

# 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

## Stations of the Cross

Will take place every Sunday at 4pm, AND 7pm on Wednesday evenings during Lent. We are all encouraged to take this prayer opportunity during our

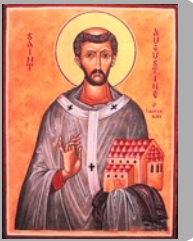


**Please note the latest items can be accepted is 4pm on Monday in any given week, although inclusion for the coming weekend can't be guaranteed.** Contributions to: [newsdesk@st-augustine.co.uk](mailto:newsdesk@st-augustine.co.uk) or office.

Newsletter can also be printed from the website - <http://www.st-augustine.co.uk/newsletters.php>

# ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

25th February 2018



## SECOND SUNDAY of LENT

**Today's Readings** provided by the Centre for Catholic Formation



**First Reading:** Abraham is prepared in faith to obey God's apparent command to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. This gives us as Christians an insight into the mind of God, who was prepared to sacrifice his only Son, Jesus Christ. The famous golden dome in Jerusalem, incidentally, marks the place where this event by tradition took place.

The **Psalm** speaks of trust in God, even when "sorely afflicted".

**Second Reading:** God did not spare his own Son. The last words in this reading inspired the belief that Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us, as we say in the Creed.

The **Gospel** on the Second Sunday of Lent is always the story of the Transfiguration of Jesus in the presence of His closest disciples. This gave them, and today gives us, hope of the glory that waits faithful followers of Jesus Christ.

## 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.

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**  
**YEAR B PSALTER WEEK 2**  
**PARISH MASS BOOK**  
**Readings: from page 155**  
**Preface: page 72**

## LILIES FOR EASTER

We will again be offering lilies for Easter in memory of loved ones. If you would like to commemorate someone in this way please leave £3 in the Parish Office.

## The Women's World Day of Prayer, 'All God's Creation is Very Good!'

### Friday 2 March

At Tunbridge Wells United Reformed Church, 1 Mount Ephraim, at 10.00 am or 2pm at St Paul's Church Centre, Rusthall. Everyone welcome.

## Retreats 2018

This year we shall be going to Douai Abbey and to Clare Priory in Suffolk. Douai - is from 24-27 July and we shall travel by minibus. Clare - Fr Don Coleman, previously of this parish, will lead our retreat, will be from 2-5 October. It is expensive to stay there so we shall be sharing cars. The cost for each retreat is expected to be about £199. I will be taking reservations later in the year but if you are interested do keep these dates free.

## What is Taize? Talk by Sorcha Connell

Monday 26th Feb, 8pm in the church hall. An opportunity to discover the ecumenical community behind the much-loved meditative chants. This is a talk for anyone curious, with a view to take a parish trip (regardless of age!) later this year.

## Youth Band is recruiting

Are you in Secondary School? Do you play an instrument, or like to sing? Come and join our youth band! Our first rehearsal is on Tuesday 27th February in the Church, from 6-7.30pm. Please email our youth leader for the music in advance, and what you might like to do. We intend to accompany the youth masses on the first Sunday of the month.

## FOOD BANK

Very many thanks to all parishioners for your steady support of our Food Bank. Sadly the demand on our stock continues to increase and currently we are supporting 83 people each week, of whom 39 are children. This puts a great strain on our stock and we would be most grateful for tins of: Meatballs, Irish Stew, Minced Beef, Beef Casserole, Stewed Steak, Chicken, Meat Pies, Macaroni Chees, Ravioli, Peas, Carrots, Biscuits and Coffee. We have a good stock of Soup, Baked Beans, Tuna, Pasta, Rice, Tea and Breakfast Cereal and will not need any more for some weeks.

## BINGO BINGO BINGO



The Parish Welfare Group is hosting another Bingo afternoon on Monday 5th March 2pm in Parish Hall.

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

## The One Week Without Challenge 4th-11th March.

"Porchlight", a local charity for the homeless, is inviting parishioners to take up its annual challenge. Can you go one week without one of the comforts that the homeless rarely enjoy? Suggestions cover hot showers, comfortable beds, hot dinners, TV, etc. Get sponsorship to help raise funds for and awareness of Porchlight. Sponsorship forms in the narthex. Donations to the Office.

## Beechwood Sacred Heart School Nursery & Prep School Open Day –

Tuesday 06 March 2018  
9.30 – 12.00 noon

Whole School Open Day –  
Wednesday 14 March 2018  
9.30am – 1.00pm

Headmaster's presentation: 10.45am

## 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](http://www.catholiceducation.org.uk)

## TW Winter Shelter Thanksgiving Service. 6pm Sunday 4 March 2018: at St James' Church.

## St. IGNATIUS LENTEN RETREAT

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

## OFFERTORY

Offertory	£832.15
Offertory GA	£788.70
Outreach for L'Arche	£679.41
CAFOD	£19
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**Thank you for your generosity.**

## THIS WEEK

### 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  
7.00 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. Please use 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.

### MONDAY 26th

8.00 pm Talk on Taize - Hall

### TUESDAY 27th

Noon Tuesday Lunch Club - Hall

### WEDNESDAY 28th

12.30 pm Mass - Funeral Madeleine Gillah  
7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

### THURSDAY 1st St David Patron of Wales

### SUNDAY 4th 3rd Sunday in Lent Yr B Ps Wk 3

4.00 pm Stations of the Cross

**OUTREACH** Kompong Thom Cambodia We have been twinned with Kompong Thom, a community of four small villages in Cambodia, since 1997. We help to raise money for various projects and support the Catholic community generally. For more information, please see our website.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Wherever politics tries to be redemptive, it is promising too much. Where it wishes to do the work of God, it becomes not divine, but demonic."  
**Pope Benedict XVI**