

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

Stations of the Cross

Sunday 4.00pm and Wednesday 7pm

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 world to say with us "we know that he really is the saviour of the world" *John 4:42.*

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

Stations of the Cross



Will take place every Sunday at 4pm, **AND** 7pm on Wednesday evenings during Lent. We are all

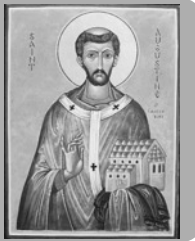
encouraged to take this prayer opportunity during our Lenten preparations.

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

4th March 2018



THIRD SUNDAY of LENT

Today's Readings *By Fr David Gibbons*

First Reading: the God-given Decalogue - or the Ten Commandments as we usually call them. In the context of the Exodus, they "*point out the conditions of a life freed from the slavery of sin*" (Catechism of the Catholic Church). In our context, as Jesus said on many occasions this sacred Law is still valid: the Ten Commandments state what is required in the love of God (the first three) and love of neighbour (the other seven).



The **Psalm** is a psalm of praise of God's law, which alone gives eternal life.

Second Reading: strange as it may seem, our faith is centred on the crucifixion of Christ.

Gospel: in His cleansing of the Temple Jesus (rather like an Old Testament prophet) protests against the profanation of God's house. But only after His resurrection did the disciples come to realise that in speaking of the restoration of the Temple Jesus was making a prophecy of His own Resurrection.

POPE FRANCIS - 24 HOUR VIGIL FOR THE LORD 9th/10th March

*Inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4,
"With you is forgiveness"*

Pope Francis again this year invites us to take part in prayer with "24 Hours for the Lord", where the entire Church community celebrates the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. There will be prayers, readings and silent and communal support for each other as we take part for the glory of God and the benefit of all his people.



SIGN UP SHEETS IN NARTHEX TO VOLUNTEER FOR ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT DURING THE 24 HOUR VIGIL. WE **NEED** PARISHIONERS TO VOLUNTEER TO BE ACTIVELY INVOLVED EVEN FOR JUST ONE HOUR THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE 24 HOURS, PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND TO POPE FRANCIS.

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
WEEK 3
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 161
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BINGO BINGO BINGO

The Parish Welfare Group is hosting another Bingo afternoon on **Monday 5th March 2pm in Parish Hall.**

The cost will be £2 per person which will include refreshments.

First Holy Communion Parents Meeting

The next meeting date is changed from 19th March to **MONDAY 12TH MARCH.** The meeting will be in the hall at 8pm. Please contact the office if you require further details.

Healing Service led by Franciscan Friars of the Renewal 8pm Tuesday 13th March An Evening of Healing and Encountering the Lord's Presence Join us in the Hall afterwards for refreshments.

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

OFFERTORY

Offertory	£857.04
Offertory GA	£675.35
Outreach CAFOD	
Friday Fast Day	£962.62
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14/2/18 Ash Wednesday Soup lunch
Donation to Cafod £235.77
23/2/18 Friday Family Fast Day soup
lunch Donation to Cafod £106.27

Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD BANK

Very many thanks to all parishioners for your steady support of our Food Bank. Sadly the demand on our stock continues to increase and currently we are supporting 83 people each week, of whom 39 are children. This puts a great strain on our stock and we would be most grateful for tins of: Meatballs, Irish Stew, Minced Beef, Beef Casserole, Stewed Steak, Chicken, Meat Pies, Macaroni Cheese, Ravioli, Peas, Carrots, Biscuits and Coffee. We have a good stock of Soup, Baked Beans, Tuna, Pasta, Rice, Tea and Breakfast Cereal and will not need any more for some weeks.

Women's World Day of Prayer Meeting scheduled for Friday morning 2 March has been postponed until Friday 9th March at TW United Reformed/Methodist Church on Mt Ephraim at 10am.

**TW Winter Shelter
Thanksgiving Service.**
6pm **Sunday 4 March 2018:**
at St James' Church.

**The One Week Without Challenge
4th-11th March.**

"Porchlight", a local charity for the homeless, is inviting parishioners to take up its annual challenge. Can you go one week without one of the comforts that the homeless rarely enjoy? Suggestions cover hot showers, comfortable beds, hot dinners, TV, etc. Get sponsorship to help raise funds for and awareness of Porchlight. Sponsorship forms in the narthex. Donations to the Office.

Youth Band is recruiting

Are you in Secondary School? Do you play an instrument, or like to sing? Come and join our youth band! rehearsal is in the Church on March 3rd 2-4pm. Please email our youth leader for the music in advance, and what you may like to do. We intend to accompany the youth masses on the first Sunday of the month.



LILIES FOR EASTER
We will again be offering lilies for Easter in memory of loved ones. If you would like to commemorate someone in this way.

Please leave £3 in the Parish Office.

DICKENS EVENT- 6th April

Tickets are now available from the Parish Office. As there are a limited number of tickets, it would be advisable to book early to avoid disappointment.



Safeguard the future of Catholic Schools

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? If so then Archbishop Peter Smith encourages you to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and promised to abandon it, now we need you to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Further information and to sign the petition : www.catholiceducation.org.uk

EASTER CARDS to CAMBODIA

Our friends in our twin parish love to receive religious Easter Cards and now is the time to think about sending them. Please send them
c/o: Fr. Mark Lopez
Catholic Church
Postal Box 601
Kompong Thom, Cambodia

THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 4th 3rd Sunday in Lent
Yr B Ps Wk 3**

9.30am First Holy Communion Inscription
Mass when children will receive a Bible
4.00 pm Station of the Cross
5.45 pm Youth Mass followed by outh Grp
in the Hall

OUTREACH Kompong Thom Cambodia We have been twinned with Kompong Thom, a community of four small villages in Cambodia, since 1997. We help to raise money for various projects and support the Catholic community generally.

MONDAY 5th

2.00 pm Bingo -Hall
8.00 pm Evangelisation Group -Hall
All welcome.

TUESDAY 6th

8.00 pm RCIA - Fr Peter's Room

WEDNESDAY 7th

2.30 pm Bible Study -Hall
7.00 pm Station of the Cross

THURSDAY 8th

10.00 am Funeral Maureen Jermey

FRIDAY 9th

7.00 pm Confirmation Class -Hall

SATURDAY 10th

10.00 am Marriage Preparation Day -Hall

**SUNDAY 11th 4th SUNDAY OF LENT
Yr B Ps Wk 4**

9.30 am Mass Uniformed Groups' Parade at Mass with a Cake Sale afterwards.

OUTREACH Pepenbury primarily supports those with a learning disability who may need long-term residential care. It provides residential care, supported accommodation, day services and support for people living independently.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The aim of all Christian education, moreover, is to train the believer in an adult faith that can make him a "new creation", capable of bearing witness in his surroundings to the Christian hope that inspires him."

Pope Benedict XVI