

## 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

### Rosary 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 the Street and Prayer Pastors who care for those on our streets at night.

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

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

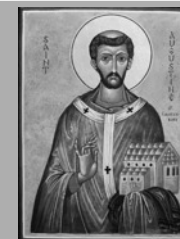
Tribulation is a gift from God – one that he especially gives His special friends. **St. Thomas More**

**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

5th November 2017



## Life in the Spirit Celebration Mass by Doreen Lambert



Our Life in the Spirit seminars finished on the 30<sup>th</sup> October with a 'Mass of Celebration'. Fr Peter was the main celebrant, Fr Josaphat and Fr Lixon concelebrated Mass. The last sentence barely conveys just how wonderful and moving this Mass was.

In his homily, Fr Peter said that , '...In Hebrew, the word 'ruach' means "wind," "**breath**," or "spirit'. He spoke about how our body needs air to survive and grow, and in the same way we need the Holy Spirit for our spirit to grow and thrive.

He said that if we open our hearts and invite in the Holy Spirit – the spirit will **ALWAYS** come, and as a result we will be changed. The corollary being that we will have to act on the changes. He also said that he is frequently surprised by how his homilies are interpreted by different people in the same congregation - the Spirit guiding us to hear what we most need to hear? So perhaps what I gained from the homily differs from others who attended the same Mass.

So much more was said, but I was so absorbed and listened with my soul - rather than my brain noting down all that was said.

We recited the Apostle's Creed and it reminded me of standing together with the pilgrims in front of the Tomb of St Peter in the Vatican last year. For me it was the same moving experience of declaring our faith as one, the body of Christ. Others will be writing about their experience of the seminars, I just wanted to share how wonderful it was last Monday. Lots of happy people leaving the church and sharing in the hall afterwards.

## Recordings of Life in the Spirit Talks

Most of the talks from the Life in the Spirit talks have been recorded and are available as an mp3 audio file on the parish web site. So, if you missed some, they are available for you to listen to.

One of the talks failed to record for technical reasons, (the collar microphone played up with talk 2). <http://www.st-augustine.co.uk/recorded-talks.php>

**31st Sunday Ordinary Time  
Year A Psalter Week 3  
Parish Mass Book  
Readings: from page 149  
Preface: from page 66**

## Catholic Legacy Week 5-11<sup>th</sup> November

Gifts in your Will are a wonderful way you can continue to support the Church's ministry and mission and help meet the needs of future generations. Do please consider gifts to the Church and Catholic charities next time you update your Will. For more information pick up a leaflet; contact Your Catholic Legacy on 020 7095 5370; go to [www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk](http://www.yourcatholiclegacy.org.uk) or contact Adrian Radford, the Diocesan Financial Controller, by email: [adrian.radford@finance-rcdsouthwark.org](mailto:adrian.radford@finance-rcdsouthwark.org)

### RISE Theatre returns

Following on from their fantastic performance last year of 'White Rabbit', we welcome Rise Theatre back for an emotional rendition of

#### OSCAR ROMERO -

#### HEARTBEAT OF EL SALVADOR

16<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the church.  
Doors open at 7pm

Tickets are £10, and under 18's go free with a paying adult! Tickets available from the parish office. (Not suitable for those under 11yrs)

### Bonfire and Baking

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November we'll be celebrating bonfire night at youth group - bring your gloves! Food is provided.

### Bibliodrama Youth Group

Would you like to experience another way to engage with the liturgy? Are you in years 7-9? Then come along to our drama workshops! They will be held on two Monday evenings, leading up to performing at **Youth Mission Sunday Mass on the 26<sup>th</sup> November**. There are sign up forms in the porch, or you can email/call the youth leader Sorcha for more information - [youthleader@st-augustine.co.uk](mailto:youthleader@st-augustine.co.uk) or 07948 970 995

### Help Needed

Anyone interested in assisting event team please contact Anuj Mathew [anujmathew@gmail.com](mailto:anujmathew@gmail.com) or leave your contact details in church office.



