

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

20 MARCH 2022

THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST RECONCILIATION

Please remember the young people from P3 who will make the Sacrament of First Reconciliation this Tuesday evening in our Church. I would like to briefly thank all those who have helped prepare the children for this next important step in their Christian journey, preparing them to say sorry to God in this beautiful sacrament of forgiveness.

Thanks firstly to parents for handing on the precious gift of faith, and by leading through example. I thank you especially for ensuring weekly attendance at Mass and for supporting the Sunday Ignite Clubs.



Thanks also to Mrs Docherty, our Head teacher, the class teachers and Jan our Youth Officer for all their help and support in preparing the children in the lead-up to the Sacrament. Please God, this will be a moment when the children will experience the gentleness and tender love of Jesus who is always ready to forgive and heal. May this be the first of many good confessions they will make throughout their lives.

I look forward to welcoming the children and their families to our parish this Tuesday at 7.00pm for this joyful celebration, the fruits of a year-long effort. *Fr. Kane*

LENT CONCERT

with St. Augustine's Choir

Monday 11th April
7.30pm

St. Augustine's Church
Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge



Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre

A great way to enter the spirit of this holy season, and to prepare spiritually for the celebration of Holy Week. All welcome.

LENTEN TIMETABLE

Parish Daily Mass
Monday to Saturday at 10.00am

Evening Prayer & Benediction
Sundays at 6.00pm

Stations of the Cross:
Thursdays at 7.00pm

Lenten Confessions
Saturdays 10.45am - 11.30am
Thursdays 7.30pm - 8.00pm

LENT
Pray + Fast + Give

Parish Giving

If you are able, please continue to financially support your parish each week

There are lots of ways to support your parish:

- You can put into the Covid-safe collection bags at the weekend Mass
- 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.
- Use our new Chip & Pin donation machine at the back of the Church by simply entering the amount you would like to give

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

– SECURITY UPGRADES –

Over the coming week, work will be completed on important security improvements around the parish estate. The parish was recently awarded over £13,000 from a dedicated Scottish Government grant scheme for this specific purpose. My thanks to Ellen Archibald and Ken Boyle for managing the grant process and for liaising with contractors over these many months. The upgrades will include: the installation of 16 new, high quality CCTV cameras to cover the entire church estate and new alarm and door entry systems.

Additionally, we have been granted funds to contribute to boundary security. The open style of the church complex does not allow us to limit access in any way which is something I have been looking to address in recent times, not least because of some recent security incidents and vandalism.

My intention is to recreate a dwarf wall entrance, with iron fencing, at the carpark entrance. This was originally part of the church estate but was sadly removed many years ago. Naturally, any new wall and ironwork would have to be in keeping with the style of the church and sympathetic to what we already have around the perimeter walls. More details will follow soon.

Primary 7 Celebration Sunday 20th of March



We invite all our newly Confirmed Primary 7 children
to a special celebration Ignite Club.

After 10am Holy Mass. 10.50 – 11.45

There will be cake & Holy games



Covid-19 Update

In recent times, public health guidance has relaxed some of the rules for visits to public places. In turn, this has an impact on those attending places of worship like St. Augustine's. Please make note of the changes below:

Check-in for Mass

This is no longer required. Simply turn-up to the Mass you wish to attend. There are no longer capacity restrictions for our church.

Track and Trace

This is no longer mandatory. Contact information will no longer be collected as you enter the Church. Those who wish can still check-in using the QR code in the porch or on the church pews.

Hand Sanitising

This is still a requirement as you enter the Church. Please also consider using your own personal hand sanitiser before you leave your pew for Holy Communion.

Face Coverings

These are still mandatory, except for small children and those who are exempt.

Social Distancing

There is no longer a requirement to socially distance within the Church building. It is certainly prudent to keep some distance from the person next to you in the pew, not least in light of the fact that some people are still anxious.

