

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

Rosary 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 Holy Father's intentions.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

God allows us to experience the low points of life in order to teach us lessons that we could learn in no other way.

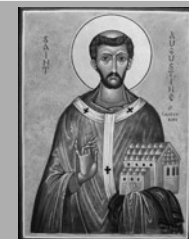
C.S. Lewis

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

19th November 2017



Message of His Holiness Pope Francis

for the First World Day of the Poor Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time 19/11/17

We may think of the poor simply as the beneficiaries of our occasional volunteer work, or of impromptu acts of generosity that appease our conscience. However good and useful such acts may be for making us sensitive to people's needs and the injustices that are often their cause, they ought to lead to a true encounter with the poor and a sharing that becomes a way of life. Our prayer and our journey of discipleship and conversion find the confirmation of their evangelic authenticity in precisely such charity and sharing. This way of life gives rise to joy and peace of soul, because we touch with our own hands the flesh of Christ. If we truly wish to encounter Christ, we have to touch his body in the suffering bodies of the poor, as a response to the sacramental communion bestowed in the Eucharist. The Body of Christ, broken in the sacred liturgy, can be seen, through charity and sharing, in the faces and persons of the most vulnerable of our brothers and sisters. Saint John Chrysostom's admonition remains ever timely: "If you want to honour the body of Christ, do not scorn it when it is naked; do not honour the Eucharistic Christ with silk vestments, and then, leaving the church, neglect the other Christ suffering from cold and nakedness" (Hom. in Matthaem, 50.3: PG 58).

We are called, then, to draw near to the poor, to encounter them, to meet their gaze, to embrace them and to let them feel the warmth of love that breaks through their solitude.....

Let us never forget that, for Christ's disciples, poverty is above all a call to follow Jesus in his own poverty. It means walking behind him and beside him, a journey that leads to the beatitude of the Kingdom of heaven (cf. Mt 5:3; Lk 6:20). Poverty means having a humble heart that accepts our creaturely limitations and sinfulness and thus enables us to overcome the temptation to feel omnipotent and immortal. Poverty is an interior attitude that avoids looking upon money, career and luxury as our goal in life and the condition for our happiness. Poverty instead creates the conditions for freely shouldering our personal and social responsibilities, despite our limitations, with trust in God's closeness and the support of his grace. Poverty, understood in this way, is the yardstick that allows us to judge how best to use material goods and to build relationships that are neither selfish nor possessive (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, Nos. 25-45).

THE PARENTS' GATHERING

How can I best nurture faith in my child?
 Is there more to church than a weekly hour-long struggle?
 Is God really present and active in my life as a parent?



Meet other parents for an evening of fellowship, discussion, film and prayer.

Monday 27 November, 8pm-9.45pm
Corpus Christi Church Hall, Tonbridge, TN9 1EY

33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

YEAR A PSALTER WEEK 1
PARISH MASS BOOK

Readings: from page 155
Preface: from page 66

Bibliodrama Youth Group

Would you like to experience another way to engage with the liturgy? Are you in years 7-9? Then come along to our drama workshops! They will be held on two Monday evenings, leading up to performing at **Youth Mission Sunday Mass on the 26th November**. There are sign up forms in the porch, or you can email/call the youth leader Sorcha for more information - youthleader@st-augustine.co.uk or 07948 970 995

Ladies Lunch and Prayer Group Monday 20th November 2017

I regret that there will not be a meeting this month, as I shall be away on a retreat in Walsingham.

We will have our annual prayers for Christmas in the Church, remembering all our loved ones near and far.

The next meeting will be on December 17th at 12 noon not 12.30pm.

Please make a note of the different time. All are welcome, just come along or phone me. WITH ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS.

Ann 01892 529911

FOOD BANK SALE

Look out for a table sale of food items not suitable for the bags that we hand out each week, outside the Church after all Sunday Masses on the

25/26th November – any reasonable offer or donations accepted. We will spend the cash raised on special items to put in the Christmas hampers.

