

THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SUNDAY 13 JUNE 2021

THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

The Gospel today is from St. Mark. One of the proofs of the divine origin of the Church of Christ is its growth from very humble beginnings. Christ could have preached his Gospel to the whole world himself without any help from men. By extraordinary miracles he could have astounded the world into believing. If he wished to have the assistance of men, he could have chosen the outstanding philosophers and orators of Greece and Rome. Instead, he chose to come into this world as a baby, the son of a poor mother and a carpenter foster-father. He was born in a stable; was forced into pagan Egypt before he was a year old; he lived thirty or so years in Nazareth in poverty, earning his meagre daily bread by the sweat of his brow. Then for three years he trudged the highways and by-ways of Palestine, often weary, hungry and footsore, preaching the good news of redemption. For assistants he chose fishermen, shepherds and tax-gatherers, twelve of the most ordinary people of his day. When the time came for him to lay down his life for the world, he allowed his enemies to capture him and to condemn him to the death of the cross. These were surely humble beginnings for a kingdom which was to span the earth and the ages.

The growth and spread of the Church is a proof of its divine origin—it is from God. Its persistent growth, despite its humble beginnings, reveal to us its divine origins. It is like the mustard seed in today's Gospel that starts off as a tiny seed in the ground, but grows to be the biggest shrub of all. Watered by the guidance of God's Holy Spirit it has put out permanent and unshakable roots, and we are the living witnesses of this reality.

This weekend, let's join in praying for the continued unity and growth of the Church which is our Mother. Pray that she may put out new and strong branches in our world of today. May all people, especially the wounded, rejected and broken, find safe shelter in its foliage, and a welcome place to lay their wearied heads. May the Church today still stand on strong and firm foundation, rooted always in the clear Truth of Jesus our Lord and Master.

May the Church remind us of the power of grace continually at work among us. From a tiny mustard seed, great and glorious thing emerge!



Parish Giving

If you are able, please continue to financially support your parish each week, especially during these difficult times.

There are lots of ways to support your parish:

- You can drop your weekly offering in the letterbox of the Parish House.
- You can donate using the online payment feature on our website
- You can set-up a regular standing order which you can also *Giftaid*.
The online form is available on the Donate page of our site.
- Post your Easter Collection envelope through the Parish House letterbox

Visit www.saintaugustines.org.uk/donate for more information.

Reserving a place for Holy Mass or Services...

Our Church is restricted to a maximum of 80 persons at regular Mass (with 2m distancing). Please note that whilst capacity restrictions remain in place, you will need to book a place for Holy Mass using our telephone booking service.

Please call 01236 427538 to book your place.

The line is open from 11am – 1pm from Monday to Saturday.

Please be courteous to the volunteers who have given up their time to take your call.

Masses and Services available at St. Augustine's:

Monday – Friday: 10am Daily Mass

Saturday: 10am, 4pm (Vigil) & 5.30pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8.30am, 10am, 12noon & 5pm

Monday Evening Mass, Feast of Saint Anthony: 7pm



St Anthony's Feast Day Mass with Blessing of Lilies

The Feast Day Mass will be celebrated this year on:

Monday 14th June at 7pm

(Transferred from 13th) with the blessing of lilies.

For those who have ordered lilies:

Those attending the Mass may collect their lilies at the end of Monday's Mass. Otherwise, you can collect your ordered lilies from Tuesday 15th June, after any 10am daily Mass. Please pay (£5 per lily) when you collect.



Sacraments in the time of COVID-19

Please be aware of the following important information in relation to the celebration of Sacraments at St. Augustine's. If you have any queries, please contact the Parish Office on 01236 423044. Please check regularly for guidance updates.

Baptisms

For baptism enquiries please contact the Parish Secretary Margaret Haggarty by calling 01236 423044.

First Reconciliation

Congratulations to the children of Room 9 and Room 10 who made their First reconciliation recently. Many thanks to parents and class teachers for preparing the children so admirably. Thanks also to our Parish Youth Officer Jan Cavin for leading the pre-sacraments retreats in our Parish Centre. The children certainly seemed to enjoy the fun retreat activities.

