

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 FEBRUARY 2022

JOURNEYING THROUGH LENT

Lent, the forty days before Easter (not counting Sundays), is a somewhat curious period in the Church's calendar. It is the season marked by **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**. Many Christians try to give up something: for instance, chocolate, alcohol, meat on Fridays, Facebook or television. It is a period for us to try to break bad habits, almost as if Lent gives us another opportunity to retake those New Year's resolutions!

So what exactly is Lent about? One word used by those who observe Lent is 'preparation'. *Lent is a preparation for Easter*. Easter, with its message of Christ destroying sin and death through his death and resurrection, is the most exciting moment in the Church's year. Yet we can undercut this note of victory by being so occupied that, amid the frantic activity of our lives, we carelessly stumble upon Easter. Lent provides us with forty days' build-up to Good Friday and Easter Sunday that forces us to prayerfully ponder the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus. As the best way to appreciate a sunrise is to be there in the darkness before dawn, so the only way to appreciate Easter is to have come to it through the penitential season of Lent.

Please make every effort to attend the extra parish services this Lent. I especially invite you to experience the forgiveness and mercy of God by coming to Confession. Additional times for Confession are published in the Lenten Timetable below.

ASH WEDNESDAY MASSES: 10am & 7pm this Wednesday 2nd March

WELCOME BACK

Please note that the Bishops of Scotland have now announced the restoration of the Sunday Obligation to attend Holy Mass. As you know this had been suspended for the duration of the pandemic in order to keep people safe.

This means that from Sunday 6th March, the First Sunday of Lent, Catholics should attend Holy Mass. This is now the time to return to the regular attendance of Holy Mass each week. The commandment to keep the Sabbath Day holy is an extremely important element of our faith and shows a commitment to God that we desire to seek His living presence in the sacraments. Of course, those who are housebound, sick, caring for a sick relative are dispensed of the regular obligation.

LENTEN TIMETABLE

(Starting from Ash Wednesday)

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

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 –

Early in March work will commence 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 new high quality CCTV cameras to cover the entire church estate and new alarms 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...

CHURCH HEATING

Following our recent upgrade, heating has now been restored to our Church.

This has made an enormous overall improvement in the ambient temperature in the Church building.

Thanks be to God!

Thank you for your patience over these past few cold weeks.

God bless, Fr. Kane





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.

Pope announces 2 March as day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine

Pope Francis says his heart aches over the situation in Ukraine and announces a “Day of Fasting for Peace” on Ash Wednesday.

During the General Audience on Wednesday, Pope Francis made a heartfelt appeal for peace in Ukraine, saying that the threat of war had caused “great pain in my heart.”

“Despite the diplomatic efforts of the last few weeks,” the Pope said, “increasingly alarming scenarios are opening up,” with many people all over the world feeling anguish and pain. Russia invaded Ukraine some days ago at the orders of President Putin.



““Once again the peace of all is threatened by partisan interests,” he stressed. Pope Francis appealed to those “with political responsibility to examine their consciences seriously before God, who is the God of peace and not of war, who is the Father of all, not just of some, who wants us to be brothers and not enemies.””

He also prayed that “all the parties involved refrain from any action that would cause even more suffering to the people, destabilizing coexistence between nations and bringing international law into disrepute.”



Prayer and Fasting for Peace

Speaking at the end of the General Audience, Pope Francis invited everyone to make 2 March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace.

“I encourage believers in a special way to dedicate themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war,” he said.

Russia and Sanctions

As the threat of war looms in Eastern Europe, the United States sought to put pressure on Russia on Wednesday by stepping up sanctions.

The U.S., the European Union, Britain, Australia, Canada, and Japan planned to target banks and elites while Germany froze a major gas pipeline project from Russia.

British Foreign Secretary Liz Truss said Britain would stop Russia from selling sovereign debt in London. The moves come after Russia deployed troops in separatist regions of eastern Ukraine. Putin on Monday recognized the enclaves in the Donbas region which border Russia, raising increasing fears in the West of a major war.

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.



KAIRO'S 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!