Holy Water

These can now be used once again as you enter the church. It is essential that you sanitise your hands thoroughly before dipping your finger into the font.

Collections

These will continue using the long-arm telescopic poles. This takes away the need to touch the baskets as they are passed around. Alternatively, you may wish to donate using the QR codes attached to the pews, or the chip and pin machine at the back of the Church.

Cleaning

Our stewards are still cleaning pews and touch points for your safety and peace of mind.

Singing

Singing is permitted.

Celebrating Sacraments

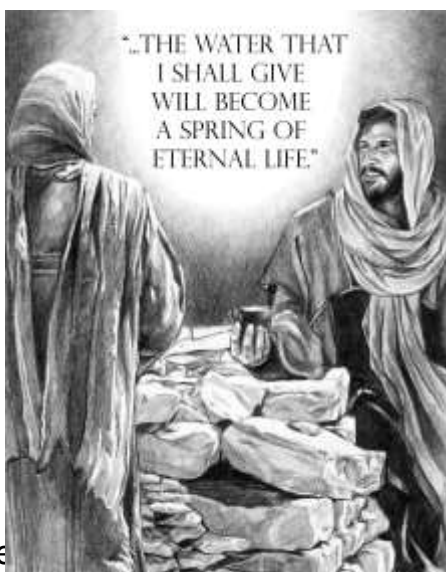
There is no longer a capacity restriction for our church building. This means that there are no longer limits on the numbers who can attend marriages, baptisms, funerals and other celebrations.

JESUS REACHES OUT TO THE SAMARITAN WOMAN

This weekend the Gospel recounts a meeting between Jesus and a Samaritan woman at a water well. And this woman was known to be a public sinner so she was ignored by the people around her, probably shunned by her own people. She came to fill up her jug, but left with so much more. In the end the Lord reached out to her, forgiving her past sins, and converting her heart. He poured out upon her the living water of his mercy and healing, and changed her life completely. The message for us is clear. If we want to change for the better, and leave our sinful ways behind, then we need to come to the deep well of God's mercy and forgiveness. And we also need to want to change. We need to put the effort in, and set off again on a different path, just like the Samaritan woman.

Much of the passage focuses on the fact that Jesus reaches beyond the normal social boundaries to help and heal this woman.

Remember that Jesus is a Jew, a practicing and observant Jew. And the woman is a Samaritan, from the region of Samaria. Now it was well-known at that time that Jews and Samaritans didn't get on very well; they didn't mix socially. So much so that a Jew would travel around Samaria, because it was considered to be a foreign place, even an unclean place.



But Jesus takes no notice of these conventions and rules. He doesn't observe the normal boundaries that we set. He doesn't go around Samaria - he goes into the district. And this is typical of Jesus. He breaks the norms. He touches the unclean; he eats with sinners; he sides with the underdog, the outcast, the leper. He's a radical figure in that sense.

And so it is with this woman. The Lord willingly puts the social rules to one side to reach out and to help her. He doesn't care what other people think. And Jesus asks us to do likewise.

We live in a world where we have constructed around ourselves. Sometimes these are build deliberately to keep certain people out, and sometimes they're put up without even knowing it. We say I'm happy spending time with this type of person, but I don't want to be around so and so. And often we base these prejudices on how people look, what they wear, if they're rich or poor, how they speak, what religion they are, what football team they support etc. We surround ourselves with carbon copies and replicas of people like us, to the exclusion of those who are different. And that limits our experience of life.

This is not the way of Jesus. Remember he ignores those social and cultural boundaries, and reaches out especially to those who are different. And we have to learn from his example.

So this Lent let's be more like Jesus himself, and step over the boundaries we have set, and find that Samaritan beyond our borders. *Fr. Kane*

WEDNESDAY LECTIO DIVINA GROUP

We have now restarted
our Parish Lectio Divina Prayer Group.

This will take place in the Parish Centre
every Wednesday at 7.00pm.

New members are always welcome to join.
Tea/coffee available afterwards.



