



THE PARISH OF
SAINT AUGUSTINE
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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

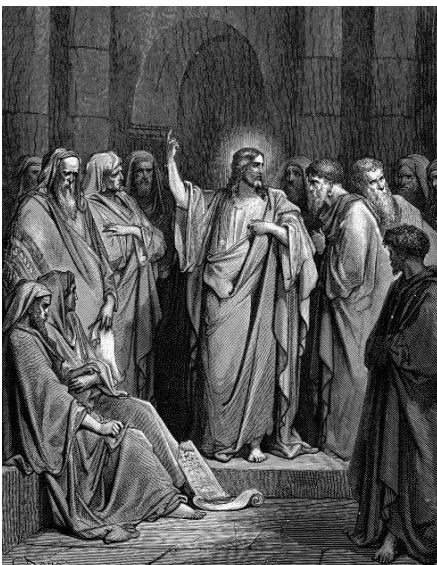
SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 2021

THE CALL TO INTERIOR CONVERSION

How can we become holy? This is a key question that every serious disciple should consider. In answer to that fundamental question, we might say: to be holy means to follow the commandments of God with sincerity of heart, to have a regular and disciplined life of prayer, to seek God in and through His Church, and to be animated by the virtues of faith, hope, love, kindness, forgiveness, generosity etc.

Yet for the First Century Jew in the time of Jesus, holiness came about when you followed a set of rules. The Jews, over many centuries, had compiled a very complicated set of religious laws. If you kept them, you were considered as holy and just and upright. If you didn't, you were unfaithful and sinful, treated like an outcast. And these complicated rules dictated every moment of life for an Israelite. There was a certain way to cook, and a certain way to speak, a certain way to fast and a certain way to dress. And there were even rules about how to clean the inside of pots and cups and dishes before eating. Jesus refers to those rules and prescriptions in the Gospel this weekend.

But there was a problem with all this. Because despite all the rules and regulations which had become part of the fabric of Jewish life, the hearts of people had become hardened. They no longer believed from the heart. They were moving further away from God.



And so today we hear Jesus condemn the old practices. Jesus could see that God was only being worshipped with lip-service, that their hearts were far from God. "You put aside the commandment of God" he says "and cling to human traditions, human regulations".

Jesus is calling on the people to serve God from the heart. Not because of fear of breaking a rule, but because they have a desire from within to love Him. The commands of God are there to help us move closer to Him; they're not an end in themselves. They should help us open our hearts to God.

This weekend let's listen once again to the warning of Jesus. Yes, we are a people called to live by the commandments of God, and to put them into practice in our daily lives. But let's not get lost in the ritual or lost in the rule book of our faith. Instead, let's serve God and love God from the heart. Surely this is the only real path that leads to holiness. We must start with conversion on the inside.

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.



**Please remember that it is no longer necessary to pre-book your place at Holy Mass.
Simply turn-up at the Mass of your choosing.**

Masses and Services presently available at St. Augustine's:

Monday – Friday: 10am Daily Mass

Saturday: 10am & 5.30pm (Vigil) / Sunday: 10am, 12noon & 5pm

***Please note that from Saturday 18th September the 4pm Saturday Vigil & 8.30am Sunday morning Masses will also restart, alongside the regular weekend schedule.**



PARISH CENTRE NEWS



It is hoped that the Parish Centre will re-open for clubs, groups, functions etc in September. Please contact Margaret in the Parish Office for more information. Please call 01236 423044
Mon – Thurs from 9am – 1pm to speak to Margaret.



St. Augustine's Parish Choir



Our parish choir has now recommenced rehearsals with a view of accompanying our liturgies once again in the not too distant future. The absence of live music and singing has been a great miss in our parish which has a long established musical heritage, so we look forward to welcome Elaine Bogie and the choir very soon.

In the meantime, we are looking for new members to join their number. Rehearsals take place every Monday from 7.30pm – 9pm. No musical knowledge is required. This is a great way to get involved in parish life, whilst adding to the joy and beauty of the 12 noon Sunday Mass each week! Contact Elaine Bogie or a choir member for more information. Contact: ebogie@hotmail.com or call 07834 517085.



SACRAMENTS IN THE TIME OF COVID-19

Baptisms

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

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.

*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 restrictions.

Capacity restrictions are subject to regular review by the Scottish Government.

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. Capacity restrictions is subject to regular review by the Scottish Government.



ATTENDING THE CHURCH DURING COVID-19

ENTERING THE CHURCH

- There is no longer any need to book your place for Holy Mass online. Simply turn-up to the Mass you wish to attend. Our Church is a large, ventilated building which can accommodate large numbers safely.
- The Church will still undergo an enhanced cleaning regime after every service (pews, touch points, doors etc)
- Outside doors will remain open during Mass to ensure good ventilation. This means that you may need to wrap-up warm for Mass, especially as the temperature begins to dip.
- Enter & exit the Church through the middle doors. Please use sanitisers provided.
- In order to gather the necessary details for Track & Trace, you will now be able to 'check-in online using a QR Code Poster at the Church entrance by. To check-in via the app simply point your smart phone at the QR code and follow the on-screen instructions. Alternatively you will be given a pen and a small printed form to write your name, address and contact number. You should take the pen and form into the church with you to complete in your seat. You are then asked to drop it off on your way out in the basket provided in the porch.

