

## 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

### Benediction with Evening Prayer of the Church.

- 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 the children receiving their First Holy Communion, that the precious gift of the Eucharist will be a source of grace throughout their lives.

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

## Prayer Groups

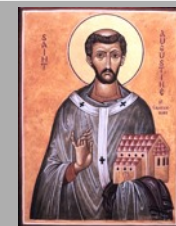
- Cenacolo Thurs, 2.30 pm -  
Blessed Sacrament  
Charismatic Tues, 8.00 pm - Church  
Christian Tues, 2.00 pm - MR3  
Meditation  
Mothers Tues, 10.45 am - Meet Room 3  
Prayers

**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.

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

# ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

3rd June 2018



## THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST by Fr Peter Stodart



The feast of Corpus Christi, the Body and Blood of Christ used to be (still is in most countries) kept on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, but in England and Wales we now keep it on the following Sunday.

This feast originated in the 13<sup>th</sup> century. From 1849 until 1969 there was a separate feast of the Precious Blood, but when the General Roman Calendar was revised it

was felt appropriate that the two devotions should be celebrated in a single feast. It does not focus on any particular event in the life of Jesus but on the mystery of the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

The practice of reserving consecrated hosts was originally adopted so that Holy Communion could be taken to people who were unable to attend Mass. But once the Church, and more particularly church buildings, had become an established part of life, it became customary to keep the reserved sacrament in a prominent place in the church so that the faithful could worship Jesus, truly present in the tabernacle.

We are particularly blessed in this parish to have the opportunity of worship before the exposed Blessed Sacrament for many hours each week, as well as Benediction most Sundays. Today we will have Benediction at 4.00pm. I hope that many parishioners will come this afternoon to join in this great thanksgiving for the wonderful gift of the Eucharist.

## ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT by Fr Daniel Weatherely



To adore Jesus truly present in the Sacred Host is to gaze upon the One Who loves us to the point of death. The Host: as if the moment of perfect and total offering is suspended before us - offering at the Last Supper, Agony in the Garden, offering on the Cross, Risen in Glory - *to draw us in* to the offering of Himself to the Father - we ARE His Body and can become more perfect members of It by

spending time with Him. He Is the Kingdom, the Promise. Let us Adore Him - in the Mass, in the Blessed Sacrament, in our hearts and minds, and He will surely take care of the rest!

**THE MOST HOLY BODY  
AND BLOOD OF CHRIST  
Year B Psalter Week 1  
PARISH MASS BOOK  
Readings: from page 85  
Preface: page 67**

**Please mark your calendars for the Annual Parish Family Day to be held in the church grounds and Parish Hall on 1st July 2018**



Welcoming all parishioners to an afternoon (from 1pm to 4:30pm) of get together with lots of fun, music, children's performance, games, prizes and food. The theme of this year's family day will be to celebrate the international nature of St. Augustine's Parish.

There will be activities corner for toddlers, younger children and youth groups and a cream tea corner with bingo.

For the success of the event, the committee is requesting for volunteers to help with organising the event. Further, we would also appreciate if parishioners could kindly bring some food - preferably from an international background- to share with other parishioners. We also welcome for sponsorships and contributions for raffle prizes and bottle tombola during the event.

**ANNUAL PARISH MEETING 2018**

At the Annual Parish Meeting held on 21 May, Gerard Garcia, J Paul Lambert and Aaron Saunderson-Cross retired from the Parish Council and Alice Harrington-Vogt and Luisa Pollini Kummu were elected to it. The current members of the Council are the Clergy; Mark Dennison (Chair); Robert Tricker (Vice Chair); Anuj Mathew; Carrie Gates; Eddie Maughan; Mairead Ni Fhinn; Luisa Pollini Kommu and Alice Harrington-Vogt.

The Council wishes to express its grateful thanks to the retiring members for their unstinting contributions to the life of the parish.