Donation only

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.*

HOLY MASS TO CELEBRATE THE ASH WEDNESDAY

Wednesday 2nd March 2022
10.00am & 7.00pm

Join us as we begin the season of Lent together.

*The
Season
of
Lent*



SYNOD MEETINGS

Once Fr. Kane is back after his bout of ill health, he will publish details of the parish Synod meetings. It is anticipated that these will take place during the season of Lent. More details to follow in next weekend's bulletin. More details can be found on the diocesan webpage and social media feeds.

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*

CHECK-IN CHANGES

Those who wish are invited to check-in to Mass using the QR codes now attached to the Church pews. Please continue to use the hand sanitisers in the church porch and also your personal sanitiser before receiving Holy Communion. Face coverings should also be worn in the church unless you are exempt.



SUNDAY OBLIGATION TO BE 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 Catholics Mark Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday is one of the most popular and important holy days in the liturgical calendar. Ash Wednesday opens Lent, a season of fasting and prayer.

Ash Wednesday takes place 46 days before Easter Sunday, and is chiefly observed by Catholics, although many other Christians observe it too.

Ash Wednesday comes from the ancient Jewish tradition of penance and fasting. The practice includes the wearing of ashes on the head. The ashes symbolise the dust from which God made us. As the priest applies the ashes to a person's forehead, he speaks the words: "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return." Alternatively, the priest may speak the words, "Repent and believe in the Gospel."

Ashes are an ancient symbolize of grief, in this case, grief that we have sinned and caused division from God. Writings from the Second-century Church refer to the wearing of ashes as a sign of penance and sorrow for sin.

Priests administer ashes during Mass and all are invited to accept the ashes as a visible symbol of penance. Even non-Christians are welcome to receive the ashes. The ashes are made from blessed palm branches, taken from the previous year's palm Sunday Mass.

It is important to remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of penitential prayer and fasting. It is generally inappropriate to dine out, to shop, or to partake in regular social events that day. Feasting is highly inappropriate. Small children, the elderly and sick are exempt from this observance.

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. It is a season of penance, reflection, and fasting which prepares us for Christ's Resurrection on Easter Sunday, through which we attain redemption.



Why we receive the ashes

Following the example of the Ninevites, who did penance in sackcloth and ashes, our foreheads are marked with ashes to humble our hearts and reminds us that life passes away on Earth.

Ashes are a symbol of penance made sacramental by the blessing of the Church, and they help us develop a spirit of humility and sacrifice.

The distribution of ashes comes from a ceremony of ages past. Christians who had committed grave faults performed public penance. On Ash Wednesday, the Bishop blessed the hair shirts which they were to wear during the forty days of penance, and sprinkled over them ashes made from the palms from the previous year. Then, while the faithful recited the Seven Penitential Psalms, the penitents were turned out of the church because of their sins -- just as Adam, the first man, was turned out of Paradise because of his disobedience. The penitents did not enter the church again until Maundy Thursday after having won reconciliation by the toil of forty days' penance and sacramental absolution. Later, all Christians, whether public or secret penitents, came to receive ashes out of devotion. In earlier times, the distribution of ashes was followed by a penitential procession.

CONFIRMATION PRAYER PARTNERS

The parish is preparing to enter the final few weeks of sacramental preparation for the young people of Seven who, very soon, will celebrate Confirmation in our Church with Bishop Toal on **Wednesday 16th March at 7pm.**

These days are marked by catechesis around the gifts of the Holy Spirit which they will receive in this sacrament of maturity. They also learn about the life and example of the saint whose name they have chosen to now accompany them through life. Yet, this time of preparation is not only focused around catechesis and learning; it is also about prayer and preparing interiorly for this next important step in their journey of faith. The candidates are encouraged to deepen their relationship with the Lord through daily prayer by themselves, and also with their families.



This is also an opportunity for the entire parish family to pray for our young people as they put down deeper roots of faith. I would ask that all of us hold these children in our daily prayer, to ask the Lord to make them strong and committed members of the Church and active disciples of Jesus.



