

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 God's encouragement and support as prisoners contemplate a fresh start in life, for them and their families.
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

When our hands have touched spices, they give fragrance to all they handle. Let us make our prayers pass through the hands of the Blessed Virgin. She will make them fragrant.

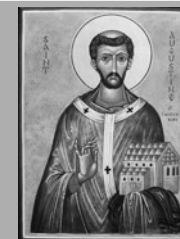
St. John Vianney

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

1st October 2017



OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY – THE PRAYER FOR OUR TIME by Michael Southern



For centuries popes, saints and Church leaders and most important the Blessed Virgin Mary herself, have exhorted us to pray the rosary. Through this powerful prayer and with her intercession many miracles, both public and private, have been obtained. In 1571, with the threat of Europe being overrun, and against all the odds and a much superior Muslim fleet, an astonishing victory was gained. An event Pope Pius V firmly attributed to Our Lady in response to his call for all to pray the rosary. He later established the Feast of the Rosary on 7th October. At Fatima Our Lady titled herself the Queen of the Rosary. Today, few would doubt that the problems of our world are bigger than ever: the breakdown of society and the family, abortion, wars and the threat of wars, starvation, genocide, natural disasters, global warming, to name just a few. In the face of all this

Our Lady is again giving us the answer. Pray the rosary and through her intercession to turn to her Son.

October 13th will be the 100th anniversary of the last apparition to the three children in Fatima. **During the month we are invited as a parish to pray the rosary immediately AFTER the 10 am weekday Mass. It takes 25 minutes, a very small amount out of our day and most things can wait.** The statue of Our Lady of Fatima, given to us by German prisoners of war, will be there to remind us that had sufficient people responded to her call then, perhaps Russia would not have spread its errors and WWII would have been avoided. PLEASE JOIN US and in faith let us turn to the Mother of Our Lord whom he gave as Mother to the World from His Cross.

Message from Fr Agnelo

My Dearest parishioners of St. Augustine's, Greetings from Colliers Wood!

I take this opportunity to thank you all for being a strong pillar of support and help for my journey to Medjugorje. The trip was a memorable one and I have personally received lots of blessings through Mother Mary. The trip would have not been possible without your immense contribution through all sources which made this trip happen. May Mother Mary bless each one of you in abundance. I shall continue to pray for you all. once again I thank you for your kindness and help. Many thanks for your support and love for mother Mary. Fr Agnelo

**26th SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
ROSARY SUNDAY
YEAR A PSALTER WK 2
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 134
Preface: from page 66**



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

On Monday 9th October at 8 pm, we start the instruction for non-Catholics and those who wish 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 give your name and contact details to the parish office.

+++ LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS +++

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

The topic for 2nd October will be **Receiving God's Gift** and the Speaker is **Gerard Pomfret.**

Why not come along with a friend?

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.

CHRISTMAS CARDS!

Come and buy this weekend.

See the beautiful handmade **Christmas Cards and Gift Tags of banana fibres** made for Rwanda Aid.

SALE!! *The Holy Shop will also be selling cards at reduced prices. Plus some other Christmas goodies!*

The 10-Minute Diary.

This diary is designed not only to support your daily management of tasks, appointments & events but also to help you to take 10 minutes out of your busy day to meditate on God's Word. Could this help you or make a good Christmas gift?

Come and place your order with us.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

To lead the Rosary **AFTER** Mass weekdays in October. This will be 10.00am Mass, Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri and 12.30pm Mass on Wednesday. Please give your details to the office. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

We are going to Walsingham from 12-16th November this year. Walsingham is the National Shrine of Our Lady, partly dating from the 14th Century. Travel is by minibus. If you are interested please contact me asap at lucia.crewdson@gmail.com or 524588.

OFFERTORY

Offertory	£972.75
GA	£649.50
Clergy Support Fund	£620.11
GA	£25
Cafod	£32
Mitapeeap	£41.16
LAST WEEK'S	
Offertory	£1,018.44
GA	£932
Home Mission	£556.54
Cafod	£5
Mitapeeap	£24.30

Thank you for your generosity.

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER - FIRST

YOUTH MASS & GROUP

After 5.45pm Mass is our first youth group for ages 14-18 - come along to the hall for some pizza, games, chat and more!

Finishes at 9pm. Contact our youth leader Sorcha for any queries.

EVACUATION PRACTICE

Thank you to you all for your support of the recent evacuation practices: the Church is essentially a safe space but if an emergency were to occur then it is important that you should know the procedure to follow - please take one of the leaflets in the holder on the wall immediately adjacent to inner entrance doors to the Church. The practices did highlight that there is a shortage of Wardens at several of the Masses; please give serious thought to volunteering - this is a very easy way to support your Parish as you do not have to give up any time, be on a rota or change your Mass attendance time. If you would like to know more then please give your name to the Office. Everyone can help by offering assistance to those around them who may need it.

Sadly, as in previous years, there were several Masses where the carpark was blocked by double parked cars - this not only hampers the free flow of people exiting the Church but it also blocks access for emergency vehicles. If all the marked parking spaces are full then you **must not** park on the Church site.

St Gregory's School Catholic School

OPEN EVENTS 2017

Weds & Thurs 18th & 19th Oct

9am to 11am, last tour 10am

Or 4.30pm to 7.30pm

Talk by Headteacher 4.30pm & 7pm

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www.sgschool.org.uk

Our apologies for any confusion caused by errors in the newsletter last week.

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 30th St Jerome

SUNDAY 1st 26th Sunday Yr A Ps Wk 2
Rosary Sunday

OUTREACH P.A.C.T. Prisoners' Advice & Care Trust helps build stronger families and safer communities. They reduce the risk of harm to prisoners, their children and families by creating solutions. They inform policy and decision makers and promote evidence-based practice.

MONDAY 2nd The Holy Angels

7.45 pm Life in the Spirit Seminar with Gerard Pomfret, Ask God to prepare you, he loves you and will do it, but we have to turn to Jesus to receive God's gifts.

WEDNESDAY 4th St Francis of Assisi

FRIDAY 6th

12 noon Harvest Soup Lunch -HALL

SATURDAY 7th Our Lady of the Rosary

2.30 pm Polish Catechism - HALL

SUNDAY 8th - 27th Sunday, Year A Ps Wk 3
Prisoners' Sunday

OUTREACH CAFOD Family Fast Day The first Family Fast Day was held in 1960 for a mother and baby clinic in Dominica. This year, the Fast Day focuses on work in El Salvador. See www.cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Parish-fundraising/Fast-Day

Bread & Soup Lunch

Friday 6th October

Celebrate CAFOD Harvest Fast Day with a variety of breads and tasty vegetable soups in the Hall from 12 noon until 1.30.

All donations to CAFOD.

SIGNING A CARD TO A PRISONER OF FAITH

There will be an opportunity to sign a card to a **prisoner of faith on Saturday 7th Oct at 10.35 am in the hall.**

Refreshments will be served.

Receiving a card when you are in a filthy, dark cell makes all the difference. A light in the darkness. **All welcome**