**RUNNING THE RACE OF LIFE WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT  
12th June - 8pm  
Keynote Talk in Church**

Barbara Onuonga grew up in Scotland and now lives and works professionally in London. She has a leadership role in Youth 2000 (a leading Catholic charity) and is an inspiring speaker and teacher who is passionate about her Catholic faith.



**CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION**

The **Westerham** Corpus Christi Procession is on Sunday 3rd June at 3 pm. Start at St John the Baptist Church on Hosey Hill, Westerham, TN16 1TB. Benediction on the Green and lovely refreshments served after the Procession. See poster and flyers in the porch. **ALL WELCOME**



**The Canonisation of Archbishop Romero,** together with Pope Paul VI and four others,



will take place in a ceremony **in Rome** on the morning of **Sunday 14th October**. The other men and women to be canonised include: Fr Francesco Spinelli of Italy, Fr Vincenzo Romano, Mother Catherine Kasper and Nazaria Ignacia March Mesa. The Romero Trust is proposing to order tickets for the Canonisation Mass Contact Anthony Coles to arctc@btinternet.com or in writing to 18 Maresfield Gardens, London NW3 5SX.

**BRITISH RED CROSS IN KENT FIRST AID PROGRAMME**

By Trinity Sunday, only four people had expressed interest in attending another Red Cross in Kent Everyday First Aid Course this year. This Course cannot be run unless there are at least 10 participants. And it's free!

**If anyone else is interested, would they please add their name and contact details to the list on the table in the narthex before 18 June?** The Parish Council

**Please keep our First Holy Communion Children and Confirmandees in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Sacraments.**

Eucharistic ministers are needed to help celebrate The First Communion Mass on **Saturday 9th June at 3pm** - please contact the office if you are able to help. Many thanks

**St Michael's House, Gardens and Grassland Paths:**

Open to all, Sunday 10 June and Sunday 8 July, 2pm – 5pm.

Come and discover a remote rural corner of Saint Francis' Parish; enjoy the gardens, the meadows and the sheep, and visit the Mediaeval Church of St Michael. Free of charge. Voluntary donations invited to Aid to the Church in Need. Address: Roydon Hall Road, East Peckham, TN12 5NH. Call 01622 812368 for directions or further information.

**OFFERTORY**

Offertory	£1,975.91
Outreach	
African Missions	£1,482.12
CAFOD	£30
Mitapeeap	£30.50

**Thank you for your generosity**

**THIS WEEK**

**SUNDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ Yr B Ps Wk 1**

**9.30 am First Holy Communion Mass  
7.00 pm Youth Group Hall**

**OUTREACH Shimbwe Development Trust** which is an English charity founded by Bishop Beatus Kinyalya and parishioners Dr Peter and Mrs Leo Tesha to support the development of the township of Shimbwe in Tanzania where Dr and Mrs Tesha were born and raised. For more information, please see [shimbwetrust.org/](http://shimbwetrust.org/)

**TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> St Boniface  
12 Noon Tuesday Lunch Club - Hall  
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REHEARSALS**

**4.00 pm for Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 3.00pm  
5.15 pm for Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 9.30am**

**WEDNESDAY 6<sup>th</sup>  
2.30 pm Bible Study - Hall**

**FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus  
7.00 pm Confirmation Group - Hall**

**SATURDAY 9<sup>th</sup> The Immaculate Heart of the Blesses Virgin Mary**

**2.30 pm Polish Catechism – MR2  
3.00 pm First Holy Communion Mass**

**SUNDAY 10<sup>th</sup> 10th Sunday Yr B Ps Wk 2  
9.30am First Holy Communion Mass**

**OUTREACH CaTEW Catholic Trust for England and Wales.** This trust, which is a charity, is the vehicle established by the Bishop's Conference through which the Catholic Church in England and Wales carries out its administrative activities and responsibilities including finance, fund raising, personnel and premises. For more information, see [www.catholic-ew.org.uk](http://www.catholic-ew.org.uk).

**GIFT AID ENVELOPES**  
**New Gift Aid Envelopes are now available from the Parish Office during normal office hours.**