

## 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 who provide and deliver essential services but whose work is not acknowledged or recognised.

- Monday - Friday the church is usually open from 6.30am until at least 8.00pm.

### Prayer Groups

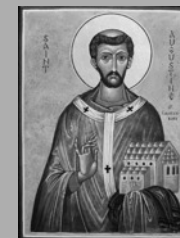
- Cenacolo Thurs, 2.30 pm -  
Blessed Sacrament  
Charismatic Tues, 8.00 pm - Church  
Christian Tues, 2.00 pm- MR3/Hall  
Meditation  
Mothers Tues, 10.45 am- Meet Room 3  
Prayers  
FACEBOOK The church has a Facebook page.  
<https://www.facebook.com/StAugustines-church-Kent-330681750684291/> Its usage 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.

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

# ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

28th January 2018



## Homeless Sunday by Laurie Clegg

It is said that an Englishman's home is his castle. By that standard there are many, many thousands of homeless people in this country. This means self-contained living behind our own front door, where we can live with dignity and a place from which we can shut out the world if we wish.

There are the visible homeless, sleeping in shop doorways and walking the streets during the day with all their possessions contained in a clutch of plastic bags, but we must not overlook all the hidden homeless. These range from the young adult sleeping on the floor of a friend's flat or forced to live with parents through being unable to afford to rent a home, let alone buy a property; and those with children having to live with parents or in-laws for the same reason. They are the lucky ones. There are the elderly who have to leave their homes where they have lived among friends and neighbours and move to a care "home" because the local authorities cannot afford to provide them with care at home. Most demanding of our concern are the families sharing toilets and with inadequate or no facilities for cooking, whose local authority provides them with a room in a cheap hotel or who are renting at more expense than they can afford a damp, vermin-infested room.

As individuals we cannot solve the problem of homelessness but we can and must take action. We can start by praying for the homeless, for those helping them, and for those campaigning and protesting on their behalf. We can stand up for the homeless; of course there are idlers, the feckless, cheats and scroungers, but the majority of the homeless are suffering through no fault of their own and children must be helped no matter what caused their homelessness. We can donate to charities working for and with the homeless. We can volunteer to help a charity, even if only helping out in that charity's shop. There are of course many opportunities for parishioners to help the homeless directly, and if you would like information on how you can do so, just give your name and contact details to the Office.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

We are not the product of blind chance or absurdity; instead our life originates as part of a loving plan of God.

Pope Benedict XVI

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
YEAR B PSALTER WEEK 4  
PARISH MASS BOOK  
Readings: from page 132  
Preface: from page 68**

## COULD YOU WATCH ONE HOUR WITH ME ?

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is a great blessing as those who Adore regularly will tell you. Would you be able to spend one hour in silence with our Lord during the week ? We need parishioners who could commit either on a weekly basis , or as reserves, especially on Mondays or Fridays.

As the Apostles asked Our Lord where he lived he replied Come and See !  
If you think you could and would like more information please contact :  
Suzan Ekrem 07514 094427, 01892 543136 or ask at the church office.

### 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 **this Sunday**, followed by Pizza & Film Night youth group. For more information, please contact our youth leader Sorcha. 07948970995

### CLEANER REQUIRED

We need to recruit a new cleaner for the hall, meeting rooms and narthex, working from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, i.e., six hours per week. For more details please contact Fr. Peter

### The Mindful Path to Christ

**17th February Part 1 & 20th October Part 2**  
Exploring mindfulness and Christian contemplation concentrating on the Carmelite tradition.

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

## 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.

### Sunday Counters Needed

Can you spare a couple of hours once every few weeks?

Some of our longstanding volunteers are retiring from counting the Gift Aid envelopes, and we need new volunteers to join one of the three teams.

**The Evangelisation Team invite you to a Eucharistic Healing Service with the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.**

**8pm Tuesday 13th March**

**With prayer for personal healing, prayer for unity in the Church and healing of divisions, for peace in all countries in the Middle East and the world.**

**Refreshments will be served**

**For more info Stefanie on 01892 542 245 or email stefaniedawn61@gmail.com**

### 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**

Experienced Company Secretary to join the Kent Catholic Schools' Partnership's (KCSP) senior executive team.

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. I look forward to seeing you all in February.

New members are always very welcome, just come along  
Best wishes Ann 01892 529911

### Tunbridge Wells Welcomes Refugees

TWWR has now been running for a year, helping to support the seven Syrian families now living in Tunbridge Wells by giving lifts to medical appointments, visiting, taking them on outings and teaching English. We also organise a monthly social gathering for all the Syrians in the area to get together with their own community.

TWWR would welcome additional volunteers. Contact Viv in the first instance at [viv.m.hughes@gmail.com](mailto:viv.m.hughes@gmail.com)

### OFFERTORY

Offertory £786.21

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Outreach Pax Christi £464.61  
Mitapeeap £32.55 plus £40.14 from Mother & Toddler group for children in our twin parish  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

## THIS WEEK

**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 in Ordinary Time**  
Yr B Ps Wk 4

9.30 am FHC Mass Presentation of Bibles  
5.45 pm YOUTH Mass  
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.

**MONDAY 29th**  
2.00 pm Welfare Bingo -Hall

**TUESDAY 30th**  
11.30 am Funeral Jim Rice.  
No Adoration after 11am  
Noon Tuesday Lunch Club -Hall  
4.15 pm First Holy Communion Class -Hall

**FRIDAY 2nd Presentation of Our Lord**

**SATURDAY 3rd**  
9.00 am First Holy Communion Class -Hall  
4.00 pm First Holy Communion Class -Hall

**SUNDAY 4th 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Yr B Ps Wk 1

**OUTREACH Hospice in the Weald**, which is the leading specialist end of life care provider for the communities of West Kent and northern East Sussex. The Hospice is not part of the NHS but are a local charity and offers varied, integrated services for people with progressive life limiting illnesses, their carers and families. For more information, please see <http://www.hospiceintheweald.org.uk>

### 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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