

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 success of the Southwark Catholic Youth Service and the good work it does in our parishes.

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

The deeds you do may be the only sermon some persons will hear today

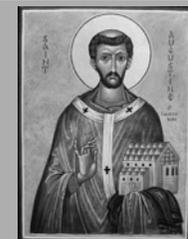
St Francis of Assisi

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:
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ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

26th November 2017



MODERN MARTYRS by Daniele Viner



Father Jacques Hamel

There have been millions of martyrs over the years. They all have in common a tenacity of spirit which is not distracted when the going gets tough. They are not cowed by those who can destroy the body but cannot destroy the soul. Martyrdom is a gift from God. The Church needs martyrs "Witnesses" prepared to shed their blood for the love of Christ and neighbour.

Pope Francis said that: if we look well into history, the root cause of every persecution is "the hatred the prince of this world has toward those who have been saved and redeemed by Jesus with his death and with his resurrection."

Not everyone is called to such gruesome death as we saw on our TV screens recently but Christ's disciples are called to endure as Jesus did. To be steadfast under oppression and difficulties, to do the right thing, whatever the price. Why? To give witness to the fact that Jesus is risen. In spite of the storm raging we find rest for our souls because He is gentle and humble of heart and his burden is easy. To give witness to the immense love of God for each person and His Creation.

In these the last days, Christians are persecuted more than ever in many places in the world. The world couldn't cope with the way Jesus lived his life. Today the world hates his disciples because their light shines too brightly and the world prefers the dark.

What do modern martyrs ask for when they manage to "get the word out?" That they should be rescued out of their situation? Blankets? Food? No, they ask for PRAYER. They know their need of the Holy Spirit to sustain them day in day out. To cope with being separated from family, hungry, dirty and despised by their jailers. To have the strength to be a witness to these jailers and other prisoners. To never let their hearts hate those who make life so difficult for them and their families but to keep praying for them. We who are free, have the honour and privilege to pray for today's martyrs. Let's do it now.

CHRIST THE KING by Fr. Luke Goymour

This feast reminds us that Christ is the king of this world and Lord of our lives. As much as temporal authorities are important they do not have the last word - Christ does! He teaches that the way to make a difference in this world is not by shouting the loudest and wielding brute force but by love and mercy: by lives of quiet, heroic and kingly service. This is what mercy is: love in action.

At our baptism we became Priests, Prophets and Kings, part of God's Royal family! It's essential to remember that it's Christ royalty we share: the royalty of a merciful king, the king who reigns from the cross, who suffers and dies but is raised to life and reigns in Glory.

**CHRIST THE KING
YEAR A PSALTER WEEK 2
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 158
Preface: from page 68**

FR. PETER WILL BE AWAY

From 27th November until 1st December Fr. Peter will be attending a celebration for jubilarians in Rome. He will be here for the weekend of 2nd-3rd December but will be away from 5th to 21st December visiting our twin parish in Kompong Thom.

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

On Wednesday 29th November there will be no priest available to celebrate Mass at 12.30 p.m. Instead there will be a Holy Communion Service led by Deacon Kevin.

++++ CHILDREN'S LITURGY ++++
Resumed last Sunday
19th November at 9.30 am Mass.

Christmas Day Dinner

Anyone who would like to join us for dinner on Christmas Day at the Age Concern Hall, Wood Street (off Camden Road), and has not received an invitation, please collect one from the Parish Office.

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 this weekend – any reasonable offer or donations accepted. We will spend the cash raised on special items to put in the Christmas hampers.

Thank you

For the prayers, cards and kindness shown to both of us after my recent unexpected stay in hospital. I would appreciate your prayers during the wait for further tests. God bless you.
Doreen & Paul Lambert

2018 Diaries now available

Cost 60p in support of our twin parish in Kompong Thom!!

MAYOR'S TOY APPEAL

Our collection of toys for this year's Mayor's Toy Appeal will be Sunday 3rd December ONLY. Children attending the 9.30am Mass may bring their gift to the altar as part of the offertory procession and parishioners at any other mass may leave their gifts on the tables to the side of the sanctuary. Donations after this date should be taken to any of the collection points listed on the poster in the Narthex

One volunteer who delivered the toys to a family described how a mother cried when she received the gifts. She said she could never afford to buy her child anything new but now, thanks to the generosity of others and their lovely presents she was able to give her something new.



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

Application forms for Confirmation next June are available from the Narthex by the inner Church doors. Please return the orange forms to Fr Lixon or the Church office. The first meeting for parents and confirmandi will be Sunday 14th January 2018 after the 5.45pm Mass.

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.

First Holy Communion

The first meeting for parents of children registered for the First Holy Communion 2018 programme will be on Tuesday 6th December at 8pm in the Hall when full details of the course will be available. After the meeting the catechists will be available to receive any outstanding Baptism certificates, donations or any other queries you may have.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT EVENING 'REFLECTIONS FOR ADVENT'

Monday 11th December 2017 at 7.45pm

The Seminar Team invite you to enjoy another Life in the Spirit evening.

Gerard Pomfret returns to St Augustine's. Music ministry led by Anne Scripture. Come and enjoy a time of preparation and spiritual refreshment during Advent. Bring a friend with you. All are welcome Refreshments in the Hall afterwards.

For further information contact
01892 542245 or 531093

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.

Walk with Me Booklet

The Southwark edition of 'Walk with Me', a journey of prayer for Advent and Christmastide, is now available. The booklets of daily meditations for Advent are available in the narthex and costs £1

OFFERTORY

Offertory	£919.14
GA	£774.21
Outreach: Care4Calais	£702.89
Mitapeeap	£30.93

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 26th

*Christ the King
Yr A Ps Wk 2*

9.30 am Mass led by children from St Augustine's School
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 offers support to parishes and schools through training and support for those engaged in youth ministry. For more information, please see scys.org.uk

TUESDAY 28th

8.00 pm RCIA - Presbytery

WEDNESDAY 29th

12.30 pm Please note this will be a Communion Service (no clergy available).

THURSDAY 30th St Andrew

SATURDAY 2nd December

2.30 pm Polish Catechism Hall

**SUNDAY 3rd 1st Sunday of Advent
Yr B Ps Wk 1**

4.00 pm Advent Service

OUTREACH Crisis is the national charity for single homeless people. It claims that there are 26,000 single people homeless in England on any given night. Crisis is dedicated to ending homelessness. At Christmas, Crisis takes special steps to provide companionship and support to tackle loneliness and isolation and to help people take their first steps out of homelessness. For more information, see www.crisis.org.uk

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 when Catholic patients are admitted.