st September to the 4th October; please see the website: <https://seasonofcreation.org/> for details. The theme is 'Peace with Justice'. You may also wish to visit the diocesan website: <https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/Listing/Category/environment>

A new Course for adult Catechesis in Cantonese is being prepared for those who seek to join the Catholic Church. The Meetings will take place at St Mary's Harborne, starting 4th September continuing every Thursday between 7.30pm-8.45pm. For further details please see posters in Church. Also, if anyone would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith please speak with Father Dominic or Deacon Kevin.

Please note, Mass on Wednesday 3rd September will take place at 10am with Confession at 9.30am.

Father Paul Johnson's funeral will take place on Wednesday 3rd September at 12.00 midday: Reception and Mass Tuesday 2nd September 7pm. Both Services at St Ambrose Barlow Church, Hall Green.

You are warmly invited to a talk and Power Point Presentation on the Shroud of Turin, by Mark Bradley. Thursday 11th September 7pm, Parish Hall. We have requested free car parking in the lower level of the Dominion Car Park, Herbert Road.

St Augustine's Community Café will recommence on Monday 15th September 11.30am-1.30pm. All are welcome.

Would anyone like to learn more about the Catholic Faith. Please speak with Father Dominic or Deacon Kevin. **Please note** Mass on Wednesday 3rd September will start at 10.00am

The month of September is designated for our deanery as a month to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious life. In response to this, we are holding a Mass at Olton Friary on Friday 19th September at 7pm, along with members of the Carlo Acutis Youth Group. All are welcome to this Mass.

Offertory Collection last weekend: Gift Aid £180 loose £821.60 Total: £1,001:61

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Roberto Cordora	Kevin Fahy	Sandy Simia	Adam Cole	Anne Deary	Lali Ratnaraja
Trevor Windle	Daniel 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	Breda Fleming	Lilian	Andrea Cadman	
Father Michael White	Eve	Benjamin Wort	Callum Graham	Michael Leyland	Wilson Cotton
Bridget McNamara	Ellen Gilmore	Ian Sanchez	Father Andrew McCann		Chris Docker
Michael, Patrick, Aidan and Anne O'Donnell			Matthew Sheils		

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

READERS	Saturday 30 th August 12.30pm	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
30 th August 12.30pm T Duffy	R Wong/Ginny	Sunday 31 st August 9am
6 th Sept 12.30pm T Cund		J Powers/M Coburn
Sunday 31 st August 9am C Ramsey	Saturday 6 th September 12.30pm	Sunday 31 st August 11am A Kelly
Sunday 31 st August 11am C Hodrien	A Kelly/Ginny	Sunday 7 th September 9am
		G Sica/ J Sica
Sunday 7 th Sept 9am M Coburn		Sunday 7 th September 11am
Sunday 7 th Sept 11am Emanuelle		B Ngala

OSCOTT COLLEGE- Organ Recital-Sunday 5th October 3pm. Professor David Saint. Also, Oscott Guided Tours; tickets can be booked at <https://www.oscott.org/events> Cost inclusive of cake & tea £17.50. See posters in porch for both events.

Holy Trinity Catholic School will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in September; we are keen that former pupils, staff and anyone previously connected to Holy Trinity have the opportunity to attend. For more detailed information please see Notice board, main porch. 5.00pm Wednesday 24th September.

Within the South Solihull Parishes, we are planning a Pilgrimage to Rome for the close of the Jubilee Year. Would you be interested in taking part, from January 4th to January 8th 2026? The cost is £850 for sharing a room and £975 for single supplement. Father Dominic is hoping to form part of the pilgrimage. Further details from Bernadette, our Parish Secretary.

URGENTLY NEEDED: MORE CASUAL CLOTHING, FOOTWEAR, UNDERWEAR & TOILETRIES FOR MEN 18- 40 Can you help? Weekly requirements for men locally in- need are now exceeding what we have available. SVP are collecting items on behalf of St Augustine's. Information contact: 07568 508271

FOOD GLORIOUS FOOD! Urgently needed for depleted supplies in St Augustine's SVP cupboard. Can you help? In- date UHT Milk, UHT Juice, tinned meals, tinned tuna, tinned fruit and rice, packet mash and pasta, dried brown rice, biscuits, crisps. Toiletries suitable for all. No perishables/ fresh items. Bags/ boxes FAO St Augustine's SVP to either porch. Thank you!