Marriages

Marriages can be celebrated in the Church with restrictions on numbers of attendees. If you require your marriage to be rescheduled, please contact the Parish House without delay in order to discuss availability on alternative dates. Those who are due to be married, but who have not attended the Diocesan Marriage Preparation course should speak to Fr. Kane about alternative arrangements.

The diocesan Family Life agency has developed an online workshop which is available to watch at www.beingcatholic.org No prior registration is required for this.

*It is essential that Fr. Kane is made aware of any change in date or time for your wedding. It is especially important to alert the parish office of any intention to delay or postpone your marriage in light of COVID-19 restrictions.

Requiem Masses

One of the most difficult pastoral changes that has emerged from COVID-19 is the restriction now placed on the celebration of funerals. At present the limit is set at 50 mourners in the church. Please note, this was recently increased from 20.

We want to remind the elderly, vulnerable or isolated members of our community that we remain close to you. We are here to help you stay connected to others in a variety of different ways.

Can we help to give you some support?

Contact us if you feel lonely or isolated.

We offer friendship and support at the end of a phone.



You may also need someone to take care of essential errands such as:

- Providing urgent assistance with food or toiletries
- Delivering essential pet foods
- Or responding to some other practical need



Simply call the number at the bottom of this leaflet and we will offer you help, support and friendship to ensure you **STAY CONNECTED**.

Can you help us give support to others?

- We need healthy volunteers to assist in taking phone calls at St. Augustine's Parish, Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge.
- We also need 'runners' to make essential errands for the elderly and isolated.
- We need people to donate foodstuffs to stock our **People's Pantry** Foodbank which will be used to provide for those unable to leave their homes at this time.

Finally, you may wish to give a financial donation to support the **Stay Connected** project which will be used to purchase supplies. You can leave a donation at St. Augustine's Parish or donate online at:

www.saintaugustines.org.uk/stayconnected



Call our 'Stay Connected' phone line on:
01236 427538 from 11am - 1pm Mon - Sat.

You can donate to support our Coatbridge Stay Connected project via our Justgiving page at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/coatbridge-stay-connected>

A Covid-19 Update from Father Kane

Dear parishioners,

You may already be aware that the guidance for Places of Worship has been somewhat relaxed in recent times. The nominal cap of fifty attendees at each Mass has been replaced with a different system to ensure capacity reflects the floor capacity of each individual church building. In other words, larger buildings are now able to allow more people to attend services. A detailed assessment of our building was carried out recently which concluded that a maximum of 80 persons may safely attend one of our services. Please note that this is the maximum number and depends entirely on group/family configurations in each pew. The requirement of social distancing of 2 meters remains in place, so this is not a return to normal times. These new arrangements are now in force for all Masses and Services. Please reserve your place as usual by using our telephone booking system.

With the exception of the 10am Parish Mass (Mon - Sat) you should still pre-book your place via the phonenumber. It is not possible simply to turn-up for devotions or weekend Masses. For those attending the 10am weekday Mass, please try to arrive ten minutes before the start of Mass to ensure everyone is registered and seated in time for 10am.

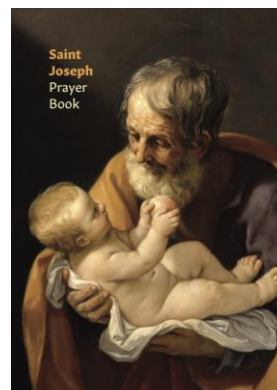
Many thanks for your continued co-operation and patience, *Fr. Kane*

Saint Joseph Prayer Book

You can request your book online at:

www.saintaugustines.org.uk

This small commemorative book, to mark the Year of Saint Joseph, contains traditional prayers to the Saint, including a morning offering, litany and nine day novena. Request extra copies for family, friends and neighbours to help spread devotion to this powerful intercessor Saint.



SACRED HEART DEVOTIONS

WITH BENEDICTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On the Wednesdays of June at 7pm

Please call the reservation phone line to book your place for these weekly devotions. Please remember that due to capacity restrictions, pre-booking is required to attend.

The Service will also be broadcast live on TV and online via Being Catholic TV.

PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday 13 June Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am Holy Mass 10.00am Holy Mass 12 noon Holy Mass 5.00pm Holy Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Monday 14 June Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time	9.30am - 2.30pm S1 Retreats (Parish Centre) 10.00am Holy Mass Chaplet of Saint Michael immediately after Holy Mass 12.00pm Requiem Mass of Alexander Hamilton 7.00pm Festal Mass of Saint Anthony with Blessing of Lilies <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Tuesday 15 June Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time	8.40am Holy Mass for Staff & Pupils (St. Ambrose High Oratory) 9.30am - 2.30pm S2 Retreats (Parish Centre) 10.00am Holy Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Wednesday 16 June Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time	10.00am Holy Mass 7.00pm Sacred Heart Devotions & Benediction (*Please phone to book) <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Thursday 17 June Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time	10.00am Holy Mass Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots immediately after Holy Mass 11.30pm Requiem Mass of Robert Mairs <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Friday 18 June Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time	10.00am Holy Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 11.00pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Saturday 19 June Votive Mass of Our Lady	10.00am Holy Mass Confessions available immediately after 10am Holy Mass 2.00pm Marriage 4.00pm Vigil Mass 5.30pm Vigil Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Sunday 20 June Twelfth Sunday of Ordinary Time	8.30am Holy Mass 10.00am Holy Mass 12 noon Holy Mass 5.00pm Holy Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm</i> <i>(Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>

With the exception of the 10am Mass Monday – Saturday, please ensure you book via the phonenumber if you wish to attend any of the parish Masses or devotions. Pre-booking is still required.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rita Martin; Alexander Hamilton; Robert Mairs; Charlie MacEachen; Kerry Horne.

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Michael O'Neill; Martin Connor; Terry & Tommy Kirkland; Travers, Delaney & Morton families; Denis & Jeanie McCall; Ian & Theresa Ferrie; Ciaran & Anne McHugh; Carol Tennent; Patrick Joseph Black; Peter & Jane Mooney; Hugh, Grace & Joe Parr; Margaret & William Cairns; Harry Brown; Joseph Young; Mary Gracie; James Minnis; James Glen; Paul McConville; Edward Tobin; Patrick Diamond; Patrick & Mary Burns; Jim & Patricia Docherty; Ann Burns; Jim Scully; Tommy, Jim & Bridie Burns.

SICK

We remember all our loved ones, friends and fellow parishioners who are sick at this time.
We remember, too, all those who are suffering with Coronavirus, seeking the intercession of
Our Lady for their protection and healing. We pray especially for:

Baby Jackson Watters; Dawn McCann; James Trower; Patricia Third; Catherine McAllister; John Lennon; Elizabeth Allan; Jane (McGoogan) Dick, Kathleen McLeary, James Stewart; Peter Cranie, Eileen Hillen; John McKendrick; William Houston; Catherine Kane; Mark Hill; Alec Goldie.

Please alert the clergy of any particular prayer intentions to be included for those who are seriously unwell at this time.

Our Lady, help of the sick...pray for them.

Parish Clergy:

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Michael John Kane **Deacon:** Rev. David Harper
Rev. Dr. Francis McGachey (*in residence*)

Mrs. Margaret Haggarty (*Secretary*) / Miss. Antoinette Parr (*Safeguarding & COVID-19 Safety Officer*)

Calling Times / Office Hours

Appointments to speak to Fr. Kane may be made through his Secretary Mrs Haggarty by calling 01236 423044. Please note that for the time-being face-to-face appointments at the Parish House are limited. Telephone appointments with the clergy may also be made by emailing office@saintaugustines.org.uk.

Sacrament of the Sick / Hospital Visitations

Those who require the Sacrament of the Sick at home should contact the Chapel House to arrange for a visit from Fr. Kane. This should ordinarily be arranged *prior to* any prolonged hospital visit. In cases of emergency where you or a family member require the pastoral assistance of the Chaplain please request this from the hospital nursing staff. Please note that even during this time of pandemic individuals have a right to be seen by a Minister of Religion, even if they are in COVID-19 isolation. The family should simply request a pastoral visit by the on-call emergency Chaplain.

Catholic Teacher Approval

Those wishing to teach in the Catholic sector are reminded that it is first necessary to obtain approval from your Parish Priest to show that you accept and live the Catholic faith. For those living within the parish of St. Augustine's this means approval from Fr. Kane. This applies to those about to enrol for the teaching course, those starting-out as probationary teachers, and all those applying for new posts (promoted or otherwise) within a Catholic school.



PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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