

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

Evening Prayer with Benediction

- 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 homeless people in Tunbridge Wells.

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

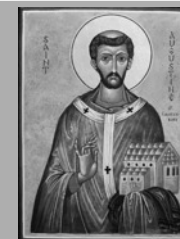
FACEBOOK The church has a Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/StAugustines-church-Kent-330681750684291/> Its usage will evolve over time. Please let us have any comments or ideas about this new development. Email Lisa Beaumont at thebeaumonts@hotmail.com

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

ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

14th January 2018



CALL AND RESPONSE by Fr. Josaphat C. Ezenwa



Samuel was called to be a prophet and Jesus called his first disciples. Each one of us is called in various ways to a profession or vocation in life. We often start with great enthusiasm that tends to wane when the going is difficult.

To determine one's call is not easy or simple. God works implicitly through our inclinations, natural abilities, friends, parents, educators and church affiliation. These will invariably guide us in deciding how we are going to make a living and as a rule in choosing our partner for life.

It is natural to make a meaningful life together with a beloved one. There is however a special call in life, which we use the term "vocation". This is the invitation

to follow Christ as a religious, or a priest. Christians who opt for this type of life, choose to relate their 'openness to the other' not to one person but to the human community as a whole. They keep themselves entirely to the establishment of universal human relations, and as such they are a living sign that the kingdom of God has been initiated already in our society.

In order to determine what one wants to do in life we need 'discernment of spirits', this is important and one should pray to the Holy Spirit specifically to make the right decision. God does not call us anymore as he called Samuel but if we surrender our intentions to Him through his intuitive light and grace we may not make mistakes in our decisions. If one makes the right decision the person will always be happy and fulfilled in his profession or married life. For instance if you are sick and go to Hospital from the attention you get from various nurses it will be easy for you to determine those who do the work as job and those who do it as their vocation in life.

In the main, it is important for parents to help and guide their children in choosing their various professions. It will be very good indeed if children are reminded that the Religious life or the Priestly life can be considered and sought for the benefit of God and humanity.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B PSALTER WEEK 2
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 127
Preface: from page 68**

CONFIRMATION 2018

Application forms for Confirmation next June are available from the Narthex by the inner Church doors. Please return the orange forms to Fr Lixon or the Church office. The first meeting for parents and confirmandi will be after the 5.45pm Mass Sunday 14th January 2018 .

Youth Mass

Our youth masses are usually on the first Sunday of the month at 5.45pm, but the one for the 4th February has been moved a week early - so our next youth mass will be on the **28th January**, followed by Pizza & Film Night youth group. For more information, please contact with our youth leader Sorcha. 07948970995

BINGO BINGO BINGO

The Parish Welfare Group is hosting a Bingo afternoon on **Monday 29 January 2pm in Parish Hall.** The cost will be £2 per person which will include refreshments. All are welcome.



Tunbridge Wells Welcomes Refugees

TWWR has now been running for a year, helping to support the seven Syrian families now living in Tunbridge Wells by giving lifts to medical appointments, visiting, taking them on outings and teaching English. We also organise a monthly social gathering for all the Syrians in the area to get together with their own community.

TWWR would welcome additional volunteers. Contact Viv in the first instance at viv.m.hughes@gmail.com

TUNBRIDGE WELLS STREET PASTORS

Invites everyone to join them for their Anniversary Celebration



Saturday 27 January

**7.30pm for coffee, 8pm start
Christ Church, High Street**

Celebrating 10 years since the inception of this ministry locally. Street Pastors go out six nights a month from 10.00pm to 4.00am supported by teams of Prayer Pastors who pray at the Christ Church base. We are always looking for more Street or Prayer Pastors to join the team, so if you are interested, please email tunbridgewells@streetpastors.org.uk for further information

Medjugorje Apostolate UK Retreat

Residential 2 February to 4 February or Day Attendee on Saturday 3rd February at The Kairos Centre, Mount Angelus Road, Roehampton, London, SW15 4JA led by Fr Maximilian Dalvai - of the Marian Community Oasis of Peace in Medjugorje. Further information see flyer in the Narthex or contact:

Henia Whiteman on 01483 890501/
0798629645,

Email: heniawhiteman@btinternet.com
On Saturday 3rd February Mike Southern may be possible to offer lifts.
Contact 07702 082907

Prayer Meeting for the Persecuted Church

Wednesday 17 January: 11.30am–
12.30pm at St Augustine's Church.

This is an ecumenical prayer group which meets on the third Wednesday of every month.

Pilgrimage to Assisi & Padua

organised by St Anthony of Padua Parish Rye.

There are a few places left on the pilgrimage which will be led by Fr Matthew Chadwick OFM Conv. from 16th – 21st April
Further information from Virginia 01892 527775

SILENT SPACE AT BURRSWOOD

Friday 19 January

10.00am - 4.00pm in the Lady Chapel, for those wanting the opportunity to spend time in Silent Space in beautiful surroundings in order to retreat for a day. £15 per person suggested donation per session.

Interested in school-based training to become a teacher?

9am-12 noon Thursday 25th Jan
St Gregory's Catholic School
Booking is essential. Contact Naomi Jeffery, by email to request a place, stating whether your interest is in primary, KS2-3 or secondary (please give subject preferred) :
naomi.jeffery@mascallsacademy.org.uk

OFFERTORY

Offertory	£814.72
Offertory GA	£715
Outreach for LEPRA	£601.39
CAFOD	£23
Mitapeep	£65

Thank you for your generosity.

Correction: £44.01 was sent to OPEN DOORS in December (not £56.90) from the overflow of postage money from the Signing of cards to prisoners.

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 13th

**9.00 am First Holy Communion Class - Hall
4.00 pm First Holy Communion Class - Hall**

SUNDAY 14th 2nd Sunday, Yr B, Ps Wk 2

5.34 pm Mass for Confirmation candidates, meeting in hall afterwards.
OUTREACH Porchlight is a charity working across Kent helping vulnerable and isolated people who have nowhere to go and no-one to turn to. It provides young people and adults with the guidance and skills to live independently. It also supports accommodation services, the nearest being in Tonbridge.
See <http://www.porchlight.org.uk/>

MONDAY 15th

8.00 pm First Holy Communion Parents -Hall

TUESDAY 16th

**Noon Tuesday Lunch Club -Hall
4.15 pm First Holy Communion Class -Hall
8.00 pm Baptism Preparation -Second meeting Howell Room & Church.**

WEDNESDAY 17th

**11.30 am Persecuted Church MR 3
8.00 pm PPC Meeting Howell Room**

SATURDAY 20th

**9.00 am First Holy Communion Class-Hall
2.30 pm Polish Catechism Hall
4.00 pm First Holy Communion Class- Hall**

SUNDAY 21st 3rd Sunday Yr B Ps Wk 3

OUTREACH Pax Christi, the international Catholic Movement for Peace. It works for peace based on justice where human rights are respected; reconciliation between individuals or countries after times of violence and disruption and non violence - a way of living and making choices that respects others. For more information, please see www.paxchristi.org.uk

**Westminster Justice and Peace
Commission**

**Pilgrimage for Europe ,
See notice in Narthex for full details.**