

# 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

## October Devotions 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 teachers and pupils of St Augustine's Primary School that all know and are strengthened by God's love and abiding presence.*

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 Christian Meditation Tues, 8.00 pm - Church
- Tues, 2.00 pm- MR3/Hall
- Mothers Prayers Tues, 10.45 am- Meet Room 3

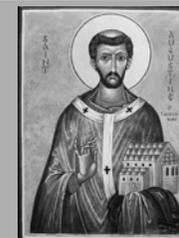
**FACEBOOK** The church has a Facebook page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/StAugustines-church-Kent-330681750684291/> Its usage will evolve over time. Please let us have any comments or ideas about this new development. Email Lisa Beaumont at [thebeaumonts@hotmail.com](mailto:thebeaumonts@hotmail.com)

**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](mailto: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

15th October



## Overseas Missionaries

Siobhan O'Connell

Some years ago I used to attend Sunday Mass at a church in Brighton. A lady in the parish had a son, Fr Garry Jenkins, who was a missionary in Liberia. He used to come home for a few weeks each year and would talk at Mass about his work. He told of driving many miles on dirt tracks to say Mass for remote communities, finding the way blocked by swollen streams or fallen trees. He gave a very poignant account of how food and goods given to a leper colony by the mission had attracted the envy of some local people who had stolen what little the lepers had. For many years, there was the terrible tragedy of the Liberian civil wars. In 2002, Fr Garry was kidnapped by rebels while helping to guide 60 blind civilians away from fierce fighting. He was held for a month before being released. All human logic would tell that man not to return to Liberia but he keeps going back. Amidst all of the terrible problems, he keeps preaching Christ's gospel and helping local people in any way he can. In the last few years he has arranged with Mary's Meals to provide food for children in a compound attached to the church. Now there is a symbol of hope within sight of the graves of 300 children who starved to death during the Civil War. This is only one man's story. There are thousands of other similar men and women throughout the world. Most of us will never be overseas missionaries but we can play our part in supporting the Church's missionary work through prayers and donations.

World Mission Sunday will be on 22<sup>nd</sup> October and the Outreach that day will go to Missio.

## Taizé prayer

All are welcome to the first of our ecumenical monthly prayers in the style of Taizé, starting Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm. With prayer, song and silence may we connect back to God and to ourselves. If you wish to learn some of the chants beforehand, please arrive at 7pm. If you could help as a musician, welcomer or with setting up, please contact our youth leader Sorcha.

**28<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A**

**PSALTER WEEK 4 Parish Mass Book**

**Readings from Page 140 Preface from Page 66**

## SCHOOL REFERENCES

If you are applying for a place in a Catholic or Church of England School for September 2018 you will need a reference from your parish priest. Fr. Peter has now arranged dates when he will be available to complete references. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND REFERENCE FORMS TO FR. PETER OR LEAVE THEM IN THE OFFICE** but phone the parish office, 522 525, to make an appointment and bring the form with you to the appointment.

The appointments offered will be close to the closing date for secondary schools and the schools are aware of this. If you are applying to secondary schools, please fill in the supplementary information form and in the "Signature of priest" box write "**Fr. Peter will supply separately**"; sign the form and return it to the school **before the closing date**. Then make an appointment at which Fr. Peter will sign a separate copy of the last page of the form.

If you are applying to primary schools, please bring the original of the completed application to your appointment. You do not need to bring a baptism certificate, but it is important that you inform Fr. Peter if your child was baptised in any church other than the Catholic church.

### Link to Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal.

Every year St Augustine's school supports the 'Link to Hope Christmas Shoebox Appeal'. The school would welcome donations of any of the following, empty shoeboxes; or items such as soaps, socks, torches to fill the boxes. You may wish to complete a shoebox as a family or an individual, in which case, please do not wrap the box since they have to be checked before being sent. Cash donations are also gratefully received.

The deadline is **8th November** to allow plenty of time to get the boxes to the distributors. Please contact the school for further information on the appeal.

### Primetimers Christmas Lunch

This year we will be returning to Guiseppe's Restaurant at the High Rocks for our pre Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 6th December at 2pm. Please take an invitation and menu from the Narthex and reserve your place by returning your menu choice and cheque to the Church office.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

May Mary intercede for us so that we can acquire the holy audacity needed to discover new ways to bring the gift of salvation to every man and woman.

**POPE FRANCIS**

### RISE Theatre returns

Following on from their fantastic performance last year of 'White Rabbit', we welcome Rise Theatre back for an emotional rendition of 'Oscar Romero - heartbeat of El Salvador' on the 16th November. Tickets are £10, and under 18's go free with a paying adult! Buy your tickets online or email [youthleader@st-augustine.co.uk](mailto:youthleader@st-augustine.co.uk) (Not suitable for under 11s)

## +++ LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

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Our **Life in the Spirit Seminars** continue in the church on **Monday at 7.45pm.**

The topic for 16th October will be **Growth** and the speaker is **Charles Whitehead.**

### FIRST COMMUNION 2018

First Communion Application Packs are now available from the table in the Narthex. Please take a pack and return your completed application to the Church office by 14th November 2017

### Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance will be available in the porch throughout October. Please enter the names of all those whom you wished to be remembered. The book will be placed on the Sanctuary at our Annual Bereavement Mass for the recently bereaved on **Saturday 4th November at 2.30 pm.**

This Mass is open to all who have or are experiencing a loss and is not just for those who have received a specific invitation.

Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the Mass.

**ALL WELCOME**

### R.C.I.A. The Journey of Faith

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at 8 pm

For all wishing to increase their knowledge of Christianity through the teaching of the Catholic church. The sessions will be held downstairs in the priests' house. *If you are interested please come along on Monday evening - all are Welcome*



## THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> Sunday, Year A Ps Wk 4**

**4pm October devotions with Benediction.**

**OUTREACH ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL**

Our primary school is grateful for our financial support in assisting it to nurture and educate so many of our young parishioners. Your generosity demonstrates and acknowledges that it is a school where Christ is King.

**MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Ladies Lunch & Prayer Group meet in the Hall**

*When we will be praying for peace in our world.*

**7.45pm Life in the Spirit Seminar**

Charles Whitehead - **Prayer is important.**

*It is the lifting up of the heart and mind to God.*

*A Bible is essential because through it we will hear God speaking to us.*

**8pm RCIA course in the Presbytery**

**TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> St Ignatius of Antioch**

**12 noon Tuesday Lunch Club HALL**

**WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> St Luke**

**2.30pm Bible Study HALL**

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> St Edward the Confessor**

**2pm FUNERAL : Terry Farrage**

**Saturday 21st**

**2.30pm Polish Catechism HALL**

**SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> Sunday Year A Ps Wk 1**

**4pm October Devotions & Benediction**

**7.30 pm Mass in Polish**

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**OUTREACH MISSIO - World Mission Day -**

Launched by Pope Francis, Missio, connects us with communities around the world - in need of help - to make direct and lasting impact on the lives of others.

### OFFERTORY

Offertory £808.84

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Harvest Fast Day £964.88

Friday Harvest Soup Lunch £105

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**Thank you for your generosity.**