

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

Benediction with Evening Prayer of the Church.

Sunday 4.00pm

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 suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights.

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
Meditation
Mothers Tues, 10.45 am- Meet Room 3
Prayers

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

An error which is not resisted is approved. A truth which is not defended is suppressed.

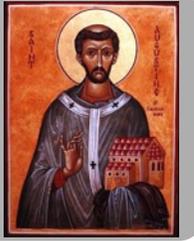
Pope Felix III

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.

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- <http://www.st-augustine.co.uk/newsletters.php>

ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

13th May 2018



Being Present: Be still and know that I am God.



Some people say that they don't need to go to church to be a good Christian. Others say that they can pray at home - so why do they need to do it in a certain building? Still others say that having the Blessed Sacrament present does not really make much difference.

And yet, many people find something happens when they come into a church - and will say that there is something special about being in a Catholic church. They may not be able to name what the 'specialness' is but it is likely to be the fact that Christ is present in the Blessed Sacrament. It may look like a piece of bread - but it is the sacramental sign of something - someone - so much more powerful.

When we come into a Catholic church for a time with the Lord, we are acknowledging his Presence - the eternal God present in our time and our space. We are also offering him our presence. There are many other things we could be doing - lots of places we could be - and taking time out just to sit quietly in a church will look to many like a waste of time! But offering our presence before the Lord's presence is a very beautiful - and mutual gift. To adapt the famous quote given by St John Vianney - 'God is here for me... and I am here for God.'

One result of this time of mutual presence- offering is that we do not leave it behind in the church. We find that we take the Presence with us - and bring it into the many places and situations in which we find ourselves - being present to God - ourselves - and to others.

Taken from 'Time before the Blessed Sacrament' a series of leaflets produced by the Spirituality Committee in preparation for Adoremus. The leaflets are available on the benches for use during your visit to the Blessed Sacrament.

REGINA CAELI

O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia!
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia!
Has risen, as He said, alleluia!
Pray for us to God, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia!

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Year B Psalter Week 3
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 277
Preface: page 74**

Memorial of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

As you may be aware, the Liturgical Universal Calendar was recently revised to include a new Memoria: Mary, Mother of the Church. This obligatory memoria has been added to fall on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday, and so in 2018 it is to be kept on Monday 21st May.

Prayers and antiphons for this Mass can be found in the Roman Missal on page 1411-1415 including a preface. The Decree and a Notification from Rome can be read on the Vatican website.

Link to the February Decree: <https://tinyurl.com/yc9akzak> (tinyurl)

Link to a Notification about the Memoria: <https://tinyurl.com/y7q3vpv8> (tinyurl)

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 21st May at 8.00pm in the Hall. We look forward to seeing you there. If you haven't already got one please pick up an invitation, and take a copy of the approved minutes of last year's meeting, from the table in the porch.

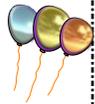
This year, three councillors will retire so replacements are needed. If you would like to serve the Parish by joining the Council, please complete a Nomination Form, available on the table in the narthex, and return it the Parish Office. Alternatively, please contact the Chairman (chair-parishcouncil@st-augustine.co.uk) or the Secretary (pooley.richard.sta@gmail.com).

To truly reflect the composition of our Parish, we would like to encourage female parishioners to consider joining the Council. The work of a parish councillor is interesting and rewarding and a diversity of contributions is essential. Sometimes it can be challenging. The Council's focus is on serving the Parish so we ask you please to consider helping us.

Please don't forget that questions or suggestions can be submitted via the box in the porch or by email to the Chairman before Sunday 19th May. If you make a suggestion, it would be beneficial for you to be present at the Meeting to address any queries. **The Parish Council**

Dates for your calendar

Our **International Parish Mass** will be the 5:30pm Mass on Sat 7th July. Followed by a celebration in the Hall. More details for these events will follow soon.



EMERGENCY WARDENS' COORDINATOR

A chance to make a significant input to the life of the parish without making a major commitment of time! There is a network of Emergency Wardens in place who have the task of supervising the evacuation of the Church if an emergency were to occur. There is a need to appoint a Co-ordinator who has the responsibility of ensuring that there are sufficient Wardens available for each Mass and that their equipment is in working order. If you wish to learn more please give contact details to the Office.

Kindness is a language the blind can see and the deaf can hear.

FOOD BANK SALE

There will be a table sale of food items, that are not appropriate for putting in the bags that we hand out each week, outside the Church after all Sunday Masses on the 19/20th May any reasonable offer or donations accepted. The income will be used to buy basic items to restock our depleted shelves.

2 Teachers Wanted

St Augustine's Primary School

- **KS1/KS2 Teacher Full-time**
- **KS1/KS2 Teacher Fixed Term Maternity Cover.**

Applications should be made via Kent Teach (www.kent-teach.com)

Closing date is midday Friday 18 May. We aim to notify successful candidates by email

Launch of Tunbridge Wells Week of Prayer

**Christ Church, High Street
Sunday 13 May 6.30-8pm.**

Come kick off the week as we join together in praying for our churches, community and ourselves. See the poster for full details

VIGIL FOR FAMILY AND COMMUNITY

**Monday 14 May 6-8pm
at St Luke's Church.**

You are invited to come for five minutes and light a candle, come at any time and stay for as long or short as you like within the two-hour slot. There will be guided prayer on the hour and quiet music and candles for private prayer.

This is part of the 'Week of Prayer/Thy Kingdom Come' initiative.



Bereavement Retreat

There is a Bereavement retreat being held at Minster Abbey on June 1st -3rd. For further information go to www.minsterabbeynuns.org or write to Minster Abbey, Church St. Minster, Nr. Ramsgate, Kent. CT12 4HF
Telephone: 01843 821254

Bring & Buy Sale Thank You

The Bring & Buy Sale at the Ladies Lunch & Prayer Group on 16th April raised £230. Together with additional donations, the final sum sent to the Smile Train was £300. This is sufficient for 2 operations for the Smile Train. See the poster of Pari on the board. Pari had her cleft palate surgery on 3rd March 2017 and has made a full recovery. Our next Lunch & Prayer meeting is in the hall on Monday 21st May, 12.15 for 12.30 start. All welcome.

THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 13th 7th Sunday of Easter
Yr B Ps Wk 3**

OUTREACH World Communications Day Day
This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network, the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN offers professional channels of communication and promotes the Gospel through news releases, features and podcasts.

**MONDAY 14th St Matthias
7.45 pm Evangelisation Group - Hall.
All welcome.**

**TUESDAY 15th
8.00 pm Baptism Preparation - Howell Room**

**WEDNESDAY 16th St Simon Stock
6.45 pm Taize Prayer - Church**

**FRIDAY 18th
7.00 pm Confirmation Group - Hall**

**SATURDAY 19th
2.30 pm Polish Catechism - Hall**

**SUNDAY 20th Pentecost Sunday
Yr B Ps Wk 3
9.30 am First Holy Communion Inscription
Mass**

5.45 pm Confirmandi Inscription Mass
OUTREACH Citizens Advice The charity Citizens Advice Tunbridge Wells and District aims to provide the advice people need for the problems they face and to improve the policies and practices affecting people's lives. CAB provides free, independent, confidential and impartial advice to everyone on their rights and responsibilities. For more information, please see www.twcab.org.uk

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