KAİROS CAFÉ

Since most of the hospitality restrictions have now lifted, we hope soon to be able to re-open the Parish Café which has been a huge miss to so many over these past two years. However, we are still looking for another person to assist in the day-to-day running of the café.

If you are interested in this part-time job (approx. 16 hours per week) please contact the Parish Office with your details.

Since duties include food preparation a food hygiene certificate is essential.

Contact 01236 423044 for more information.



ST. AUGUSTINE'S PARISH CENTRE

A great way to support your Parish! Our
two Function Suites available for:

Wedding Receptions / Funeral Breakfasts
Baptism Receptions / Birthday Parties
Anniversary Parties / Charity Events etc.

**For booking enquiries call
Margaret at the Parish Office:
01236 423044 (Mon-Thurs from 9am–1pm)**

**WEEKEND DATES
STILL AVAILABLE FOR 2022**

Sunday Brunch is back!

Hot breakfast rolls, tea,
coffee & soft drinks
available in St. Augustine's
Parish Centre after the
10am Family Mass every
Sunday.

*Come along and be part
of our family of faith!*

PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH RELIGIOUS SHOP



Open daily after each Mass - Come in & see our new stock items

Statues / Rosaries / books / First Communion gifts / large selection of religious cards / medals / books and much more...



JOINING THE CATHOLIC FAMILY



As you know around about this time of year the RCIA Team are getting ready to accompany those within our community who feel drawn to the Catholic family. I would ask that you continue to pray for all those discerning the Lord's call to embrace the Catholic faith. During these months of prayer, discernment and preparation they will come to know the Lord and His Church more profoundly, with the hope that they will formally join the Church at Easter. If you, or someone you know, would like to take the next step, then speak to Fr. Kane.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

During the COVID-19 restrictions home visits to the sick and housebound were severely disrupted. At that time Fr. Kane was only able to visit those who were seriously unwell. With the relaxation of some guidance, the parish is now able to restart regular pastoral visits. If you or a loved one, neighbour or friend would like a home visit from Fr. Kane please complete and return the following form to the Parish House. The office will then be in touch to arrange a suitable time for Fr. Kane to visit, as well as a more long-term arrangement for the housebound person to receive Holy Communion and the Sacrament of the Sick at home.

St. Augustine's Parish - Pastoral Visit Request Form

Name of Sick or housebound person: _____

Address for visitation: _____

Contact Number: _____

**Please return this completed form to the Parish House. The office will be in touch to make arrangements.*

SCIAF WEE BOX APPEAL

SCIAF is Scotland's national Catholic aid agency. Given the Gospel mandate of almsgiving, SCIAF has a special place in our lives during the season of Lent. For most Catholics, this is the primary way we show our practical love and concern for the poor and suffering during this holy season.

Please collect your SCIAF pack at Mass this weekend. These packs include the Wee Box for Lenten donations. Please return these boxes to the parish at the end of Lent. Many thanks for your almsgiving.



SCIAF
Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund

DIOCESAN 'BENEMERENTI' MEDAL AWARD

Recently I announced that one of our parishioners is to be awarded the Diocesan Medal for services to Saint Augustine's Parish. Ken Boyle is a most worthy recipient of this honour. Unfortunately, the Mass was postponed before Christmas due to coronavirus restrictions. We hope very soon to confirm a new date for the Mass when we will welcome Bishop Toal to preside and to present Ken with his medal. Once again we offer our congratulations to him on this happy occasion. God bless, *Fr. Kane*

SCIAF COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

Next weekend the Second Collection will be taken-up at all Masses to support the vital work of our national Catholic charity SCIAF. This annual collection helps to support SCIAF's many projects overseas and is the main source of income along with the Wee Box donations. This year, so much of their attention is focused on assisting with the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Ukraine and its neighbouring countries.