INSIDE THE CHURCH

- You are free to sit anywhere in the Church (including side aisles) as social distancing is no longer required. However, please be mindful of others and keep some distance and avoid seats that are cordoned off. You should avoid contact with those outside your group.
- All those over 12 years old should continue to wear masks at all times unless exempt.
- The First & Second collection baskets will be passed around at the usual times

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

- Please follow the guidance the stewards and keep some distance from others in the line.
- Please use your own personal sanitiser to gel your hands immediately before Communion
- Holy Communion will now be distributed from two points at the altar area.
- Once you have received Communion please return to your seat via the side aisle, using whichever side you are seated. The infirm will continue to receive Communion in their seats

AFTER HOLY MASS

- Please do not congregate in large numbers outside the Church
- The Clergy will now be available to greet parishioners after Mass as before. If you would like to speak to them then please ensure you are wearing a face covering (even when outside).

Please be particularly mindful of those who are anxious or worried about the relaxation of rules.

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>

Marriage Preparation Courses



Online booking is now open for couples preparing for marriage within the Catholic Church. These single day courses will take place at:

St. Augustine's Parish Centre, Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge ML5 1DQ

Courses take place on Saturdays from 11.30am - 2.30pm on these days:

18 September 2021

22 January 2022

19 March 2022

23 October 2021

19 February 2022

23 April 2022

The course costs £50 per couple and includes all course materials.

Book your course today at www.marriagefamilylife.org

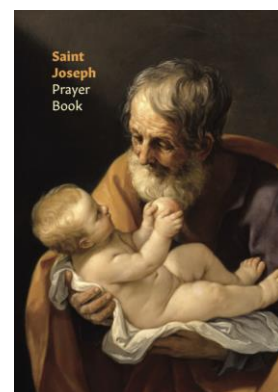
Please book only ONE day course. For more information contact Fr. Michael Kane from the Marriage & Family Life Agency at familylife@rcdom.org.uk

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.



Breakfast Club is BACK!

Enrol your child today in our Parish Breakfast Club which starts back on Monday 23rd August

Our Club runs every school day from 7.45am - 8.50am with pupils dropped-off safely at the gates of St Augustine's Primary in time for the school bell.

Our healthy breakfasts consist of cereals, fruit juices, fruit, crepes, toast and preserves. Children also enjoy fun games and crafts.

Cost: £1.50 per child (Only the first two children in any family pay. The third child and any others go free).

To register your child please complete the printed form which each child will receive via the class teacher and return to the Parish House.



**Contact Club Leader
Liz Quate for more info
on 07703 774512.**



PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday 29 August Twenty Second Sunday of Ordinary Time	10.00am Holy Mass 12 noon Holy Mass 1.30pm Baptism 2.30pm Baptism 5.00pm Holy Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm (Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Monday 30 August Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time	10.00am Holy Mass Chaplet of Saint Michael immediately after Holy Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm (Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Tuesday 31 August Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time	8.40am Service in St. Ambrose High School Oratory for Staff & Pupils 10.00am Holy Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm (Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Wednesday 1 September Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time	10.00am Holy Mass 6.00pm Parent Council Meeting (online via Teams) <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm (Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Thursday 2 September Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time	10.00am Holy Mass Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots immediately after Holy Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm (Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Friday 3 September Saint Gregory the Great, Pope & Doctor	10.00am Holy Mass 11.30am Requiem Mass of Mungo Seggie RIP <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 11.00pm (Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Saturday 4 September Votive Mass of Our Lady	10.00am Holy Mass Confessions available immediately after 10am Holy Mass 5.30pm Vigil Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm (Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>
Sunday 5 September Twenty Third Sunday of Ordinary Time	10.00am Holy Mass 12 noon Holy Mass 1.30pm Baptism 3.00pm National Pilgrimage (Carfin Grotto) 5.00pm Holy Mass <i>*Full online schedule today from 10am - 9.30pm (Visit www.beingcatholic.org)</i>

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RECENTLY DECEASED

Sister Joseph (Poor Clare Convent, Bothwell / Summerlee House);
Mungo Seggie; Margaret McLean; Morag McEwan; Karen Docherty.

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Patrick McKenna; Kathleen Coogans; Kathleen Ferris; Tom Mahoney; Danny Sweeney; Thomas & Mary Gardiner; Bernard Cassidy; William, Duncan, Cameron, John & Patrick Parker; Willie & Bridie Burns; Kristopher & Moira Donnachie; James & Mary McCann; Billy McNeill; Elizabeth Travers; Anne Delaney; Margaret Tobin; John & Theresa Boyle.

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:

Canon William Dunnachie; Baby Jackson Watters; Dawn McCann; James Trower; Patricia Third;
Catherine McAllister; John Lennon; Elizabeth Allan; Jane (McGoogan) Dick, Kathleen McLeary, James Stewart; William Houston; Catherine Kane; Mark Hill; Alec Goldie; Maddalena Abrate; Claire Leslie;
Janette & Johnny McLean; Mr Hernandez; Robert Warner.

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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