WASHING MACHINE much needed by local household in great need, free or at low- cost. Can you help or know someone who can? Please contact St Augustine's SVP on: 07568 508271 Thank you.

'Bereavement Group - Upcoming dates-'Sacred Heart & Holy Souls Meeting Room. Wednesdays 10:45 2025: Wed 10th September; 8th October, 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 15th & 29th September, 13th & 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.

Conversational Irish classes starting Wednesday 10th September 7:00 p.m. Holy Cross and St Francis Hall, 1 Signal Hayes Road Walmley B76 2RS telephone 07929 873828 Large free car park. See poster in porch

Would any of our young Parishioners, aged 16+ wish to train as a youth leader? If so, please speak with one of the Clergy.

30th August Saturday Ss Margaret Clitherow/ Anne Line/ Margaret Ward	Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29 Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24 Luke 14:1,7-14 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Kathleen Joyce-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm <i>Tea/Coffee available after Mass</i>
31st August TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	Ecclesiasticus 3:17-20, 28-29 Hebrews 12:18-19,22-24 Luke 14:1,7-14 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am All People of the Parish 11.00am Tim O'Toole-RIP	<i>Tea/Coffee available after both Masses</i>
1st September Monday Feria in Ordinary Time World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Luke 4:16-30 Public and Live streamed Mass 9.30am Mary Rose McMahon-RIP	
2nd September Tuesday Feria in Ordinary Time	1 Thessalonians 5:1-6,9-11 Luke 4:31-37 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Aloysius Asservatham-RIP	Toddlers' Group 9.30am-11.30am
3rd September Wednesday FEAST St Gregory the Great	1 Thessalonians 2:2-8 Matthew 16:13-19 Public and Live streamed Mass 10.00am Katie & Patrick McGovern-RIP Mrs Mary McGarrity & Family	Confession 9.30am Lectio Divina 7.30pm-8.15pm staugustine.solihull@rcaob.org.uk
4th September Thursday Feria in Ordinary Time St Cuthbert	Colossians 1:9-14 Luke 5:1-11 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.00pm Jack Brosnan-RIP Trish Embley-RIP	Holy Hour By Candlelight 6.15pm-7.15pm
5th September Friday Feria in Ordinary Time	Colossians 1:15-20 Luke 5:33-39 Public & Live streamed Masses 10.00am William Parsons-Intention 6.30pm Aditi & her Parents-Intentions	Holy Hour & Exposition 5.15pm-6.15pm Followed by Mass 6.30pm
6th September Saturday	Wisdom 9:13-18 Philemon 9-10,12-17 Luke 14:25-33 Public & Live streamed Mass 12.30pm Alex D'Souza-RIP Cinthia & Jeff-Wedding Edward Deery-RIP	Holy Hour 11am-12.00pm Confessions 11am-12.00pm
7th September Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	Wisdom 9:13-18 Philemon 9-10,12-17 Luke 14:25-33 Public & Live streamed Masses 9.00am David Wong-RIP 11.00am Esther Murphy-Intention All People of the Parish	Tea/Coffee available after both Masses

This month, many students and teachers are headed *back to school*. Pray these prayers on your own or with your children as they begin a new year.

Prayers to Begin a School Year

God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.
Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Prayer for Students

Lord our God,
in your wisdom and love
you surround us with the mysteries of the universe.
Send your spirit upon these students
and fill them with your wisdom and blessings.
Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies
and draw ever closer to you,- the source of all knowledge.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please pray for: Father Paul Johnson (St Ambrose Barlow Church; Requiem 3rd September 12.00 midday), Paul Malone, Dymphna McKiernan, Robin Easterby, John Pears, Gilbert Anderson (Robin Hood Friday 5th September 1.00pm) Mavis Reynolds (Requiem Friday 12th September 11.30am), Bernadette Harris (Requiem 23rd September 11.15am) Hilary Mayell, Father John Baggley, Deacon Tony Rigby, Deacon Brian Cox, Delia Finnegan, Father Tony Rohan, Andrew Lockington.

Also, Norman Francis Miley, Philip Robinson, William Dowling, Gerard Stanley, Cathleen Marie Joyce, Michael Molloy, Brian Cole, Stephen Andrew Walker, Peter John Weston, June Audrey Fieldhouse, Eric Keytes, Susan Scott, Mary Margaret Skip, Christopher Paul Barsby, Bryony Warren, Maria Hall, Alfred William Horsley, Father Paul Devaney, Dorothy Agnes O'Shea, Eddie Deery 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.