

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

Stations of the Cross

Sunday 4.00pm and Wednesday 7pm

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: That Lent will prove a time of spiritual renewal.

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

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

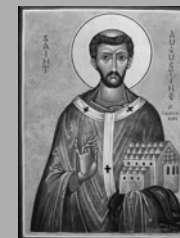
If you are going into hospital and would like a priest to visit you during your stay it is essential that you let one of the priests know. Tunbridge Wells hospital and many other hospitals do not inform us

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

ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

18th February 2018



ADOREMUS - NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS

There will be a National Eucharistic Pilgrimage and Congress in Liverpool in September this year. Eucharistic Congresses are gatherings of clergy, religious and laity which promote an awareness of the central place of the Eucharist in the life and mission of the Church. The last International Eucharistic Congress in England was held in 1908 when permission for a public procession of the Blessed Sacrament was refused.

Participants will engage in a series of sessions focusing on different dimensions of the Eucharist and the daily celebration and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. There are seven themes now emerging for the Congress:

1. Eucharist, 2. Adoration, 3. Scripture, 4. Ecclesiology - the Church, 5. Formation, 6. Music, 7. Mission

This pilgrimage will bring people together from across all the dioceses. Every parish is invited to send 2 delegates and every school invited to send 1 delegate as participants in the Congress. The delegates become ambassadors for the project. It will also aim to provide practical resources to develop the mission of the Church in prayer, contemplation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

After the Congress in Liverpool - delegates will return with ideas, insights and suggestions around the 7 themes. Then we bring people together to hear the collective wisdom of the group. Together we discern a way forward and identify some pastoral building blocks for the future of our parishes, schools, deaneries and diocese.

This is an exciting and sacred project based on the centrality of the Eucharist.

Liverpool is not the focus of this Congress

Real Focus: every parish & school community in England & Wales

To assist in the Spiritual preparation for the Pilgrimage and Congress the Diocese has produced Prayer Cards and distributed to Parishes. Please take one and pray for a successful outcome that will revitalise the faithful. Other events will be planned leading up to the conference.

**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT
YEAR B PSALTER WEEK 1
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 152
Preface: from page 70**

**POPE FRANCIS - 24 HOUR VIGIL FOR THE LORD
9th/10th March**

*Inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4,
"With you is forgiveness"*



Pope Francis again this year invites us to take part in prayer with "24 Hours for the Lord", where the entire Church community celebrates the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. There will be prayers, readings and silent and communal support for each other as we take part for the glory of God and the benefit of all his people.

SIGN UP SHEETS IN NARTHEX TO VOLUNTEER FOR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING THE 24 HOUR VIGIL. WE NEED PARISHIONERS TO VOLUNTEER TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED EVEN FOR JUST ONE HOUR THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE 24 HOURS, PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO POPE FRANCIS.

CLEANER REQUIRED

We need to recruit a new cleaner for the hall, meeting rooms and narthex, working from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, i.e., six hours per week. For more details please contact Fr. Peter.
Closing date for applications 25-Feb



**Bread & Soup Lunch
Family Fast Day**

Fri 23rd Feb - 12.00 until 2 p.m

For a simple lunch of soup and bread. CAFOD's Family Fast Day this Lent is an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters who don't have enough to eat. This Lent, your donation will make double the difference. For every pound you donate to CAFOD, the UK Government will also donate a pound, up to a total of £5 million, meaning twice the number of lives can be transformed. Please collect your Fast Day envelope and give generously.

**Faith in the Questions –
the Science and Faith Debate**

St James Church 20th February, at 7.30pm

There will be a one-act play, "Counting the Clouds", followed by a panel discussion with practicing scientists. Tickets are free and available from Riding Lights at <https://ridinglights.org/faith-in-the-questions/> or by phoning 01904 613000.

**St. IGNATIUS
LENTEN RETREAT**

There will be a series of Lenten Retreat talks at Corpus Christi Church Tonbridge. The talks run from **Monday 26th Feb to Saturday 3rd March** as follows:

Evening Talks 8-8.30pm (Mon-Fri)

Silent Prayer 8.30-9pm.

Morning Talks 10.30-11am

(Same Talk as previous evening).

See poster for full details.

**LADIES LUNCH AND
PRAYER GROUP**

**2018 Twenty- Fifth Anniversary Mass
MONDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2018**

12.15pm for 12.30 start

For the next meeting we will have our Annual Mass in the Hall. We pray with thanksgiving for all the friendship, love and support that we obtain from our prayer group and other members within the community.

New members are always very welcome, just come along

Best wishes Ann 01892 529911

**Safeguard the future of
Catholic Schools**

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? If so then Archbishop Peter Smith encourages you to make your voice heard.

The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics.

Further information and to sign the petition :

www.catholiceducation.org.uk

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life.."

Pope Benedict XVI

OFFERTORY

Offertory	£853.05
Offertory GA	£873.50
Outreach	£641.13
Poor Parishes	GA £123.10
CAFOD	£45
Mitapeeap	£33.10
Collection for Medaille Trust at talk Saturday 10th Feb. on Trafficking	£ 97.50 + one direct donation

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 17th

10.35 am Signing Cards - Hall

**SUNDAY 18th First Sunday of Lent
Yr B Ps Wk 1**

4.00 pm Stations of the Cross

OUTREACH L'Arche is an international organisation which brings people with and without learning disabilities together in communities. For more information, please see www.larche.org.uk

MONDAY 19th

12.15 pm for 12.30 start Ladies Lunch & Prayer Group Annual Mass - Hall

WEDNESDAY 21st

2.30 pm Bible Study - Hall

The Stations of the Cross will be incorporated into the Taize Service starting at 6.45pm

THURSDAY 22nd Chair of St Peter

FRIDAY 23rd

**12 Noon CAFOD Family Fast Day Lunch Hall
7.30 to 9 pm Confirmation Group - Hall**

SATURDAY 24th

11.00 am Reconciliation Practice - Hall

11.30 to 12.30 First Reconciliation - Church

2.30 pm Reconciliation Practice - Hall

3 to 4pm First Reconciliation - Church

**SUNDAY 25th 2nd Sunday in Lent
Yr B Ps Wk 2**

4.00 pm Stations of the Cross

**5.45 pm Confirmation Blessing of Sponsors
Mass - Church**

6.30 pm Confessions in Polish

7.30 pm Mass in Polish

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OUTREACH CAFOD FAST DAY Contributions are welcomed as part of our Lenten Fast. This Lent, Family Fast Day focuses on the work CAFOD partners are doing to fight hunger and malnutrition in Zimbabwe. Please put your donation in a Fast Day envelope. Money raised for the Lent appeal between 12th February and 12th May will be doubled by the UK government up to £5 million.

In light of recent news reports you may wish to know CAFOD has a statement about safeguarding vulnerable communities