

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 who work for Cafod,
that they may never lose sight of their vision
that everyone in the world is entitled to live
their lives with dignity.

Prayer Groups

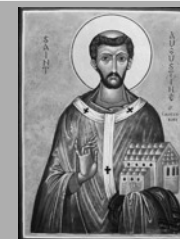
- Cenacolo Thurs, 2.30 pm -
Blessed Sacrament
Charismatic Tues, 8.00 pm - Church
Christian Tues, 2.00 pm- MR3/Hall
Meditation
Mothers Tues, 10.45 am- Meet Room 3
Prayers
FACEBOOK The church has a Facebook page.
<https://www.facebook.com/StAugustines-church-Kent-330681750684291/> Its usage will evolve over
time. Please let us have any comments or ideas
about this new development.
Email Lisa Beaumont
thebeaumonts@hotmail.com

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

8th October 2017



Mountain of Life by Pam McCulloch



Over the previous winter I struggled to hold on to my faith and not to cling so tightly to the past. I have felt doubt and anxiety and fear, it's always worse when I have been ill and alone. It helps to sit myself down quietly and calmly, closing my eyes and slowing my breathing, waiting for the anxiety to pass.

Then, in my mind's eye I see myself in a peaceful garden full of flowers, sitting in the shade of a tree, listening to the birds. I hear quiet voices

from my past and happy children playing. I am completely content here, I feel God in this place, and a little way off at the end of the garden I see the quiet presence of Jesus, and I know that I am safe and loved.

I spend most of my days and all of my nights alone in my home. My life has been full and busy and mostly wonderful always, so the constant quietness and loneliness is hard to bear.

But I have climbed my mountain of life, there's not much more climbing to do, only the glory of the view. And like an ancient and windswept tree I cling to the mountainside for as long as I am able, with the view of the vastness of the earth and of eternity in my heart always.

Autumn of Our Years

The Church is full of people in the Autumn of their years.

Some have led colourful lives

leaves bronzed and golden through exposure to the elements
their appearance the centre of attention.

Others have been exposed to more extreme conditions branches bowed and scarred.

Some go unnoticed, yet stand tall and steadfast
against wind and rain.

All have a story to tell, all can offer support and shelter
for saplings which grow beneath their leafy canopy.

- **Author Unknown**

<http://www.xavier.edu/jesuitresource/online-resources/Autumn-Prayers.cfm>

**27th SUNDAY
ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A PSALTER WK 3
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 137
Preface: from page 66**

SCHOOL REFERENCES

If you are applying for a place in a Catholic or Church of England School for September 2018 you will need a reference from your parish priest. Fr. Peter has now arranged dates when he will be available to complete references. **PLEASE DO NOT SEND REFERENCE FORMS TO FR. PETER OR LEAVE THEM IN THE OFFICE** but phone the parish office, 01892 522 525, to make an appointment and bring the form with you to the appointment.

The appointments offered will be close to the closing date for secondary schools and the schools are aware of this. If you are applying to secondary schools, please fill in the supplementary information form and in the "Signature of priest" box write "**Fr. Peter will supply separately**"; sign the form and return it to the school **before the closing date**. Then make an appointment at which Fr. Peter will sign a separate copy of the last page of the form.

If you are applying to primary schools, please bring the original of the completed application to your appointment. You do not need to bring a baptism certificate, but it is important that you inform Fr. Peter if your child was baptised in any church other than the Catholic church.

**Retreat Weekend
for young adults (20s and 30s)
Theme: Prayer and Discernment
Dates: 20-22 October 2017
Location: London**

The weekend is organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). There will be input, prayer, reflection and discussion with other young adults. You are welcome to attend for the day or to stay for the weekend.
Cost £35

For more information contact Sr Lynne fcJ at lynnefcj@hotmail.com

The Tunbridge Wells Churches' Winter Shelter

The Winter Shelter opens on 2nd January 2018 and will run for nine weeks, during which time it will provide 12 beds for men or women guests who will be served a hot two course evening meal and breakfast. Intensive support is available to help prepare guests for normal living. Volunteers are needed for various tasks. Training is compulsory for new volunteers.

Training Dates: Saturday 14th Oct, 1pm-4pm at St Augustine's Church, **or Wednesday 8th November, 7pm-10pm** at the Salvation Army, Kent. Further details from the Project Manager on 07513 377951

+++ LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS +++

Our **Life in the Spirit Seminars** continue in the church on **Monday at 7.45pm.**

The topic for 9th October will be **Renewal in the Holy Spirit** - and the speaker is **Michelle Moran.**

Why not come along with a friend?

**St Gregory's School Catholic School
OPEN EVENTS 2017**

**Weds & Thurs 18th & 19th Oct
9am to 11am, last tour 10am
Or 4.30pm to 7.30pm**

Talk by Headteacher 4.30pm & 7pm
01892 527444 office@sgschool.org.uk
www.sgschool.org.uk

QUIZ NIGHT - Friday 13th October at St Gregory's Catholic School. 7pm for 7.30. Tickets through the school 01892 527444, £6.50 per person. Cash bar/ BYO Food. All are welcome.

OFFERTORY

Offertory	£887.86
Offertory GA	£786.15
Outreach P.A.C.T.	£588.85
CAFOD	£18
Mitapeeap	£41.95

Thank you for your generosity

ROSARY in OCTOBER

The statue of Our Lady of Fatima is in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel but she will be placed on the sanctuary throughout Mass and for a while afterwards when the Rosary will be recited. Volunteers are needed to lead the recital of the rosary after the 10am Weekday Mass and 12.30pm Mass on Wednesdays please give your names into the office.

R.C.I.A. The Journey of Faith



Begins this Monday 9th October at 8 pm, for all who wish to increase their knowledge of Christianity through the teaching of the Catholic church.

The sessions will be held downstairs in the priests' house.

If you are interested please give your name and contact details to the parish office- Or just come along on Monday evening !

Book of Remembrance

The Book of Remembrance will be available in the porch throughout October. Please enter the names of all those whom you wished to be remembered. The book will be placed on the Sanctuary at our Annual Bereavement Mass for the recently bereaved on **Saturday 4th November at 2.30 pm.**

This Mass is open to all who have or are experiencing a loss and is not just for those who have received a specific invitation.

Refreshments will be served in the Hall after the Mass.

ALL WELCOME

THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 8th - 27th Sunday, Year A PsWk 3
4pm October devotions with Benediction.
OUTREACH CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**

This Harvest Fast Day, we are standing with Edelmira, a farmer in El Salvador, as she works to sustain her family with good crops and harvests. With your help, CAFOD is giving her fruit trees, training, and strong seeds. Please pick up a Fast Day envelope, fast this Friday and give what you can.

MONDAY 9th

**11.30am FUNERAL: Christine Murray
7.45pm Life in the Spirit Seminar** Renewal in the Holy Spirit, Speaker - Michelle Moran. *We all know the problem of trying to live out our Christian calling in our own strength. God's answer is to enlist the help of the Holy Spirit.*
8pm RCIA course starts in the Presbytery

TUESDAY 10th

12 noon Tuesday Lunch Club HALL

WEDNESDAY 11th

**2.30pm Bible Study HALL
8pm Liturgy Committee Meeting**

FRIDAY 13th St Edward the Confessor

**SUNDAY 15th 28th Sunday Year A PsWk 4
OUTREACH ST AUGUSTINE'S SCHOOL**

Our primary school is always grateful for our financial support in assisting it to nurture and educate so many of our young parishioners. Our generosity will be a sign of our appreciation that it is a school where Christ is King.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Never see a need without trying to do something about it.

Blessed Mary Mackillop