

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: That those in authority will not overlook their obligations to the homeless.

- 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

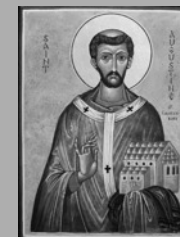
FACEBOOK The church has a Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/StAugustines-church-Kent-330681750684291/> Its usage will evolve over time. Please let us have any comments or ideas about this new development. Email Lisa Beaumont at thebeaumonts@hotmail.com

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.

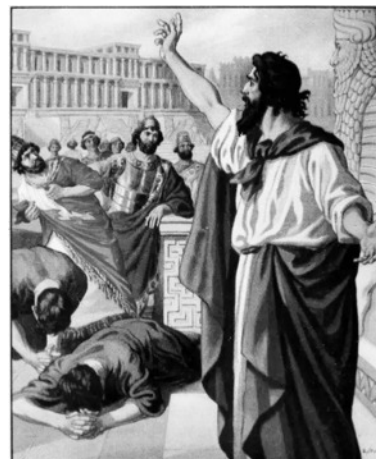
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ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

21st January 2018



The Story of Jonah by Fr. Josaphat C. Ezenwa



The Old Testament is made up of the **Torah** (the Law), the **Prophets** and the **Writings**. The Writings are stories that teach or explain certain things in the life of the chosen people.

Last week we explored God's call and response – the call of Samuel who went on to be one of the greatest prophets of Israel. With reference to our call or task in life, we may go through periods of reluctance and hesitation especially if we feel very comfortable in our present position. Such reluctance is part of human nature as we can see in today's Reading. Jonah

hesitated and even tried to run away rather than obey God's command.

The story of Jonah as we have it this week is not the historical account of the life of the prophet Jonah who lived in the 8th century B. C. cf. 2 Kgs. 14: 25. It is rather a didactic composition used by the sacred writer after the Babylonian exile to oppose the narrow nationalism of Judaism. This book is a sermon in the form of a story. It goes to prove that God is for all nations and not for the Jews only. The book also goes to portray God's wonderful mercy and compassion for repentant sinners. Hence the people of Nineveh portrayed in the story were not destroyed after all because they repented when Jonah eventually preached to them. God's love and grace has no boundaries or limits. Each one of us is expected to examine his or her conscience from time to time

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

To one who has faith, no explanation is necessary. To one without faith, no explanation is possible.

St Thomas Aquinas

**THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR B PSALTER WEEK 3
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 129
Preface: from page 68**

Youth Mass

Our youth masses are usually on the first Sunday of the month at 5.45pm, but the one for the 4th February has been moved a week early - so our next youth mass will be on the **28th January**, followed by Pizza & Film Night youth group. For more information, please contact our youth leader Sorcha. 07948970995

THANK YOU

John Teague and his family wish to express their grateful thanks to their friends in the parish for their support, sympathy, kindness and prayers following Pauline's death. It gives them much comfort to know they are being thought of and prayed for.

GABRIELLE HIGGINS RIP

Many of you will remember Gabrielle, a very energetic lady who played bridge a lot and attended 11.15 Mass on Sundays. Gabrielle died peacefully on Tuesday 9th January aged 100 years old! Her funeral was on 13th January. May she rest in peace.

The Mindful Path to Christ

17th February Part 1 & 20th October Part 2
We shall explore some notions of mindfulness and Christian contemplation concentrating in particular on the Carmelite tradition. Using texts Teresa of Avila's Way of Perfection and John of the Cross's Spiritual Canticle. Led by Peter Tyler, Professor of Pastoral Theology and Spirituality at St Mary's University, For further information or to reserve a place, please contact: Retreats, The Friars, Aylesford, Kent ME20 7BX Tel. 01622 717272 retreat@thefriars.org.uk www.thefriars.org.uk

TUNBRIDGE WELLS STREET PASTORS

Invites everyone to join them for their Anniversary Celebration



Saturday 27 January
7.30pm for coffee, 8pm start
Christ Church, High Street

Celebrating 10 years since the inception of this ministry locally. Street Pastors go out six nights a month from 10.00pm to 4.00am supported by teams of Prayer Pastors who pray at the Christ Church base. We are always looking for more Street or Prayer Pastors to join the team, so if you are interested, please email tunbridgewells@streetpastors.org.uk for further information

Company Secretary (Full time)

Pay: 43,210 - 50,608

Start Date: Mar 2018

Closing Date: 31/01/2018 at 12:00

Interviews: 20th February 2018

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Do you have the knowledge, expertise, enthusiasm and dedication to support the Board of Directors, Governors and Clerks to deliver outstanding education for children and young people in our diverse family of Catholic academies across Kent? Please see <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=57670> for details of how to apply or contact the Trust on 01622 232662/ office@kcsp.org.uk for further information.

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. Remember please that due to the dubious weather in January we will not have a meeting. I look forward to seeing you all in February. New members are always very welcome, just come along

Best wishes Ann 01892 529911

BINGO BINGO BINGO

The Parish Welfare Group is hosting a Bingo afternoon on **Monday 29 January** 2pm in Parish Hall.



The cost will be £2 per person which will include refreshments. All are welcome

OFFERTORY

Offertory	£980.34
Offertory GA	£741.50
Outreach for	£741.87
Porchlight	
CAFOD	£15
Mitapeep	£35.90

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 20th

9.00 am First Holy Communion Class-Hall
2.30 pm Polish Catechism Hall
4.00 pm First Holy Communion Class- Hall

SUNDAY 21st 3rd Sunday Yr B Ps Wk 3

OUTREACH Pax Christi, the International Catholic Movement for Peace. Its vision is of a world where people can live in peace, a peace based on justice, reconciliation and non-violence. Pax Christi supports those promoting a culture of peace in schools and among young people; it works with groups working non-violently for justice.

MONDAY 22nd

11.30am Funeral Marie-Therese Feeley. No adoration after 10am Mass, resumes at 1pm.

TUESDAY 23rd

4.15 pm First Holy Communion Class-Hall
WEDNESDAY 24th Frances De Sales
2.30 pm Bible Study -Hall

THURSDAY 25th Conversion of St Paul

FRIDAY 26th

7.30pm Confirmation -Hall

SATURDAY 27th Saints Timothy & Titus

9.00 am First Holy Communion Class -Hall
4.00 pm First Holy Communion Class- Hall

SUNDAY 28th 4th Sunday Yr B Ps Wk 4

9.30 am FHC Mass Presentation of Bibles
6.30 pm Confessions in Polish
7.30 pm Mass in Polish
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OUTREACH Racial Justice Day collection to support the work of the Catholic Church to promote racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society.

Pilgrimage (Private) to Medjugorje

29th April to 6th May 2018

Flight out Heathrow 12.35 departure

Return Heathrow 18.55 arrival

Accommodation staying with Mirjana Soldo.

Cost £539. Further details contact

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