SUNDAY OBLIGATION NOW RESTORED

Please read the Pastoral letter from the Bishops of Scotland about the restoration of the Sunday Obligation from 6th March. This letter is published online. It is worth highlighting that those who are genuinely unable to restart attending Mass due to illness or because of a serious anxiety or fear, should not feel obliged to attend. This important point was stressed by a letter Bishop Toal sent to the Parish Priests of the diocese.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us for Stations of the Cross each Thursday evening during the season of Lent at 7.00pm. This is a simple and poignant prayer tradition during the penitential season.



How to 'live Lent'

If there's one thing we think we know about Lent, it's that we're supposed to "give something up." We're not sure why, but we pick something we like to indulge in, and resolve to "fast" from Netflix or chocolate or for the next 40 days. We think this is living Lent, and that we're being good Catholics, but mostly we feel like other things are missing. Always the sure guide, we can turn to the Catechism of the Catholic Church for some help uncovering what Lent is all about, and for some specific suggestions on how to ensure we take advantage of the spiritual opportunities available to us during this liturgical season.

Enter the desert

Lent, according to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, is a time during which "the Church unites herself ... to the mystery of Jesus in the desert." Jesus was "driven by the spirit into the desert" after his baptism in the Jordan, and he remained there for 40 days in solitude, without eating. The 40 days were really a preparation for what came next—the temptations in the desert. Jesus did not succumb to the temptations of Satan in the desert, which the Catechism says "anticipates victory at the Passion." Before the victory, however, there was the forty days of fasting and prayer, and it's this mystery we are encouraged to unite ourselves to during the 40 days of Lent.

The Catechism suggests various specific practices for lent: "spiritual exercises, penitential liturgies, pilgrimages as signs of penance, voluntary self-denial such as fasting and almsgiving, and fraternal sharing (charitable and missionary works)." We break these practices down into seven specific things you can do over the next 40 days to unite yourself to Christ in the desert, above and beyond just "giving something up."

Pray: It should be noted that the first suggestion invites us to above all intensify our prayer life. To unite ourselves to the mystery of the desert means we are to enter the desert with Christ, and that means solitude, silence, and prayer. This could mean dedicating oneself to prayer for a set time each day, making an effort to read Scripture, or spending a time each week before the Blessed Sacrament. Look at what you currently do, and increase it a little bit.

Go on a retreat: Lent is the ideal time to get away from the normal routines of life for a few days and attend a spiritual retreat. Half-day retreats or parish missions are common during Lent, and are ideal moments to unite yourself to Christ alone in the desert.

Go to confession: Retreats are a good opportunity to also avail ourselves of "penitential liturgies." This simply means, go to confession. If you can't attend a retreat, take a half day or maybe a few hours to go over a thorough examination of conscience. Try to go to confession shortly afterward.

Make a pilgrimage: A pilgrimage is a physical journey to a holy place that reflects our spiritual journey toward heaven. Within our own diocese we have Carfin Grotto, or further afield Schoenstatt or Dalmaly in the Highlands. These are great places to experience the silence of God in our Lenten desert.

Fast: It should be noted that fasting comes after suggestions to intensify spiritual and penitential practices, and before suggestions to give alms and do works of mercy. Fasting should be done within the context of prayer, repentance and almsgiving. Fasting without these other elements is simply exercising willpower.

Almsgiving: Giving to the poor is an essential duty of every Christian, and during Lent we are called to intensify the practice. Give to your parish, to Catholic Charities, to SCIAF, to a food bank or to another charity of your choice. We often forget that giving alms can also include giving to a friend, family member or neighbour in dire need.

Give yourself: At the end of the list of penitential practices, the Catechism includes "charitable and missionary works." These are works of service to the poor, or to your neighbour. The obvious suggestions include volunteering at a project run by Catholic Charities or St. Augustine's Parish, or other charitable works. Think of our groups like The People's Pantry or our youth groups. You could give yourself there!

CONFIRMATION CONGRATULATIONS



We have a selection of NEW Free Holy Communion clothing items and accessories.

