

## 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 the homeless and all those working to improve their circumstances.

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, 2.30 pm- MR3  
Meditation  
Mothers Tues, 10.45 am- Meet Room 3  
Prayers

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"You will never be happy if your happiness depends on getting solely what you want. Change the focus. Get a new centre. Will what God wills, and your joy no man shall take from you." **Venerable Fulton Sheen**

**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

18th November 2018



## THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN by Fr. Josaphat C. Ezenwa

As we come towards the end of the church year, we are reminded of the four last things: Death, Judgment, Heaven and Hell. God is a God of mercy but also a God of justice. As God of mercy he does not want any of us to perish but as God of justice, we have to answer for our merits and demerits according to God's divine will.

It is not always pleasant to talk about death. But as Christians we have to look up to death with courage and optimism. St. Francis says, "Praise to Thee my Lord for our Sister Bodily Death from whom no living man can flee" (*The Canticle of Creatures*). Many years ago one of the newspapers in its weekly columns reported that the leader of million Jehovah's Witnesses had postponed the end of the world until further notice and they had also announced that they would no longer attempt to predict when the end would come, following a series of miscalculations. When and how the end will come will always frighten people. The countdown towards the millennium 2000 was a hunting ground for strange speculations about the end time. The interest about the end of the world is as old as Christianity.

Jesus warned us not to be misled by those who would say 'the time is near'. There is no need to be afraid. We will be well prepared if we try everyday to live our Christian life fully well in peace and justice by fermenting our world with Gospel values.

On the 2nd of November, we celebrated the feast of All Souls reminding ourselves of our departed members of the mystical body of Christ. We visited graveyards, prayed and continue to pray for them. This is a powerful reminder that all of us are still united and that death is not the end of life. Each Mass we celebrate is for the living and the dead. This stresses very well that death is the beginning of eternal life; it is the human spirit's glad release - the passing from pain to perfect peace. It can be compared to the parting of the cloud which reveals the sun. Unfortunately, some people are often engrossed with worldly activities that they tend to forget that life is only a journey. We are passing by to a place of bliss and happiness where we will be with Christ forever.

## Confirmation 2019

Young people who are in Year 10 or above of secondary school may now enrol for the Confirmation programme.

### Confirmation will be celebrated on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

Please take an enrolment form from the narthex and complete and return it as soon as possible. The first meeting for parents and confirmation candidates will be Sunday 27th January 2019 after the 5.45pm Mass and the sessions will be after the Sunday evening Mass from 7pm.

## First Holy Communion 2019

Application packs are now available from the porch for children aged 7 or currently in year 3 at school to make their First Holy Communion next year - please take one pack per child - complete all the enclosed forms and return to the church office by November 28th.

A copy of the programme will be available at the parent's meeting which will be held in early December.

**33rd SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
Year B Psalter Week 1  
PARISH MASS BOOK  
Readings: from page 157  
Preface: page 68**

## HOLY SHOP

Christmas Cards, Cribs, Nativity Scenes.

Advent Calendars and Candles.

Diaries and Calendars in Stock Now.

Extended opening times for

ONE Weekend ONLY.

Saturday 24th November 4.30-7.00pm

Sunday 25th November 9.00am -1.00 pm and  
4.30-7.00pm.

## ROSARY in POLISH

Zapraszamy wszystkich na różaniec  
połączony z adoracją Najświętszego  
Sakramentu (po polsku)

w sobotę, 24 listopada o 14:30.

Rosary and adoration of  
the Blessed Sacrament (in Polish),  
Saturday, 24 Nov, 2:30pm.  
All are welcome to join us.

## GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

If you are going into hospital and would like a priest to visit you during your stay it is essential that you let one of the priests know. Tunbridge Wells hospital and many other hospitals do not inform us when Catholic patients are admitted.