### FUN QUIZ NIGHT

As part of parish social events, a fun **Quiz night** is organised for parishioners and friends on **18<sup>th</sup> November** in the Parish Hall from 7-9:30pm.



**Entry tickets are £10 each** to include pizzas, nibbles and soft drinks.

**All profits will go to Mary's Meals.**

Please contact Parish office for tickets.

**Tunbridge Wells Churches Winter Shelter Commissioning Service** will take place on Saturday 25 November; 6pm at the Salvation Army on Bayhall Road.

Everyone is welcome, please do come along to thank God for the provision of the Winter Shelter and to commission all who will be involved, in whatever capacity.

### FOOD BANK SALE

Look out for a table sale of food items not suitable for the bags that we hand out each week, outside the Church after all Sunday Masses on the 25/26<sup>th</sup> November – any reasonable offer or donations accepted. We will spend the cash raised on special items to put in the Christmas hampers.

### OFFERTORY

Offertory	£1038.02
Offertory GA	£838.55
Crisis Appeal Rohingya	£1481.76
Mitapeeap	£40.35

**Thank you for your generosity.**

### Confirmation 2018.

Confirmation will take place on June 24<sup>th</sup> 2018. If you are in year 10 or above and wish to be confirmed please take an application form from the narthex. A meeting for Candidates and parents will be on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January after the 5.45pm Mass and the programme will start on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

**"Power to be"** Please spare a minute this weekend to sign a CAFOD card asking for Government aid to be used to supply solar panels to poor communities in the developing world so that they have access to cheap electricity.

### Calais Migrants

Whatever our views on the Calais migrants' problem we should see the migrants themselves as our brothers and sisters. We should see them through the eyes of Christ because we know the answer to the question - when did we see Him hungry or a stranger, or naked, or in prison and not help Him?

There is now an urgent need for clothes for MEN only, especially small sizes (S. and M.) including coats, blankets, sleeping bags, scarves, gloves, hats. The Justice and Peace Group will take in any items you can bring to the church the weekend 18<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> November and arrange for transport to Calais. At the same time there will be an Outreach collection for Care4Calais, a charity distributing goods and providing services for the migrants in Calais.

**Next Sunday is Remembrance Sunday.** Please leave extra time to travel to Mass to avoid usual road closures.

### FIRST COMMUNION 2018

First Communion Application Packs are available from the table in the Narthex. Please take a pack and return your completed application to the Church office by 14<sup>th</sup> November 2017.

## THIS WEEK

**SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> St Charles Borromeo**

**2.30 pm Bereavement Mass**

Refreshments in the hall after this Mass.

**2.30 pm Polish Catechism - MR2**

**SUNDAY 5<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> SUNDAY Yr A PsWk 3**

**5.45 pm Youth Mass** followed immediately afterwards by Youth Groups in the Hall. Finishes at 9pm.

**OUTREACH: Society of St. Vincent de Paul (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 members make over 70 visits per month to those in need.

New members are now required to carry on this valuable work. GIFT AID DONORS are asked to place their contribution in the special SVP envelopes available in the narthex.

**TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> The Dedication of the Catholic Cathedral of St George**

**Noon Tuesday Lunch Club - Hall**

**8.00 pm RCIA - Fr Peter's Room**

Please note the change of date.

**WEDNESDAY 8<sup>th</sup>**

**2.30 pm Bible Reading Group - Hall**

**8.00 pm Evangelisation Group - Howell Room - All are welcome.**

**THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**

**FRIDAY 10<sup>th</sup> St Leo the Great**

**SATURDAY 11<sup>th</sup> St Martin of Tours**

**SUNDAY 12<sup>th</sup> 32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Yr A Ps Wk 4**

**OUTREACH Archbishop's Administration Fund** The Diocese of Southwark is very large and its administration costs are high. Please give generously. Eligible for Gift Aid, please use the envelope from your pack.

**Deanery Mass for deceased clergy.  
12 noon Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
St Dunstan's, Southborough.**