Boys and Girls.

Please come along to
St Augustine's Parish Centre
Sunday 20th of March
12pm-2.30pm

THE PARISH OF SAINT AUGUSTINE

Breakfast Club at St. Augustine's Parish *is back!*

Running every school day from 7.45am - 8.55am
from the Parish Centre.

To register your child or for more information contact
Liz Quate on 07703 774512



THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY

Many thanks to all those who recently responded to our appeal for extra foods. Food donations may be left at the sacristy after any Mass or at the Parish House.

Perhaps you could consider supporting this project as part of your Lenten almsgiving?

Please remember the People's Pantry is open every Thursday from 12 noon to 3pm. We are there to help anyone who is struggling with food supplies.

CHARITY, OR ALMSGIVING, 
IS AN OUTWARD SIGN OF
CHRISTIAN LOVE FOR OTHERS.



NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY & MASS WITH BLESSING OF LILIES

This year the parish will prepare for the Feast of St. Anthony by praying the Nine Tuesdays Novena before the Feast Day.

There will also be a special Feast Day Mass on Monday 13th June with the traditional blessing of lilies.

Monthly Medjugorje Mass

in St. Augustine's Church
on the last Monday of each month
(Next Mass is on Monday 28th March)

The evening of prayer follows the same daily programme as the Shrine of Medjugorje:

7.00pm Rosary

7.30pm Holy Mass

followed by Adoration

Tea/coffee afterwards in the Parish Centre





Youth News



THE IGNITE CLUB IS BACK!

Kids are invited to come along after the 10am Family Mass in their class groups to learn about their faith through fun crafts and games!

Runs from 10.45am - 11.45am (approx) in the Parish Centre.

P3 and P4 meet for the Ignite Club.
See you there boys & girls!



Ignite Drama Club - Stations of the Cross

Every Wednesday 4.30-5.30
Starting 2nd of March
St Augustine's Parish Centre

Primary 3&4
See parish Bulletin
for more
information.

Twitter: @AugustinesYouth
Facebook: St. Augustine's Youth

SAINT AUGUSTINE

Sacrament Dates & Enrolment Masses

Please note the following important dates:

P3 First Reconciliation Service - Tuesday 22nd March 2022, 7pm

P4 First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass - Sunday 27th March 2022, 10am Family Mass

P4 First Communion Masses - Sundays 8th & 15th May 2022

Fun Lent Books for Kids



These are still available FREE to pick-up in the Church porch after any Mass this weekend.

Each pack will contain fun activities, puzzles, games and crafts for each day of Lent. As ever, prizes for the best entries!!!





Youth News



Altar Servers

A huge thanks to all our new altar servers who have been AMAZING on the altar. Please remember that servers are allocated to Masses on the updated rota.

Those wishing to join our servers' group should contact the Servers' Co-ordinator Nadine Henderson on 07864287952 for more details. Updates are also posted regularly on the parents' WhatsApp group. New Easter Rota will be available soon!

Children's Liturgy

This fun group is open to all children in Primary 4 and below and takes place during the 10am Sunday Family Mass. The priest will invite all the children to go to the sacristy at the start of Mass for their own liturgy. There the children will listen to the Gospel and learn about Jesus' words through a craft lesson.



Ignite Clubs

The Ignite Club continues again this Sunday from 10.45am - 11.45am immediately after the 10am Family Mass. These clubs will help to prepare the children preparing for sacraments this coming year. It will work on a 2 week basis (one Sunday for P3 & P4, and then the next Sunday for P7 kids). Each club will contain a fun teaching through craft!

