

## 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 of the Church 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 cherish creation in all its diversity and richness and pray for God's blessing on all our work

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  
Meditation  
Mothers Tues, 10.45 am- Meet Room 3  
Prayers

**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 from the website  
- <http://www.st-augustine.co.uk/newsletters.php>

# ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

29th April 2018



## FIFTH SUNDAY of EASTER

**Today's Readings** By Fr David Gibbons,



**First Reading:** when Saul returned to Jerusalem after his conversion, unsurprisingly the disciples were afraid of him. But Barnabas shows courage and forgiveness, and enables Paul (as he becomes) to begin preaching the good news of Jesus.

**Psalm:** the earliest Christians understood this psalm as referring to Jesus Christ as the Messiah.

**Second Reading:** true love is "real and active", that is to say practical and concrete. True love also entails right belief, that is belief in Jesus Christ.

**The Gospel** for the next two Sundays is taken from the farewell discourse Jesus gave at the Last Supper, according to John. Jesus portrays Himself as the true vine, and His disciples as branches. If the branches are to bear fruit they must not be cut off from Him, but they must be pruned to bear fruit (as any gardener will know).

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
Year B Psalter Week 1**

**PARISH MASS BOOK**

**Readings: from page 268  
Preface: page 74**

## REGINA CAELI

O Queen of heaven, rejoice,  
alleluia!

For He whom you did merit to  
bear, alleluia!

Has risen, as He said, alleluia!  
Pray for us to God, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary,  
alleluia!

For the Lord has truly risen,  
alleluia!

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Let nothing disturb you.  
Let nothing frighten you.  
All things pass.  
God does not change.  
Patience achieves everything.  
Whoever has God lacks nothing.  
God alone suffices.

**St Teresa of Avila**



## St John's Seminary, Wonersh - Can you help?

St John's Seminary, Wonersh, is looking for help with the cost of refurbishment of 30 of its bedrooms at a cost of £2,000 per room, many of which have not been upgraded in **40+ years**. Many rooms have threadbare or no carpets.

The Seminary has been involved in the formation of priests for over 125 years and operates on a very tight budget there is no money for this much-needed work. If you can help in any way, please send a cheque made payable to 'St John's Seminary' to Mgr Gerry Ewing, St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX.

### 'LOOK FOR THE TABLE' - REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 23

Tuesday 8th May at 8pm

Keynote talk - Charles Whitehead  
Renowned Catholic author, founder of the Celebrate Catholic Conferences. Time for discussions over refreshments in the Hall after the talk.



Everyone welcome.

### Douai Retreat

**Tuesday 24th July until Friday 27th July 2018**

We are now taking bookings from those interested. All rooms are ensuite and very comfortable. There is a lift for those staying upstairs and the food is excellent. Further details will be sent nearer the time.

We shall be sharing cars. Douai Abbey is 2-3 hours away. We are sharing cars for this & do ask that if you are given a lift you give £20 to the driver. The cost for a double room will be £150 each and £170 for a single.

To reserve a place please contact Lucia - lucia.crewdson@gmail.com stating whether you are happy to drive or whether you would require a lift.

### FLOWER GUILD

We are in need of more flower arrangers, preferably ones with some experience.

We are in difficulties when several ladies are ill, four at present. The rota means you are responsible roughly every six weeks only. It is a big commitment but a great honour to beautify our church.

Please think seriously whether you can be involved. Those with little experience are also welcome as we work in pairs, and can guide you at the beginning. Please leave your name and telephone number with the Office and I'll be in touch. Lucia Crewdson

**Tonbridge Christian Resource Centre**  
Sadly the Christian bookshop in Tonbridge will be closing. The anticipated closing date is Friday 11 May 2018. They will be having a large sale over the coming weeks so a chance to snap up a bargain.

### Engaging Nations

Saturday 5th May; 6-8.30pm  
Christ Church, High Street,  
Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1UT

Cost is Free

This will be an interactive evening of International Food, Videos, Stories, Prayer and Worship from the Nations to the Nations. Hear what is happening across the globe and how you can make a difference to it.

For more information contact Janet on 01892-522323 or janet@cctw.org.uk

### CAR PARK CLOSURE

The car park will be closed to all cars and pedestrians from 8am on **Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th May** to allow for essential tree work to take place.

### FINAL REMINDER

...for all couples who are celebrating a significant wedding anniversary this year eg 10,25,30, 40,50 or 60th  
If you wish to receive an invitation to the special Mass at St George's Cathedral on Saturday 16th June  
You MUST let the office know by Monday 30th April  
The celebration is by invitation ONLY

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

A reminder there will be a parent's meeting in the Hall this coming Monday 30th April at 8pm in the hall; when further details about the Day at Aylesford on Tuesday 8th May, will be discussed.-

### CONFIRMATION

A reminder that our Confirmation Candidates will be on retreat at Worth over the weekend 11th -13th May -Please let Fr Lixon or one of the catechists know of any concerns or dietary requirements as soon as possible.

### OFFERTORY

Offertory £1934.18

Outreach

Ecclesiastical Education £993.98

CAFOD £10

Mitapeeap £40.20

**Thank you for your generosity**

### THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 29th 5th Sunday of Easter**  
**Yr B Ps Wk 1**

**9.30 am First Holy Communion Mass.**

Children will be presented with a cross at this Mass.

**OUTREACH St George's Cathedral** is the mother church of the Diocese. It has been rated "cool" in a Google review and awarded 5 stars out of 5. The costs of its upkeep increase year by year so please help those responsible for looking after the building to maintain its high public rating. For more information, please see <http://www.southwark-rc-cathedral.org.uk>  
**Please use the gift aid envelope from your pack.**

**MONDAY 30th**

**8.00 pm First Holy Communion**  
**parents' meeting. Hall**

**TUESDAY 1st May St Joseph the Worker**  
**WEDNESDAY 2nd St Athanasius**

**THURSDAY 3rd Sts Philip & James**

**FRIDAY 4th English Martyrs**

**SATURDAY 5th**

**2.30 pm Polish Catechism Hall**

**SUNDAY 6th**

**6th Sunday of Easter**  
**Yr B Ps Wk 2**

**5.45 pm Youth Mass**

**OUTREACH Society of St Vincent de Paul**

The SVP is an international Christian organisation tackling poverty and disadvantage by providing practical assistance to those in need. Our parish SVP group strives to help those who are suffering poverty in whatever form and in the year to 31st March 2018 financial support has been provided in many different ways to the value of £3901 through the generosity of our parishioners.

**GIFT AID DONORS are asked to place their contribution in the special SVP envelopes available in the narthex.**

**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.