Help Needed

Anyone interested in assisting event team please contact Anuj Mathew anujmathew@gmail.com or leave your contact details in church office.



Christmas Cards for Cambodia

Around this time of year we also remember our twin parish and send them religious Christmas cards which are always received with pleasure.

The address is: Fr Bongbong Catholic Church, PO Box 601 Kompong Thom, Cambodia

Confirmation 2018.

Confirmation will take place on June 24th 2018. If you are in year 10 or above and wish to be confirmed please take an application form from the narthex.

A meeting for Candidates and parents will be on **Sunday 14th January** after the 5.45pm Mass and the programme will start on **Friday 19th January**.

CHRISTMAS DAY DRIVERS

The Parish will again be hosting a Christmas Day Dinner for the Homeless, Needy or Lonely.

Drivers are needed to pick-up guests at about noon to transport to the Age UK Hall off Camden Road and to take them home at about 2pm. Please give your name and telephone number to the Office.



OFFERTORY

Offertory	£935.70
Offertory GA	£876.10
Outreach Archbishop's Administration Fund	£349.82
CAFOD	£25
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Thank you for your generosity.

++++ CHILDREN'S LITURGY ++++

Will resume Sunday 19th November at 9.30 am Mass.

SIGNING A CARD TO A PRISONER OF FAITH

There will be an opportunity to do so on **SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER at 10.35 am IN THE HALL** Refreshments will be served.

Managing Volunteers course at Christ Church on Monday 27th November

One-day Workshop for Clergy, Lay Leaders, Wardens and leaders of any Christian organisation. The workshop contains practical resources and ideas to enthuse and engage volunteers for the variety of roles and responsibilities in parishes today. The course is divided into six topics which will be recruitment, training and supporting, affirming and rewarding volunteers, developing a culture of participation, mentoring new leaders. Contact Janet to book a place - 01892 522323

Volunteer Request

In our troubled environment and the current security level, the risk of violent attacks on Parishioners attending Mass may no longer be considered as remote. Whilst an attack is unlikely, as a Parish community we must fulfil our responsibility for the safety of Parishioners. We are seeking 3 or maximum 5 volunteers to form a temporary Working Group to discuss and draft a strategy for managing this risk. We envisage this working group will meet monthly for at least 6 months and thereafter be disbanded. Please contact the Chair of the Parish Council to discuss the terms of reference and with any other questions you may have. chair-parishcouncil@st-augustine.co.uk

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 18th

2.30 pm Polish Catechism - Hall

7.00 pm Parish Quiz Night - Hall

SUNDAY 19th 33rd Sunday Yr A Ps Wk 1

OUTREACH Care4Calais, an English and French charity which encourages the public to welcome refugees. It provides direct aid to refugees living in northern France who lack winter clothing, adequate food and other daily essentials. For more information, please see care4calais.org

TUESDAY 21st The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.45 am Evolutionary Faith Group - MR2

Noon Tuesday Lunch Club - Hall

2.00 pm ASDC

8.00 pm RCIA - Fr Peter's Room

8.00 pm Baptism Preparation - Hall

WEDNESDAY 22nd St Cecilia

2.30 pm Bible Study - Hall

FRIDAY 24th Sts Andrew Dung-Lac and Companions

SUNDAY 26th Christ the King Yr A Ps Wk 2

5.45 pm National Youth Sunday Mass and afterwards Youth Group in Hall

7.00 pm Confessions in Polish

7.30 pm Mass in Polish

19.30 MSZA SWIETA

OUTREACH Catholic Youth Service Our collection today supports youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially Southwark Catholic Youth Service which, amongst other things, offers support to parishes and schools through training and support for those engaged in youth ministry and by helping parishes to respond to young people. For more information, please see scys.org.uk

Please note there will be a Communion Service on Wednesday 29th November at 12.30 pm (no clergy available).