Children in the sacramental classes are asked to attend the 10am Mass and then go to the Parish Centre afterwards for Ignite. During this time parents can enjoy a tea/coffee and a hot breakfast roll in the lower hall. Below you will find the Ignite schedule for the next few weekends:

- This Sunday 20th March - P7
- Next Sunday 27th March - P3 & P4
- Sunday 3rd April - P7
- Sunday 10th April - P3 & P4

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



Weekly Kids Competition

Every week the Parish Bulletin will feature a colour-in page for kids. We invite children to complete the craft and post your finished work through the letterbox of the Parish House. All entries will be displayed on the windows of the Parish House (facing the outdoor Calvary scene) for all to see and admire! Fr. Kane will choose a winner each week with a small prize for the best! Well done to last week's winners.





Youth News



Ignite Drama Club

This weekend we have our first ever parish Nativity Play. Every week we have been rehearsing within the Church and Parish Centre. Thank you to all the children for their hard work and commitment and thank you to the parish volunteers for giving their time to help grow Youth Ministry within our Parish.

Confirmation Saints' Names

Primary 7 children are now busy choosing a sponsor and selecting their Confirmation saint's name. Boys choose a male saint and girls choose a female saint. This is a heroic person they can turn to in prayer at any moment throughout their lives. This saint becomes their protector & friend from heaven! It's an important decision, requiring lots of research & prayer.

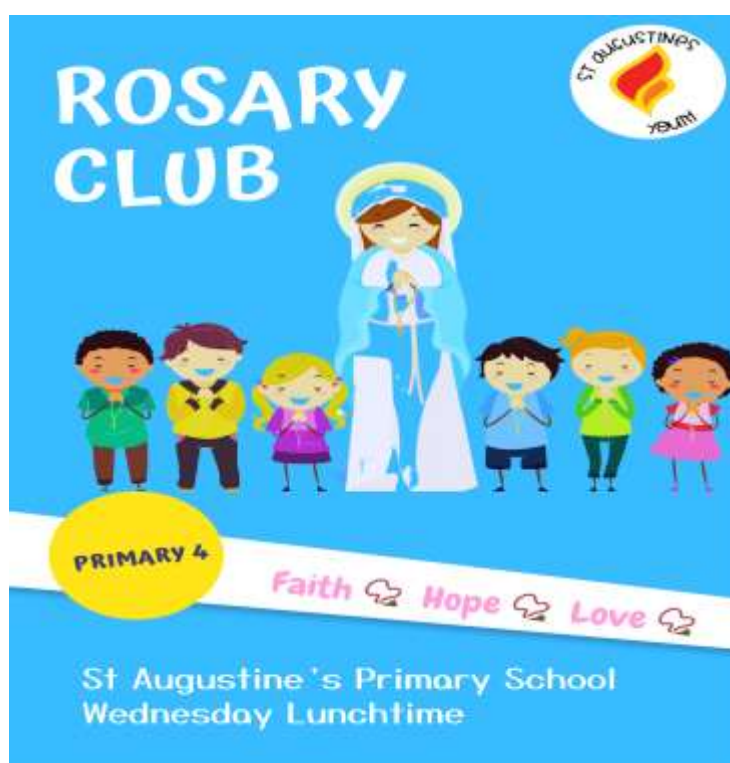


FAITHBOOK - New Monthly Newsletter for Kids

Our Parish Youth Officer Jan has been busy putting together the second edition of our fun-filled 12 page newsletter which will soon be given-out to all the children in our Primary School. It will also be available every month online for download. This new project allows our young people to learn more about their faith and keep informed about all the different activities and clubs available for them here in the parish. It also includes craft exercises, puzzles and games!

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Families of P4 pupils have the date of their child's First Holy Communion (either 8th or 15th May 2022). The children are now preparing for this important sacrament using their school workbook and by attending the twice-monthly Ignite clubs!



Jesus Helps the Samaritan Woman at the Well



Colour-in and return to the Parish House so that your picture is displayed in Fr. Kane's window.
Remember, each week there are prizes for the best!

THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY

Can you support our parish foodbank with vital food donations? These supplies are given freely to individuals and families in the local area who request help.



