

Mass Times

Sunday Masses

- Sat 5.30 pm Vigil Mass
Sun 8.00 am
9.30 am Family Mass
11.15 am Sung Mass
5.45 pm (1st Sun Youth Mass)

Weekday Masses

- Mon, Tues, Thurs 7.30 & 10.00 am
Wed 7.30 am, 12.30 pm,
7.30 pm Extraordinary Form
(1st Wed monthly ONLY)
4.30 pm Burrswood
(2nd Wed monthly ONLY)
Fri 7.30, 10.00 am & 7.30 pm
Sat: 8.00 and 10.00 am

Reconciliation

- Sat 10.30-11.30 am. 4.30 - 5.15 pm
Also by appointment.

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Prayer

Stations of the Cross

- Sunday 4.00pm and Wednesday 7pm
Eucharistic Adoration
Monday - 6.30 am - 8.00 pm
Tuesday and Thursday 6.30 am - 1.00 pm
Friday 6.30am - 9.00pm

Morning Prayers

Monday- Friday 7.00am, Saturday 7.40am

Rosary

Mon - Tues & Thurs - Fri before 10.00 am Mass

ROSARY INTENTION:

For all who are preparing to join the Church this Easter.

Monday - Friday the church is usually open from 6.30am until at least 8.00pm.

Prayer Groups

- Cenacolo Thurs, 2.30 pm -
Blessed Sacrament
Charismatic Tues, 8.00 pm - Church
Christian Tues, 2.00 pm - MR3/Hall
Meditation
Mothers Tues, 10.45 am - Meet Room 3
Prayers



Stations of the Cross

Will take place every Sunday at 4pm, **AND** 7pm on Wednesday evenings during Lent. We are all encouraged to take this prayer opportunity during our Lenten preparations.

Please note the latest items can be accepted is 4pm on Monday in any given week, although inclusion for the coming weekend can't be guaranteed. Contributions to: newsdesk@st-augustine.co.uk or office.

Newsletter can also be printed from the website - <http://www.st-augustine.co.uk/newsletters.php>

ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

11th March 2018



FOURTH SUNDAY of LENT

Today's Readings *By Fr David Gibbons.*

The first word of the Entrance Antiphon gives this Sunday its name: Laetare Sunday. Isaiah rejoiced because the end of the exile was near. We rejoice because the end of Lent is near.

First Reading: the wrath of God is seen in the exile of the people - punishment for their infidelity to him - to Babylon, under king Nebuchadnezzar. The mercy of God is seen in the return of the people to Jerusalem, under king Cyrus.

Psalms: the psalm famously written during the exile in Babylon. For Christians this present life, this 'vale of tears', is an exile from our true home in heaven.

Second Reading: despite our death, caused by our sins, we are saved through Christ, and this salvation is a free gift. Salvation means being recreated as we were meant to be (before our disobedience brought death).

Gospel: Jesus states that He must be lifted up (i.e. on the cross) in order for those who believe in Him to have eternal life. Some people will react by allowing their wicked lifestyle to turn them away from belief in Christ. Others live by the truth and so follow the light (i.e. Christ).

The Fast Life

- Fast from judging others; *Feast on Christ dwelling in them.*
Fast from fear of illness; *Feast on the healing power of God.*
Fast from words that pollute; *Feast on speech that purifies.*
Fast from discontent; *Feast on gratitude.*
Fast from anger; *Feast on patience.*
Fast from pessimism; *Feast on hope.*
Fast from negatives; *Feast on encouragement.*
Fast from bitterness; *Feast on forgiveness.*
Fast from self-concern; *Feast on compassion.*
Fast from suspicion; *Feast on truth.*
Fast from gossip; *Feast on purposeful silence.*
Fast from problems that overwhelm; *Feast on prayer that sustains.*
Fast from anxiety; *Feast on faith.*

- *Author Unknown*

Taken from
<http://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/Lent-Prayers.cfm>



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
PSALTER WEEK 4
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 166
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Healing Service

led by Franciscan Friars of the Renewal
8pm Tuesday 13th March

An Evening of Healing and Encountering the Lord's Presence.

Join us in the Hall afterwards for refreshments.

