

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

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.

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

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Prayer

Stations of the Cross.

Sunday 4.00pm and Wednesday at 7.00pm

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 after 10.00 am Mass

ROSARY INTENTION

For the spiritual enrichment of the Candidates for the Sacraments.

Prayer Groups

Cenacolo Thurs, 2.30 pm -
Blessed Sacrament
Charismatic Christian Tues, 8.00 pm - Church
Tues, 2.15 pm- MR3
Meditation
Mothers Tues, 10.45 am- Meet Room 3
Prayers

HOSPITAL VISITS

If you are going into hospital or you know someone who is and would like a priest to visit during the stay. **It is essential that you let one of the priests or the office 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 off the website -
<http://www.st-augustine.co.uk/newsletters.php>

ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

17th March 2019



JESUS AND THE SAMARITAN WOMAN by Fr. Josaphat C. Ezenwa



Cardinal Suhard once said that to be a witness does not consist in engaging in propaganda nor even in stirring people up, but in being a living mystery. Jesus is the hidden mystery of God and Lent gives us the opportunity to imitate him more closely.

Before Jesus came on the scene the Jews had their set values such as adequate retaliation for something done to someone otherwise known

as tit for tat, contempt for Samaritans and low esteem for women, tax collectors, and sinners. Jesus gave these values a good shaking and turned them upside down.

He pointed out particular areas in our human relationships, very pertinent for us today. He did this, not by words but by actions: he ate "with tax collectors and others" (Lk 5:29) and forgave public sinners etc. He held a conversation with a Samaritan woman at the well. Through these actions he wanted to remind us that we need to develop a loving human fellowship which is all-inclusive, discriminating against none. And so during this special season of Lent we should ask ourselves: who are the kind of people we shun, hate or against whom do we discriminate in our dealings with others? Do we use race or class or gender or colour of the skin to exclude people subtly from our company and fellowship? Do we associate with a select few?

In the conversation with the woman at the well Jesus says that God will be worshipped in spirit and in truth. We should not be afraid to tell ourselves the truth about our relationship with God and neighbour; in this way we will be true witnesses of Christ in the world.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Just going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in your garage makes you a car. **GK Chesterton**

**Second Sunday of Lent
Year C Ps Wk 2
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 156
Preface: from page 70**



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW AND UNDERSTAND YOUR BIBLE?

The journey continues, led by our resident seminarian Matthew and assisted by one of our priests.

Time: Monday evenings at 8 pm repeated

Wednesday afternoon at 1.30 pm

Place: St Augustine's Church Hall.

See posters in Narthex for details.

MADONNAS SPAGHETTI NIGHT

8pm Tuesday 26th March in the Hall

Young Women of the parish...

come along to meet each other over an authentic Italian spaghetti dish.

£3 to cover dinner (profits will go to the women in our twin parish of Kompong Thom, Cambodia). **Free glass of wine.**

Call/Text for more details 07810 754745 (Louise)

CAMBODIA PARISH TRIP PRESENTATION

Saturday 6th April in the Hall after the 10am Mass

The Mass will be celebrated in the Khmer style.

In January Fr Peter and 4 parishioners spent 10 days in Cambodia visiting our twin parish Kompong Thom and the provinces of Siem Reap and Battambang.

We will be sharing our slides and reflections with you.

Refreshments will be provided.

All welcome.

EASTER LILIES

We are again offering lilies, in remembrance of your loved ones, at Easter. These will be £3 each. Please leave money in the Parish Office, along with the names of those you are remembering, if you wish.



Volunteer Needed

The Macular Society Support Group would welcome a sighted volunteer to help read notices etc at their monthly meetings at St Augustines.

The group meets on the first Thursday of each month from 10-11.30am.

Anyone interested in helping them and for further details is asked to contact Trish Corney (01435 872924)

EASTER CARDS to CAMBODIA

Our friends in our twin parish love to receive religious Easter Cards and now is the time to think about sending them. Please send them

**c/o: Fr. Mark Lopez
Catholic Church, Postal Box 601
Kompong Thom, Cambodia**

LADIES LUNCH & PRAYER GROUP

MONDAY 18th MARCH 2019

12.15pm for 12.30 start

Our next meeting will be in the Hall. We look forward to seeing you all at the meeting. New members are always very welcome, just come along.

Best wishes Ann 01892 529911

Mass for the Feast Day of St Oscar Romero and Dedication of the Diocesan Shrine.

Saturday March 23rd at 12.30 pm.

St George's Cathedral, Southwark with Archbishop Peter Smith as Principal Celebrant and Mgr. Patrick Kilgarrieff preaching.

SAFE at SCHOOL

In September 2020 three new compulsory subjects come into force in schools in England:

- 1 - Relationships Education (RE) in all primary schools.
- 2 - Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) in all secondary schools.
- 3 - Health Education in all schools.

The new subjects will force teaching of controversial content about relationships on children as young as 4.

The Society for Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC), have printed postcards which can be signed and posted to the Secretary of State for Education asking them to give parents a legal right to withdraw their children from those classes (*which is not part of the current proposal*).

The postcards are available from the narthex and we would encourage parishioners to sign and post a card to make the voice of Catholics heard.

Catholic Radio needs funds

We're a not-for-profit Catholic online Radio. Our Mission is to celebrate our Catholic Faith – and bring the joy and comfort of Our Lord to our listeners, especially those confined to their homes and unable to attend Mass or other parish activities. See our website:
<http://www.heavensroadfm.com/listen-now/>

OFFERTORY

Offertory	£1,883.13
Outreach Smile Train	£853.25
CAFOD	£38.50
Mitapeeap	£49.99
Ash Wednesday	
Soup Lunch	£157.52

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 17th Second Sunday of Lent
Yr C, Ps Wk 2**

4.00 pm Stations of the Cross

6.45 pm Confirmation Class - Hall

OUTREACH CAFOD Fast Day Today our contributions are welcomed as part of our Lenten Fast. They are a way of sharing a meal with the hundreds of millions of hungry people in our world today. Please put your donation in a Fast Day envelope.

MONDAY 18th

12.15 for 12.30 start Ladies Lunch & Prayer Group - Hall

8.00 pm Understanding the Bible Wk 4 - Hall

TUESDAY 19th St Joseph

Noon Tuesday Lunch Club Hall

2.00 pm ASDC Meeting Room 3

4.15 pm First Holy Communion Class - Hall

8.00 pm FHC Parents' Meeting - Hall

8.00 pm Baptism Preparation - Church

WEDNESDAY 20th

**1.30 pm Understanding the Bible Wk 4 - Hall
(repeat of Monday's talk).**

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 23rd

8.45 am First Holy Communion Class - Hall

2.30 pm Polish Catechism - Hall

4.00 pm First Holy Communion Class - Hall

**SUNDAY 24th Third Sunday of Lent
Yr C Ps Wk 3**

6.45 pm Confirmation Class - Hall

7.00 pm Confessions in Polish

7.30 pm Mass in Polish

MSZA SWIETA 19.30hrs

OUTREACH The Spiritans (also known as The Holy Ghost Fathers) is a Catholic Religious Congregation founded in France in 1703. Today there are more than 3,000 professed and lay Spiritans throughout the world carrying out their mission of evangelisation in over 60 countries. For more information, please see spiritans.co.uk