

## 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

### 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 those who provide essential goods and services to the community for which they receive no thanks.

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

### Prayer Groups

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

### GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

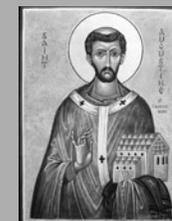
If you are going into hospital and would like a priest to visit you during your stay it is essential that you let one of the priests know. Tunbridge Wells hospital and many other hospitals do not inform us when Catholic patients are admitted.

**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

12th August 2018



## Listening

When we come to the Lord, we often have a list of petitions we would like to voice. This is very good and a healthy part of prayer. However, it is important to give God a chance to answer too. After all, prayer is a conversation, not a monologue. So, if we start a prayer in a mode of 'Listen, Lord, your servant is speaking,' we then need to allow for a mode of 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'



It is not easy to listen. We often hear things, but do not listen to them. They come in one ear, out the other, simply because we are too preoccupied with other things, or too afraid to actually hear properly. Our attention is elsewhere, on matters that seem more important than what is just being communicated to us.

True listening, on the other hand, happens when we are able to, for a moment, suspend our preoccupations and welcome the other person's reality as our own. When we 'bracket out' our ego, put it on hold, and pay attention - even undivided attention - to the other person.

God wants to speak to us even though it is not always through words. We may not hear a voice like Samuel, but a word may emerge in the stillness, or an answer, or a question, or a prompt... An image may carry meaning, or a word from the Scripture may glow with sudden vibrancy. An insight may come to us, or the gifts we have received from God may be affirmed or reinforced. Whatever it is, it is worth our attention and deep listening, followed by a discernment with a trusted person. *Taken from Time before the Blessed Sacrament is a series of leaflets produced in preparation for Adoremus Congress.*

### BISHOP PAUL MASON'S FAREWELL MESSAGE:

Dear Parishioners, As you may have heard, the Holy Father has appointed me Bishop of the Armed Forces and I will be taking up my new post after the summer break. I would like to thank you all for your prayers and support these past few years. I have very much enjoyed my time in Kent and will miss being the Area Bishop. But I do look forward to this new apostolate and my installation will be on 12th September at 11.30am at the Cathedral of St Michael and St George in Aldershot to which you are most welcome. With prayers and best wishes,  
 +Paul

### Sacrament of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Sick is available on request for those suffering from serious ill health; just contact either a Priest or the Parish Office whether for yourself or someone you who care for.

**19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**Year B Psalter Week 3**  
**PARISH MASS BOOK**  
**Readings: from page 117**  
**Preface: from page 68**



**Special Parish Mass**  
**Saturday 1st September at 5.30pm**

We are proud to be an international church and once again we shall be celebrating the fact that St. Augustine's is a truly Catholic and Universal Church at this Mass. We wish to invite the parish to this mass and to celebrate with us. It is hoped that as many people as possible will be able to make this their choice for Sunday Mass.

As usual afterwards, everyone is invited into the hall for refreshments. If you could bring a 'finger' dish representing your nationality this would be greatly appreciated. **We would also be grateful to anyone who could help set up/decorate the hall on the afternoon before Mass and help during the party.** Contact Paul Lambert TW 531093

**LADIES LUNCH & PRAYER GROUP**

Monday 20th August

The meeting will take place in the Church Hall at 12.30pm sharp. Our prayers will be offered for the parishioners, priests, Deacon Kevin and the many volunteers who give freely of their time to make our church so special.

All welcome, please just come along and join us. With all God's blessings  
 Ann, 01892 529911

**ADOREMUS BOOK**

If you've ordered a book they are now in the office to collect. We are also able to place further orders if required.

**RE-CREATIONAL READING**

May we encourage everyone to take advantage of the **BIBLE ALIVE** at £2.50 or the **MAGNIFICAT** at £4.99. They are splendid publications which accompany us through the month keeping us close to Our Lord for about the price of a cup of coffee! If you have never used either of them may we encourage you to give one of them a go.

**WAS YOUR CAR BUMPED INTO?**

A red car, parked on the top level of our car park, first space as you arrive down the drive, was bumped into Sunday night, 5.45 pm Mass. If it was you and there is damage that need repairs, please contact the office.

**Clare Priory** - A group of 14 parishioners have just spent a very peaceful and successful week at Douai Abbey on retreat. Our next retreat will be from 2nd to 5th October at Clare Priory in Suffolk. Fr Don Coleman, who was a parishioner and later a Deacon at this parish, has kindly offered to lead it on the Beatitudes. If you are interested please leave your name and contact details with me soon as places are limited.  
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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

For I do not seek to understand in order to believe, but I believe in order to understand. For I believe this: unless I believe, I will not understand.  
**St Anselm of Canterbury**

**www.cafod.org.uk/share the journey**

I will be walking in support of the Share the Journey campaign on Friday 17 August from St Dunstan's car park to Christ Church in Tunbridge Wells High Street with a stop at St Augustine's. I plan to leave St Dunstan's at 2pm and walk via Hilbert Park. Please join me if you can. There will be a few cars at Christ Church if anyone needs a lift back to St Dunstan's. Vanessa Frisby

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**  
**DAYS OF RENEWAL**  
**AYLESFORD PRIORY**

Saturday 15th September  
 "God's Healing and Mercy on us and all our families"  
 Lifts available, contact the office.

**ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL**

Saturday 6th October  
 "Living in the Glory"  
 Coach from St Augustine's

**Fr Brian Coyle, Rector of St John's Seminary**

rang to thank Fr Peter and the parishioners for the very generous contribution to the refurbishment fund. He will be writing shortly to formally thank everyone - so far the appeal has raised almost a quarter of a million towards the costs involved - and he is very grateful to St Augustine's.

**Weekly Gift Aid Box**

Would the owner of Box 99 please contact the office or call in during office hours  
 Many thanks.

**THIS WEEK**

**SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> St Clare**  
**1.00 pm Wedding**

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> 19th Sunday Yr B Ps Wk 3**  
**OUTREACH Manna Centre** - The Manna Day Centre near London Bridge cares for about 120 to 150 homeless and disadvantaged people a day. About half of these are homeless, sleeping rough or in hostels. The other half live in Council or Housing Association flats. The Centre's task is to respond to the most immediate needs of those seeking help. Please see [www.mannasociety.org.uk](http://www.mannasociety.org.uk)

**TUESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> St Maximilian Kolbé**  
**Noon Tuesday Lunch Club Hall**

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**  
**Masses at 7.30am, 12.30pm and 8pm.**  
**11.30 am Persecuted Church Grp MR3**

**SATURDAY 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**2.00 pm Wedding**

**SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Yr B Ps Wk 4**  
**OUTREACH No 1 Showfields Community Trust** which runs a community centre that has served the residents of Showfields and Ramslye estates since April 1991. It is managed by a board of trustees many of whom live and work in the local community. The community centre offers a wide range of services including a pre school, a café, a library and a variety of weekly clubs and groups for people of all ages. See [www.numberonecommunity.org](http://www.numberonecommunity.org)

**OFFERTORY**

Offertory	£1,873.65
Outreach Aid to the Church in Need	£533.15
CAFOD	£5
Mitapeeap	£29

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