For more info call Stefanie on 01892 542 245 or email stefaniedawn61@gmail.com

Born For This

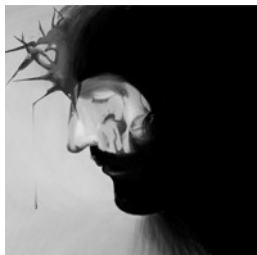
The Friars - Aylesford Priory

Saturday 24th March at 6pm in the Relic Chapel.

A powerful and moving presentation of the Stations of the Cross using drama, movement and song.

Presented by Southward Catholic Youth Service.

Free entry



First Holy Communion

Parents Meeting

The next meeting date is changed from 19th

March to **MONDAY 12TH MARCH.**

The meeting will be in the hall at 8pm.

Please contact the office if you require further details.

Mass in Celebration of The Sacrament of Marriage St George's Cathedral

16th June 2018

If you are celebrating your 1st / 10th/ 25th/ 40th/ 50th/ 60th + wedding anniversary this year, please give your names as soon as possible. Please use the form provided and write very clearly so you can receive an invitation from the Archbishop.

GOOD FRIDAY WITNESS

Churches Together will be holding a short service at the Millennium Clock. You are invited to attend this on 30th March. Start will be no later than 11:30.

Youth Band is recruiting

Are you in Secondary School? Do you play an instrument, or like to sing? Come and join our youth band! Please email our youth leader for the music in advance, and what you may like to do. We intend to accompany the youth masses on the first Sunday of the month.
youthleader@st-augustine.co.uk

PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

Gracious and loving God, we thank you for the gift of our priests.

Through them, we experience your presence in the sacraments.

Help our priests to be strong in their vocation.

Set their souls on fire with love for your people.

Grant them the wisdom, understanding, and strength they need to follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns as our Eternal Priest.

Amen.

Courtesy of USCCB.org.



LILIES FOR EASTER

We will again be offering lilies for Easter in memory of loved ones. If you would like to commemorate someone in this way.

Please leave £3 in the Parish Office.

DICKENS EVENT- 6th April

Tickets are now available from the Parish Office

As there are a limited number of tickets, it would be advisable to book early to avoid disappointment.



ANOTHER OPPORTUNITY TO SEND

A CARD TO A PRISONER BEFORE EASTER

Many Christian prisoners of conscience will spend (another?) Easter in their cell. Holy week as we know it, with all the Masses, Stations of the Cross, etc... would be quite different for us, if we couldn't come to Church wouldn't it ?

Come on **SATURDAY 24th MARCH** after Mass at 10.35 am in the **PARISH HALL.**

Guidance available if needed.

Refreshments will be served.

EASTER CARDS to CAMBODIA

Our friends in our twin parish love to receive religious Easter Cards and now is the time to think about sending them. Please send them

c/o: Fr. Mark Lopez

Catholic Church

Postal Box 601

Kompong Thom, Cambodia

OFFERTORY

Offertory	£850
GA	£835.90
Outreach Kompong Thom	£1307.63
CAFOD	£89.20
Mitapeeap	£21

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 10th

10.00 am Marriage Preparation Day - Hall

SUNDAY 11th 4th Sunday in Lent Yr B Ps Wk 4

9.30 am Mass Uniformed Groups on Parade with a Cake Sale after Mass.

OUTREACH Pepenbury primarily supports those with a learning disability who may need long-term residential care. It provides residential care, supported accommodation, day services and support for people living independently.

MONDAY 12th

8.00 pm FHC Parents' Meeting - Hall

TUESDAY 13th

Noon Tuesday Lunch Club - Hall

8.00 pm Baptism Preparation - Howell Room

8.00 pm Healing Service by the Friars of the Renewal

WEDNESDAY 14th

7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

FRIDAY 16th

7.00 pm Confirmation Group - Hall

SATURDAY 17th St Patrick, Patron of Ireland

2.30pm Polish Catechism Class - Hall

SUNDAY 18th 5th Sunday in Lent Yr B Ps Wk 1

4.00 pm Stations of the Cross

OUTREACH for St George's Children's Centre, Children's centres provide services for young children and their families, and also give advice and assistance to parents and prospective parents enabling them to contact other services.

ADOREMUS - CONGRESS

To assist in the Spiritual preparation for the Pilgrimage and Congress please take and use the Prayer Cards in Narthex.