

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: For all those caught up in wars, that world leaders will engage in dialogue rather than confrontation.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Faith is like Wi-Fi, it's invisible but it has the power to connect you to what you need.

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

ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

30th April 2017



POST EASTER REFLECTION by a Parishioner



Lent has passed, and now Easter, that period of reflection on the heart, the very centre of our faith - that Christ died and rose again. Without it where would we place our faith?

It does us no harm to ask ourselves what impact has our reflection, during Lent and Easter, had on the way we pray? Is it somehow different? Or still the same old, same old? We're sometimes advised to 'pray as you can, not as you can't'. This may seem sensible, down to earth advice but what can we do when our minds are full of distractions? When we try to pray and our thoughts are on anything other than what we think of as prayer, it can easily feel such a waste of time.

Yet if we can set time aside to reflect on the fact, not possibility, that God is present in every breath we breathe, in every beat of our hearts, always, always; that God is our being; that we cannot be separated from this God who loves us just as we are.

Am I more aware of the Presence of God, through Christ, in my life, in all my circumstances, regardless of age, status, background? How would I describe the relationship I have with my Creator at this stage of my life?

No matter how we may view our relationship with God, we are always loved just as we are - unconditionally. All that is asked in return is that we seek to love and serve Him with all our heart and all our soul (Deut 10,12; John 14,23) knowing that God chose us in Him before the creation of the world (Eph 1.4).

The awareness of God's Presence, no matter how we pray, is the foundation, through Christ, on which we try to live out our faith journey. Now, that would be a real grace from our reflections during Lent and Easter. No words are needed, just silence, and always the awareness of the presence of God to rise and fill our hearts even for a few moments.

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!

**3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
 YEAR A PSALTER WEEK 3
 PARISH MASS BOOK
 Readings: from page 258
 Prefaces: from page 74**



Holy Hour for Vocations

The Day of Prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood and Consecrated Life this year will be celebrated on Sunday 7th May. It flows from the broader culture of vocation, and is when the universal Church asks the Lord to send more labourers to the harvest as priests and religious. The theme for this year is 'Called: extra-ordinary'.

What's your role? To join us in prayer next Sunday afternoon from 4pm to pray for Vocations. Catholics around the world will be praying with you. Will you take a moment now to ask God, from the heart, to call people from our town, our parish? From our families? Perhaps even to call you? *Join us Sunday, 7th May at 4 pm.*

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2017

Since our last notice, another vacancy on the Parish Council has arisen, and further nominations are sought.

To truly reflect the composition of our Parish, we would like to encourage female parishioners to consider joining the Council. The work of a parish councillor is interesting and rewarding and a diversity of contributions is essential. Sometimes it can be challenging. The Council's focus is on serving the Parish so we ask you please to consider helping us.

In view of this vacancy having arisen shortly before the expiry of the last date for nominations, it has been decided to extend this date until 8 May 2017.

The Parish Council

Val and Paddy Reilly are celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on 1st May with a Mass at 11.30 a.m. and would love their friends in the parish to join them for this Mass.

Vacancy: Deputy Headteacher

St Thomas' Catholic Primary School in Canterbury is looking to appoint a new Deputy Headteacher from September 2017. For further information, please contact the school on 01227-462539. Advert available on www.kent-teach.com. Closing date: Monday 8th May at 4pm.

DVD Presentation on Fatima

Saturday 6th May 2017
10.45am in Church Hall
Refreshments served before showing of DVD.

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

8pm Tuesday 9th May
With prayer for personal healing, prayer for unity in the Church and healing of divisions, for peace in all countries in the Middle East.

FOOD BANK

Thank you very much to all those who responded to our appeal to restock our Food Bank, the shelves are now looking a little happier. However like 'the puppy that is not just for Christmas' advertisement so, unfortunately, is the demand on our resources: it would be wonderful, please, if everyone could manage to contribute just one tin each week – thank you.

Beechwood Sacred Heart School Whole School Open Day

9.30am – 12 midday Thursday 04 May 2017
Headmaster's presentation: 10.45am
Whole School Open Day – Saturday 07
9.30am – 1.00pm October 2017
Headmaster's presentation: 11.00am
<http://beechwood.org.uk/admissions/open-days-and-events/>

INSPIRE @ WORTH ABBEY: TEENAGE RETREAT FOR YEARS 7-9 MAY 12-14th 2017

This May there will be another retreat at Worth Abbey for young people in school years 7-9. INSPIRE is part of the youth retreat programme at The Open Cloister. They give young people a brilliant chance to meet other young Catholics and to explore their faith in the beautiful atmosphere of Worth Abbey. There are also games, sports, social activities and much more. The weekend costs £84, but bursaries are available. For more information, or to book, email toc@worthabbey.net - bookings close May 1st or when the retreat is full.

St Margaret Clitherow Catholic Primary Breakfast & After School Club Manager Needed from September 2017

You will be required to work Monday to Friday, 2.45pm to 6.15pm plus 4 extra hour for admin per week, term time only.

For an application pack see, <http://www.stmargaretclitherowschool.org.uk/vacancies/>
The closing date is Friday 12 May. Interviews will take place shortly afterwards.

OFFERTORY

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| Easter offerings | |
| Holy Places | £808.62 |
| Holy Places GA | £280.00 |
| CAFOD | £15.64 |
| Mitapeeap | £10.70 |
| W/E 23rd April | |
| Offertory | £904.47 |
| Offertory GA | £726 |
| Outreach:Pepenbury | £583.79 |
| CAFOD | £10 |
| Mitapeeap | £33 |
| Thank you for your generosity. | |

THIS WEEK

SATURDAY 29th St Catherine of Siena
SUNDAY 30th 3rd SUNDAY OF EASTER
Yr A PS Wk 3

9.30 am FHC Mass - Cross Presentation
OUTREACH: St George's Cathedral is the mother church of the Southwark Diocese. The costs of its upkeep keep increasing so please help with its upkeep to maintain its high public rating. See <http://www.southwark-rc-cathedral.org.uk>
Gift Aid Donors are asked to place their contribution in the white envelope in their pack which is specifically for this outreach.

MONDAY 1st

11.30 am Anniversary Mass - Val & Paddy Reilly, see notice.

TUESDAY 2nd

10.00 am Funeral: Ormonde Power

WEDNESDAY 3rd SS Philip & James

2.30 pm Bible Study – Hall

THURSDAY 4th The English Martyrs

SATURDAY 6th

10.45 am DVD Presentation on Fatima - Hall

2.30 pm Polish Catechism - Hall

SUNDAY 7th 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

Yr A PS Wk 4

OUTREACH: Ecclesiastical Education Fund This collection helps to meet the cost of training students for the priesthood and the permanent diaconate. It also helps support certain forms of ongoing formation of the clergy. **Gift Aid Donors** are asked to place their contribution in the white envelope in their pack which is specifically for this outreach.

On May 13, 2017, the centenary of first Fatima apparition, Archbishop Peter Smith will receive, bless and crown the National Pilgrim Virgin statue in St George's Cathedral, Southwark. Starts 12.30pm, but seats are limited so get there early.