

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 a deeper understanding between Christians, Jews and Muslims.

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

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

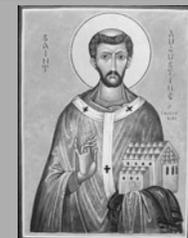
If you are going into hospital and would like a priest to visit you during your stay it is essential that you let one of the priests know. Tunbridge Wells hospital and many other hospitals do not inform us when Catholic patients are admitted.

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

6th May 2018



Easter Joy for Everyday Life

Critical illness in the family, loss of a job, disappointment in a relationship and the burdens of everyday life can make it a challenge to feel particularly joyful – even in the Easter season.

But the joy we are being invited into this season is beyond what we see in our everyday lives. It's true that Jesus says "Come to me and bring me your burdens" but we usually can't believe it. Maybe we don't want to believe it. If I really allow Jesus to come into my heart the way he wants to, will he ask me to change my life in ways that are too hard? How do I share the chaos of my life with Jesus? If I keep him at arm's length, my life might be difficult, but at least my problems are familiar. What would it cost me to let go and change my life?

We know our own faults and failings so well. Too well. We begin to believe that Jesus loves the way we love – with all of our human limits. How could Jesus love us and accept us the way we are right now? Maybe when we fix a few things about our lives, love our spouse a little better, stop being so critical of family members, stop drinking, stop nagging, love a little more... when we are perfect, then Jesus will love us.

If we can overcome our fears, the real power of letting Jesus into our hearts is how free our hearts will become. Suddenly, we are not afraid, not burdened and simply ready to serve with Jesus. Jesus loves us - right now. Whether we comprehend this or not, Jesus loves us endlessly and waits for us with his arms open, ready to hold and support us.

As we receive his embrace and feel the peace and joy of Easter wash over us, we can look over his shoulder, and see beyond to those in need who now wait for us. That's when we realize that the real joy in our lives is putting aside our own faults, challenges and difficulties for a while and entering into the lives of others.

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<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/Easter-Joy-Everyday.html>*

REGINA CAELI

O Queen of heaven, rejoice, alleluia!
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia!
Has risen, as He said, alleluia!
Pray for us to God, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad, O Virgin Mary, alleluia!
For the Lord has truly risen, alleluia!

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
Year B Psalter Week 2
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 270
Preface: page 74

ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday 21st May at 8.00pm in the Hall. We look forward to seeing you there. If you haven't already got one please pick up an invitation, and take a copy of the approved minutes of last year's meeting, from the table in the porch.

This year, three councillors will retire so replacements are needed. If you would like to serve the Parish by joining the Council, please complete a Nomination Form, available on the table in the narthex, and return it the Parish Office. Alternatively, please contact the Chairman (chair-parishcouncil@st-augustine.co.uk) or the Secretary (pooley.richard.sta@gmail.com).

To truly reflect the composition of our Parish, we would like to encourage female parishioners to consider joining the Council. The work of a parish councillor is interesting and rewarding and a diversity of contributions is essential. Sometimes it can be challenging. The Council's focus is on serving the Parish so we ask you please to consider helping us.

Please don't forget that questions or suggestions can be submitted via the box in the porch or by email to the Chairman before Sunday 13th May. If you make a suggestion, it would be beneficial for you to be present at the Meeting to address any queries. **The Parish Council**

BRITISH RED CROSS IN KENT FIRST AID PROGRAMME

British Red Cross in Kent is again offering the parish free training in basic first aid through its Everyday First Aid Programme. Last year's course, was very well received. The purpose of the course is to increase confidence and willingness to act in a first aid emergency. It will be tailored to the needs of the attendees and will take from 2 hours up to 4 hours. We expect it to be run in July, the exact date to be confirmed.

We need to know as soon as possible how many parishioners are interested. If you would like to attend, please add your name and contact details to the list on the table in the narthex before 21 May.



FLOWER GUILD

We are in need of more flower arrangers, preferably ones with some experience. We are in difficulties when several ladies are ill, four at present.

The rota means you are responsible roughly every six weeks only. It is a big commitment but a great honour to beautify the church. Please think seriously whether you can be involved. Those with little experience are also welcome as we work in pairs, and can guide you at the beginning. Please leave your name and telephone number with the Office and I'll be in touch. **Lucia Crewdson**



St John's Seminary, Wonersh - Can you help?

St John's Seminary, Wonersh, is looking for help with the cost of refurbishment of 30 of its bedrooms at a cost of £2,000 per room, many of which have not been upgraded in **40+ years**. Many rooms have threadbare or no carpets.

The Seminary has been involved in the formation of priests for over 125 years and operates on a very tight budget there is no money for this much-needed work. If you can help in any way, please send a cheque made payable to 'St John's Seminary' to Mgr Gerry Ewing, St John's Seminary, Wonersh, Guildford, Surrey GU5 0QX.

CAR PARK CLOSURE

The car park will be closed to all cars and pedestrians from 8am on Tuesday 8th & Wednesday 9th May to allow for essential tree work to take place.

'LOOK FOR THE TABLE' - REFLECTIONS ON PSALM 23

Tuesday 8th May at 8pm

Keynote talk - Charles Whitehead

Renowned Catholic author, founder of the Celebrate Catholic Conferences. Time for discussions over refreshments in the Hall after the talk.

Everyone welcome.



GUILD OF ST STEPHEN

ALTAR SERVERS 41st ANNUAL RALLY

Monday 7th May

The Friars Ayleford Priory

Sung Mass 11:30

Principle celebrant:

Bishop Paul Mason

FOOD BANK SALE

There will be a table sale of food items, that are not appropriate for putting in the bags that we hand out each week, outside the Church after all Sunday

Masses on the 19/20th May any reasonable offer or donations accepted. The income will be used to buy basic items to restock our depleted shelves.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 6th 6th Sunday of Easter Yr B Ps Wk 2

OUTREACH Society of St Vincent de Paul The 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 in the year to 31st March 2018 financial support has been provided in many different ways to the value of £3901 through the generosity of our parishioners. GIFT AID DONORS can use the special SVP envelopes available in the narthex for the contribution to this weekend's Outreach.

MONDAY 7th No 7:30 Mass, church closed after 10:00am Mass

TUESDAY 8th

FHC Outing to Aylesford leaving the Church at 8.45am returning 4pm.

Noon Tuesday Lunch Club Hall

8.00 pm Baptism Preparation Howell Room

WEDNESDAY 9th

2.30 pm Bible Study MR3

THURSDAY 10th Holy Day of Obligation

The Ascension of Our Lord

Masses at 7.30am, 10.00am and 8.00pm

Confirmation candidates on retreat at Worth this weekend from Friday to Sunday afternoon

SUNDAY 13th 7th Sunday of Easter Yr B Ps Wk 3

OUTREACH World Communications Day Day

This collection supports the work of the Catholic Communications Network, the media office of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales. The CCN offers professional channels of communication and promotes the Gospel through news releases, features and podcasts.

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