

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 the work of the SVP
and the welfare of those it serves.

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
Keralan Fri, Meet Room 3
Call 0786 2297715 for more details
Mothers Tues, 10.45 am- Meet Room 3
Prayers

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

14th May 2017



Easter Joy for Everyday Life

Critical illness in the family, loss of a job, disappointment in a relationship and the burdens of everyday life can make it a challenge to feel particularly joyful – even in the Easter season.

But the joy we are being invited into this season is beyond what we see in our everyday lives. It's true that Jesus says "Come to me and bring me your burdens" but we usually can't believe it. Maybe we don't want to believe it. If I really allow Jesus to come into my heart the way he wants to, will he ask me to change my life in ways that are too hard? How do I share the chaos of my life with Jesus? If I keep him at arm's length, my life might be difficult, but at least my problems are familiar. What would it cost me to let go and change my life?

We know our own faults and failings so well. Too well. We begin to believe that Jesus loves the way we love – with all of our human limits. How could Jesus love us and accept us the way we are right now? Maybe when we fix a few things about our lives, love our spouse a little better, stop being so critical of family members, stop drinking, stop nagging, love a little more... when we are perfect, then Jesus will love us.

If we can overcome our fears, the real power of letting Jesus into our hearts is how free our hearts will become. Suddenly, we are not afraid, not burdened and simply ready to serve with Jesus. Jesus loves us - right now. Whether we comprehend this or not, Jesus loves us endlessly and waits for us with his arms open, ready to hold and support us.

As we receive his embrace and feel the peace and joy of Easter wash over us, we can look over his shoulder, and see beyond to those in need who now wait for us. That's when we realize that the real joy in our lives is putting aside our own faults, challenges and difficulties for a while and entering into the lives of others.

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<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/Easter-Joy-Everyday.html>*

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!

**5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
YEAR A PSALTER WEEK 1
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 265
Prefaces: from page 74**

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2017

Please remember that our Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 15 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.

Please don't forget that questions or suggestions can be submitted via the box in the porch or by email to the chairman at chair-parishcouncil@st-augustine.co.uk before Saturday 13 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

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POLICE, 25th MAY

The Christian Police Association has been active in Kent for over 50 years. They ask us to pray for them on that day, particularly for Kent. Also pray for

- victims, their families and witnesses affected by crime.
- offenders, that they will move away from a life of crime and access support to do this.
- officers and staff working within Kent Police and all who they come in contact with, to experience and know the love of God.

Join in prayer with the Christian Police and please say the Lord's Prayer at 12 noon on 25th May.

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 13/14th May – any reasonable offer or donations accepted. The income will be used to restock our depleted shelves.

THANK YOU - Tanya, Lucy and Tabatha Power thank everyone for their love, sympathy, condolences and prayers over the past weeks. Special thanks to Canon Peter for personalising the mass – truly a moving requiem. Thanks to Chris Storr and the ladies of the Choir for the music. Also thanks to Deacon Kevin who made the Committal personal and holy and beautifully memorable!

LADIES' LUNCH & PRAYER GROUP will meet tomorrow, Monday 15th May in the hall at 12.15 for 12.30 pm. As it is May, Our Lady's month, we will pray for Peace in the world. Sandwich lunch and teas/coffees to follow.

ALL LADIES WELCOME.

St Gregory's Catholic School Open Events 2017

Come and see the school on a normal working day. Tours of the school followed by coffee and an informal chat with the Headteacher in the library.

**Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 June -
9:00am & 11am**

**Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28
September - 9:00am & 11am**

**Thursday 28 September - Open
Evening 4.30pm to 7pm**

**Wednesday 18 & Thursday 19 October
2017 - 9:00am & 11am**

At St Gregory's we are an integral part of the Catholic community and committed to supporting parents in the academic, physical, spiritual, moral and religious education of their children. We are an Ofsted Outstanding school and progress students beyond the expectations set at primary school, many outperform their grammar school peers.

ORGAN RECITAL

The celebrations to mark Fr Peter's Jubilee in June will begin on **Wednesday 21st June**, with an organ recital to be given at St Augustine's by James O'Donnell. James is the Organist & Master of the Choristers at Westminster Abbey, and is in charge of the music at all royal and state events that take place there. The recital will start at 8pm. **If you are willing to display a poster for the concert, please collect from the table in the narthex.**

Admission by programme (£10) available from the parish office or Brittans. Profits will be shared between Hospice in the Weald and Mary's Meals.

**Wednesday 21st June at 8pm
St Augustine's Church**

Ian Jefford

would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes on his reception into the Catholic Church at Easter. He was very touched and of course delighted to be so welcomed.

**ALTAR SERVERS Training day
10.30 am on Saturday 3rd June 2017**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Have a great love for those who contradict and fail to love you, for in this way love is begotten in a heart that has no love.

St John of the Cross

OFFERTORY

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| Offertory | £773.25 |
| Offertory GA | £733.60 |
| Ecclesiastical Education | £366.14 |
| GA | £346.60 |
| CAFOD | £24 |
| Mitapeeap | £44 |
| Thank you for your generosity. | |

THIS WEEK

**SATURDAY 13th Our Lady of Fatima
Food Bank Sale after Masses this weekend
SUNDAY 14th 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER
Yr A Ps Wk 1**

**5.45 pm Inscription Mass for
Confirmation candidates**

OUTREACH SVP is an international Christian organisation tackling poverty and disadvantage, providing practical assistance to those in need. Our parish SVP group seeks to help those who are suffering poverty in whatever form, and in 2016/17 members made over 1000 visits and provided practical assistance on 462 occasions. New members are now required to carry on this valuable work. GIFT AID DONORS are asked to place their contribution in the special SVP envelopes available in the narthex

MONDAY 15th

12.15 pm Ladies Lunch & Prayer Grp - Hall

8.00 pm Annual Parish Meeting Hall

TUESDAY 16th St Simon Stock

2.00 pm ASDC - MR3.

8.00 pm Baptism Preparation - Hall

WEDNESDAY 17th

2.30 pm Bible Study - Hall

THURSDAY 18th

**8.00 pm Credo (Evangelisation Group) -
MR3. All welcome.**

SATURDAY 20th

2.30 pm Polish Catechism - MR2

**SUNDAY 21st 6th SUNDAY OF EASTER
Yr A Ps Wk 2**

OUTREACH Victim Support is a charity providing support to anyone affected by crime: victims, their families and friends and witnesses. Victim Support is independent, it will not contact the Police unless asked or unless it considers that someone is at risk. See www.victimsupport.org.uk

**Saint Anselm's Pembury
May Fair
Saturday 20th May 11am-2pm**