

## 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 we use every opportunity, to spread understanding and peace amongst people in God's world

- 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 Meditation  
Tues, 2.00 pm- MR3  
Keralan Fri, Meet Room 3  
Call 0786 2297715 for more details  
Mothers Prayers  
Tues, 10.45 am- Meet Room 3

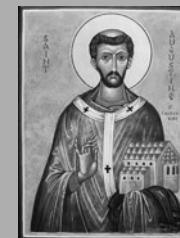
Please note the latest items can be accepted is 4pm on Monday in any given week, **although inclusion for the coming weekend can't be guaranteed.**  
Contributions to:  
newsdesk@st-augustine.co.uk or office.

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

**FACEBOOK** The parish now 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](mailto:thebeaumonts@hotmail.com)

# ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

27th August 2017



## GOOD-BYE TO GRUMBLING by Rev. Fr. Josaphat C. Ezenwa

The Israelites were so happy at their liberation from Egypt that they sang a song of gratitude when their pursuers miraculously perished in the sea of Reeds Ex. 1:1 ff. However, as they travelled along and came between Elim and Mount Sinai they used up the food they brought from Egypt; being short of food they were hungry and they forgot, almost immediately, what the Lord had done for them. They grumbled, first against Moses and then against God.

Like the Israelites of the desert journey, we often grumble and complain both in our prayers and in our dealings with one another without realising it. To determine whether one grumbles or not, one has to be open and sincere to oneself - a few questions may help us in this regard: Is it easier for me to say hello to a passer by on a bright sunny day than to do the same when the weather is nippy or miserable? Do I thank God with joy and gusto for a windfall? Do I also thank him with alacrity when it seems my prayers are delayed or unanswered? Do I grumble if the toilet, bathroom or kitchen was messed up by a member of my family? Do I grumble over bills I have to pay and so on? How do I feel when the meal is delayed? These and similar questions can help us in our relation with God and with one another.

St. Paul writing to the Thessalonians says, "*Always be joyful; pray constantly; and for all things give thanks; ...*" 1 Thess. 5: 16. If we keep in mind that God has a plan in our lives and that we are under his divine providence, it will be easier for us to be grateful and avoid grumbling when things do not turn out according to our wishes.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Anger is an expensive luxury in which only men of a certain income can indulge.

**St Gregory the Great**

### TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**YEAR A PSALTER WEEK 1  
PARISH MASS BOOK**

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## Change the world with CAFOD

You are invited to find out more about how you can share your time to help our poorer sisters and brothers this Autumn:

**CAFOD Fast Day briefing –  
Wednesday 6 September,  
7-8:30pm - St Joseph's, Folkestone  
CT19 4PX**

Hear CAFOD Director Chris Bain speak about their work in El Salvador,

OR

## **CAFOD ESSENTIALS DAY**

**Saturday 9 th September  
9:30am-3:15pm – Romero House,  
Waterloo**

Guest speaker: Claire Dixon

With Opportunities to hear about CAFOD's work in Latin America, the upcoming Harvest Appeal, receive the latest updates about campaigning and our Live Simply Award, meet others and find out more about different ways of volunteering through CAFOD.

To book email: [southwark@cafod.org.uk](mailto:southwark@cafod.org.uk)

**CAFOD's** local volunteers are an essential part of their mission in this country. ♣ They have recently lost two of their volunteers in this parish, one through death, the other retirement. If you would consider acting as a St. Augustine's volunteer, you would find it most useful to attend the "EssentialsDay".

Please contact Laurie Clegg for further information - 01892 525046 - the B.T. system will ask you to give your name.

## **THE MACULAR SOCIETY**

Some parishioners may be interested to learn that The Macular Society meets in the church hall on the first Thursday of the month (with the exception of January and August) at 10.30 am.

Anyone interested should contact Mrs Trish Corney (Leader),  
tel. 01435 872924.

## **CHURCH EVACUATION PRACTICE**

At some time during September, there will be a practice of our evacuation procedure at each of the Sunday Masses. This is obviously an inconvenience but in the light of recent violent events please do take this seriously so that we can keep the Church as safe as possible. There is an information leaflet available in a container on the wall by the main inner door to the Church.