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Please remember the People's Pantry is open every Thursday from 12 noon to 3pm. We are there to help anyone who is struggling with food supplies. It is Fr Kane's intention to increase the opening hours of the Pantry very soon so that this vital food support is more widely accessible to those in need.



CLOTHING SUPPORT

The parish recently took delivery of a very large quantity of new clothing and footwear which was kindly donated by The Knights of Malta based in London.

We will be looking to give these items away freely to anyone in our community who is in need. More details to follow in the bulletin.

Winter Coat Appeal Update

The end of February marked the end of our annual Winter Coat Appeal which has been running since before Christmas. Thanks to all those who generously donated coats and other items to support those in our community who needed them most. My thanks also to our parishioner Barry Cassidy for co-ordinating the appeal, alongside his team of volunteers. Special thanks to the local high school pupils (especially Caritas Award pupils) who worked many hours preparing the packs each week.

Barry has provided the following impressive review of this year's appeal:

- More than 800 warm winter coats have been distributed from the church railings, People's Pantry and other local partners.
- More than 600 pairs of brand-new warm winter socks have been distributed from the church railings.
- Countless hats, scarfs and gloves were given away.
- Neatly 120 winter care packs containing essential toiletries and warm winter clothing have been distributed from the church railings.
- We have also been able to donate children's coats to a number of local schools who requested assistance. THANK YOU!

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

23 October 2021

22 January 2022

19 February 2022

19 March 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



Church Cleaning Group

If you would like to join our small team of volunteers who help clean the church each week then please contact the Parish House.

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- You can set-up a regular standing order which you can also **Giftaid**.
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- Use our new Chip & Pin donation machine at the back of the Church by simply entering the amount you would like to give

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



THE PIONEER TOTAL ABSTINENCE ASSOCIATION OF THE SACRED HEART

If you would like to join the Pioneers' Movement or sign-up for a temporary pledge, simply speak to Fr. Kane or call the Parish Office for more information.

Lent is a great time to offer abstinence from alcohol as a spiritual gift to God!

PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday 20 March Third Sunday of Lent	10.00am Family Mass 10.50am - 11.50am Ignite Club for P7 Children (Parish Centre) <i>Confirmation Group party at the Ignite Club this weekend!</i> 10.50am - 11.50am Sunday Brunch - hot drinks & Breakfast rolls (Parish Centre) 12.00 Noon Holy Mass 5.00pm Holy Mass 6.00pm Lenten Devotions (Evening Prayer & Benediction) Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Monday 21 March Third Week of Lent	9.15am P6 & P7 Assembly with Fr. Kane in School (Stations of the Cross) 10.00am Holy Mass <i>Chaplet to Saint Michael immediately after Holy Mass</i> 11.00am First Reconciliation Classes Visit to Church 7.30pm RCIA Meeting (Parish House) Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Tuesday 22 March Third Week of Lent	8.35am Holy Mass in St. Ambrose High School Oratory for Staff & Pupils 9.15am P2 & P3 Assembly with Fr. Kane in School 10.00am Holy Mass 5.00pm Vigil of Reception of Charles Farrell RIP 7.00pm First Reconciliation Service (Church) Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Wednesday 23 March Third Week of Lent	9.15am P4 & P5 Assembly with Fr. Kane in School 10.00am Holy Mass 11.30am Requiem Mass of Charles Farrell RIP 12.30pm Rosary Club for Pupils (Primary School) 4.30pm - 5.30pm Ignite Drama Club (Parish Centre) 7.00pm Lectio Divina Prayer Group (Parish Centre) Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Thursday 24 March Third Week of Lent	10.00am Holy Mass <i>Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots immediately after Holy Mass</i> 7.00pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm - 8.00pm Confessions Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Friday 25 March The Annunciation of the Lord <i>Solemnity</i>	10.00am Holy Mass of the Solemnity of the Annunciation Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Saturday 26 March Votive Mass of Our Lady	10.00am Holy Mass <u>Confessions immediately after Holy Mass until 11.30am</u> 12.00pm Baptism 4.00pm Vigil Mass Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Sunday 27 March Fourth Sunday of Lent <i>(Laetare Sunday)</i>	10.00am Enrolment Mass for first Holy Communion Candidates 10.50am - 11.50am Ignite Club for P3 & P4 Children (Parish Centre) 10.50am - 11.50am Sunday Brunch - hot drinks & Breakfast rolls (Parish Centre) 12.00 Noon Holy Mass 1.30pm Baptism 5.00pm Holy Mass 6.00pm Lenten Devotions (Evening Prayer & Benediction) Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.