## Catholic Radio needs funds

We're a not-for-profit Catholic online Radio. Our Mission is to celebrate our Catholic Faith – and bring the joy and comfort of Our Lord to our listeners, especially those confined to their homes and unable to attend Mass or other parish activities. See website:  
<http://www.heavensroadfm.com/listen-now/>

## OFFERTORY

Offertory	£1817.03
Outreach Diocesan Administration Fund	£623.89
CAFOD	£5
Mitapeeap	£48.65
Red Boxes content for Missio	£527.36

**Thank you for your generosity.**



## PARISH CHARITY QUIZ

The Quiz is back for 2018  
**Sat 24 Nov from 7:00pm**

with the same excellent quiz masters. Come have whale of a time, pit your wits against your fellow parishioners and be the first team to win what will surely become the most coveted of prizes



## 'The St Augustine's Charity Shield'

Tickets are £5 from parish office.  
**As well as aiming to promote community within the church, all profits from the event will go to aid the Southwark diocese Action Against Human Trafficking group.**

The diocese Anti-Trafficking group is active in Nigeria's Edo State (deemed the hub of trafficking) carrying out a pilot project. This is aimed at both raising awareness and creating job opportunities as a livelihood project in the areas of agriculture for young people. Funding for this is being provided by Bishop Patrick Lynch, also some parishes in Southwark Archdiocese.

## MAYOR'S TOY APPEAL

A very popular yearly appeal. Please bring your gifts of toys on (Sat. 1st Dec. 5.30 pm) or SUNDAY 2nd DECEMBER at all Masses and put them on the table by the side of the main altar. At the 9.30 am Mass, the children will process with their gifts.

There is a poster in the porch for suggestions. New gifts only please. No soft toys, weapon-like toys or candles (unless there are four).

## CATHOLIC SINGLES

is an organisation which helps single Catholics of all ages (over 18 years) meet other single Catholics, either one to one or through social events. For further information visit:  
[www.catholic singles.org.uk](http://www.catholic singles.org.uk)  
or tel. 0161 941 3498.

## CHRISTIAN MEDITATION

The Christian Meditation group meet on Tuesdays at 2.30 pm Why not join them!



## FOOD BANK SALE

17/18th November

There will be a table sale of food items, outside the Church after all Sunday Masses.

Any reasonable offer or donations accepted. Income will be used to buy festive items for the Christmas hampers distributed to the needy.



ACN

**RED WEDNESDAY** 27th Nov

Aid to Church in Need ask us to

**Make a Stand for Our Faith**

with persecuted Christians across the world.

There should be a right for all to:

- Worship in private & public.
- Act in accord with our beliefs.
- Bring up children in the faith.
- Not be denied access to the workplace, education or healthcare.

These are some of the rights ACN are fighting for across the world through projects that defend or give people back their churches.

Leaflets are on table in Narthex.

**YOUNG WOMEN OF ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH**

**You are invited to a 'Cheese and Wine' evening**

**Tuesday 20th November at 7.30pm**  
in the parish hall.

This is a new social group which hopes to bring young mums/women together.

Formerly known as The Madonnas, the group will meet monthly for a supportive fun evening, where you can meet or make new friends. No need to book - £3 donation on the night, with any profit to go to help women in our twin parish in Cambodia. Please come along and help make this a success. Look out for future dates for your diary in December and January. Please call Louise for any further details 07810 754745

## THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> 33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday Yr B Ps Wk 1**  
**"World Day of the Poor" Outreach: Winter Shelter: Tunbridge Wells Churches Winter Shelter** opens on 2nd January 2019, offering Christian hospitality to 12 homeless people each night during the coldest months of the year. An evening meal, bed and breakfast is provided by local churches. Most importantly, the guests find companionship with people who care about them. The shelter also aims to make a longer term difference to people, helping them to rebuild their lives.

**MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup>**

**12.30pm Ladies Lunch & Prayer Group – CANCELLED**

**TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup>**

**Noon – Tuesday Lunch Club – Hall**  
**2.00pm ASDC – MR3**  
**8.00pm Baptism Preparation – Howell Room**

**WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> St Cecilia**

**SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> Sts Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest, and Companions**  
**2:30pm Rosary and Adoration (in Polish)**  
**Zapraszamy wszystkich na różaniec polaczony z adoracja (po polsku)- Church**  
**7.00pm Parish Charity Quiz - Hall**

**SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> Christ the King Yr B Ps Wk 2**  
**9.30am Mass – led by students from**

**St Augustine's School**  
**7.00pm Confessions in Polish**  
**7.30pm Mass in Polish**  
**MSZA SWIETA 19.30**

**Outreach: Catholic Youth Work** – On this great Feast Day, the church demonstrates the importance it attaches to our young people by making them a special focus. Today is National Youth Sunday and our collection will support youth work in the diocese and beyond, especially the Southwark Catholic Youth Service. There is an envelope in your gift aid box for this outreach.