## **Centre for Catholic Formation Diocesan Day for Catechists**

**Saturday 23 September 2017**

For all catechists and those involved in Children's Liturgy of the Word. Workshop booking forms will be sent to parishes in the very first week in September. Please visit the brand new website, same address: [www.ccftootingbec.org.uk](http://www.ccftootingbec.org.uk). The CCF would also be grateful if people would consider liking their Facebook page. for updates and the latest news.

## **The Catenians Rosary Group**

Following on from their work sending Rosaries to the Missions in Australia and Africa - they are now concentrating on providing **plastic** Rosaries to prisons. Rosaries can be sent to: Michael Blackburn  
164 Green Park Road, Halifax HX3 0SP.  
01422 352559 or [Michael@jjbr.co.uk](mailto:Michael@jjbr.co.uk)

## **Tonbridge Dragon Boat Race, Sunday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**

**9am-4pm**

The Bridge Trust is competing in the race along the river Medway by the Castle Grounds and they need paddlers for their boat! You race at least 3 times, over a 6 to 8 hour period. Instruction and practice supplied. £15pp and participants are asked to raise £50 (or more!) in sponsorship for the local homeless. Ring 01732 368363 or email [BBUTTERWICK@thebridgetrust.org.uk](mailto:BBUTTERWICK@thebridgetrust.org.uk)

## **FAREWELL**

Fr. Agnelo will be leaving St Augustine's on Tuesday 29th August to take up his new appointment in Colliers Wood. I would like to thank Fr. Agnelo for all his great work in the parish since he joined us in February 2015, particularly for his phenomenal visiting (putting the parish priest to shame!). He will be returning on 29<sup>th</sup> September for a farewell celebration and presentation. Fr. Peter

## **& WELCOME**

Fr Lixson Cyriac OFM Cap. who arrives in the parish on 1st September and will be introducing himself over the weekend.

**It's that time of year again!!**

**St. Augustine's**

**\*\*\*Parish International Mass\*\*\***

**Saturday 9th September at 5.30pm**

After the Mass there is a party in the Hall, please bring a plate of 'finger' food

## **BEECHWOOD Sacred Heart SCHOOL Open Day Saturday 7th October 2017**

9.30 am to 1 pm

Headmaster's presentation at 11 am  
For details [www.beechwood.org.uk](http://www.beechwood.org.uk)  
or 01892 532 747

## **OFFERTORY**

<b>Offertory:</b>	<b>£843.09</b>
<b>GA</b>	<b>£857.35</b>
<b>Outreach :</b>	
<b>Showfields No 1 Trust</b>	<b>£531.44</b>
<b>CAFOD</b>	<b>£30.80</b>
<b>Mitapeep</b>	<b>£48.40</b>

**Thank you for your unflinching generosity.**

## **THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY 27th 21st Sunday Yr A Ps Wk1**

**OUTREACH Winter Shelter** - Tunbridge Wells Churches' Winter Shelter provides a warm bed, nutritious food, friendship, care and lots of assistance with finding accommodation for up to 12 rough sleepers. It will be open for nine weeks over the coldest part of winter- as well as needing volunteers whilst open, it also needs our financial support.

**MONDAY 28th St Augustine**

**BANK HOLIDAY- Mass only at 10am today**

**TUESDAY 29th The Passion of St John the Baptist**

**12 noon Tuesday Lunch Club - HALL**

**WEDNESDAY 30th Sts Margaret Clitherow, Anne Line and Margaret Ward**  
**SATURDAY 2nd September**

**10.30 am Charismatic Prayer Group -HALL**

**SUNDAY 3rd 22nd Sunday Yr A Ps Wk 2**

**OUTREACH:** Street Pastors are trained volunteers from local churches who care for those in their community. They have been operating in the town for the last 8 years patrolling in teams of men and women, on Friday and Saturday nights, helping to bring a calming peaceful presence to people who are out on the streets.

**Needed Urgently :** A volunteer to act as compere/quiz master for an evening parish quiz event on 30th September in the Parish Hall.

To volunteer or for further details please contact [anujmathew@gmail.com](mailto:anujmathew@gmail.com)

## **GOING INTO HOSPITAL?**

Please let one of our clergy know if you or a family member are going into hospital or into one of the local care homes - especially if you would like a priest to visit you during your stay. Tunbridge Wells hospital and many other care homes do not inform us when Catholic patients are admitted.