During the season of Lent we are all invited to take-up the opportunity of deepen our prayer lives. Please join us at the weekday 10am Mass if you are able. Or come along to the extra devotions on offer throughout the week.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Charles Farrell; William Mitchell; Thomas Kiernan; Maureen Doherty.

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Very Rev. James Canon Foley; Dr. Felice Marcuccilli; Charles & Elizabeth Parr; Thomas & Catherine O'Neill; Freddie Law; John Hughes; William & Margaret Cairns; Michael & Anna Coogan; Hugh, Mary (Kane), & Hugh Jnr Windsor; George & Andrew Davidson; Edward & Margaret Tobin; Ryan Connell; James & Mary Martin; Rena Henderson.

SICK

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

Patricia Third; Catherine McAllister; John Lennon; Ellen Curran, John Cowell, Kathleen McLeary, James Stewart; William Houston; Catherine Kane; Mark Hill; Alec Goldie; Janette & Johnny McLean; Mr Hernandez; Robert Warner; Heather Flanigan, Patrick Maguire; Rose Bree; Amelia Jepsome; Sharon Brown; Morag Dunn; Rebecca McNally; Jim Gillick, Stephen Harper; Ruby Brown; Alice Iwalumo; Sophie McLelland; Mary Mitchell; Margaret Rowan; John Cairney; James Trower; Grazyna Shellie; Ellen Curran; Alan Connelly; James Kerr; Charles Farrell; Clare McMullan; Thomas Clarke (Crossmaglen); Stella Mesquita; Jacqui Mesquita-Morris; Clare Daly.

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.**

****Please note that the above names (excluding sick) will be read-out at the Sunday 10am broadcast Mass each week. Please ensure names are handed-in to the Parish Office by Thursday of that week at the latest.***

Parish Clergy:

Parish Priest: Rev. Fr. Michael Kane **In residence:** Rev. Fr. Dominic Towey **Deacon:** Rev. David Harper

Youth Officer: Mrs. Jan Cavin / Mrs. Margaret Haggarty (*Secretary*) / Miss. Antoinette Parr (*Safeguarding*)

Calling Times / Office Hours

Appointments to speak to Fr. Kane may be made through his Secretary Mrs Haggarty by calling 01236 423044. (Office hours Mon – Thurs: 9am – 1pm). Alternatively you can email 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. Please contact Fr. Kane if you have any questions about this process.



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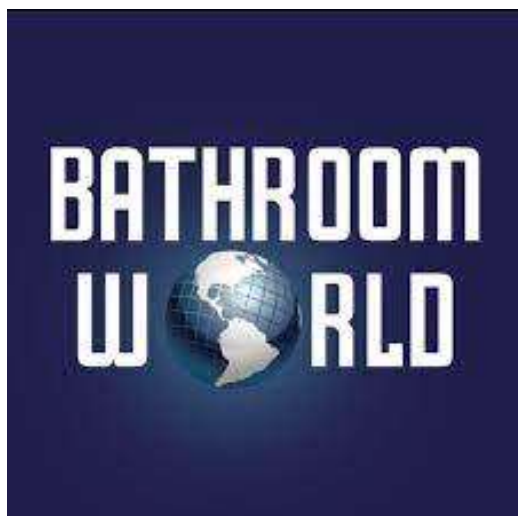
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