For those who are happy to commit to this spiritual endeavour, you may like to sign-up to be a **Prayer Partner** for one of our *Confirmandi*. You can choose a candidate from the board in the Church porch. Simply write your name and pray for your candidate every day in the lead-up to Confirmation. I also invite you to write and send a Confirmation card to your child, with a short personal message to remind them that you are accompanying them with daily prayer. This is a tangible way to remind the children that they belong to a spiritual family that loves and supports them.

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



National Day of Prayer

Friday 4th March 2022 is a Day of Prayer all those who have experienced abuse.

Please pray for children, young people and vulnerable adults whose lives have been scarred by the abuse they have experienced at the hands of those whom they trusted.

Pray also for all are engaged in the pursuit of peace, healing and reconciliation for the abused, the needy, the weak and the vulnerable.

Pray that the work of the new Scottish Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency will be guided by the Holy Spirit to help us all to meet our responsibility to respect and safeguard the dignity of all.



Monthly Medjugorje Mass

in St. Augustine's Church

On the last Monday of each month

(Next Mass is on Monday 28th February)

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



Ignite Drama Club - Easter Play

Following the success of our Christmas Nativity Play, our Ignite Drama Club is back again in preparation for easter! The group will meet every Wednesday evening (starting on Ash Wednesday) at 4.30pm in the Parish Centre.

25 places are available for any children in P3 & P4 wishing to take part in a live Stations of the Cross play around easter time. The play will narrate the Easter story. It will also be filmed by Being Catholic TV and broadcast on our national Catholic channel.

More details to follow via our Youth Officer Jan. Watch-out for the parental letter in school bags coming soon...

Sacrament Dates & Enrolment Masses

Please note the following important dates:

P7 Confirmation Enrolment Mass - Sunday 20th February 2022, 10am Family Mass

P3 First Reconciliation Enrolment Mass - Sunday 27th February, 10am Family Mass

P7 Confirmation Mass with Bishop Toal - Wednesday 16th March 2022, 7pm

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

Lent Craft Packs

Following the excellent uptake of recent Lent and Advent kids crafts packs, these will again be made available free of charge to our children very soon.

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

More details can be found in next week's bulletin on how to get yours!





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.

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 27th February - P3 & P4
- Next Sunday 6th March - P7
- Sunday 13th March - P3 & P4
- Sunday 20th March - P7
- Sunday 27th March - 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.

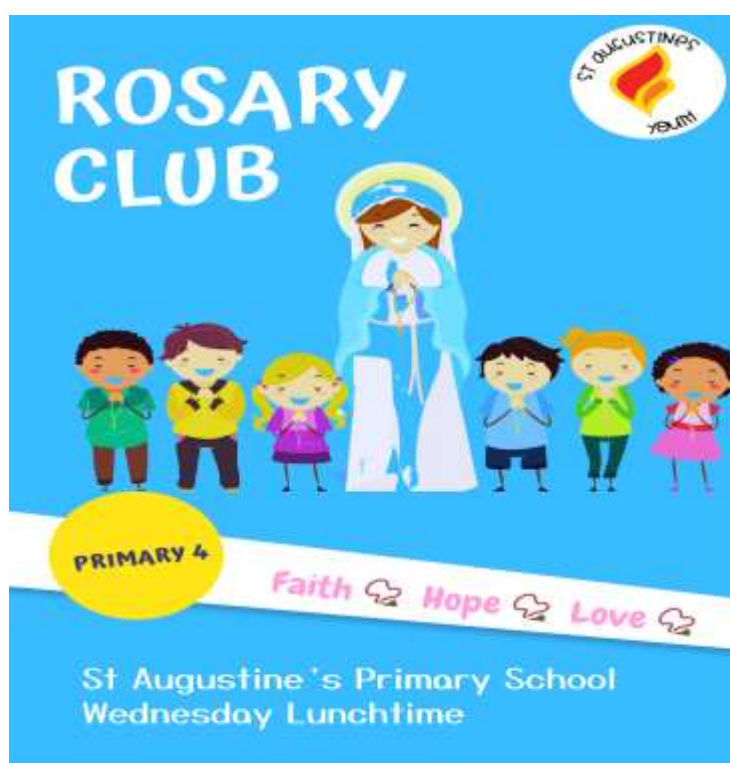


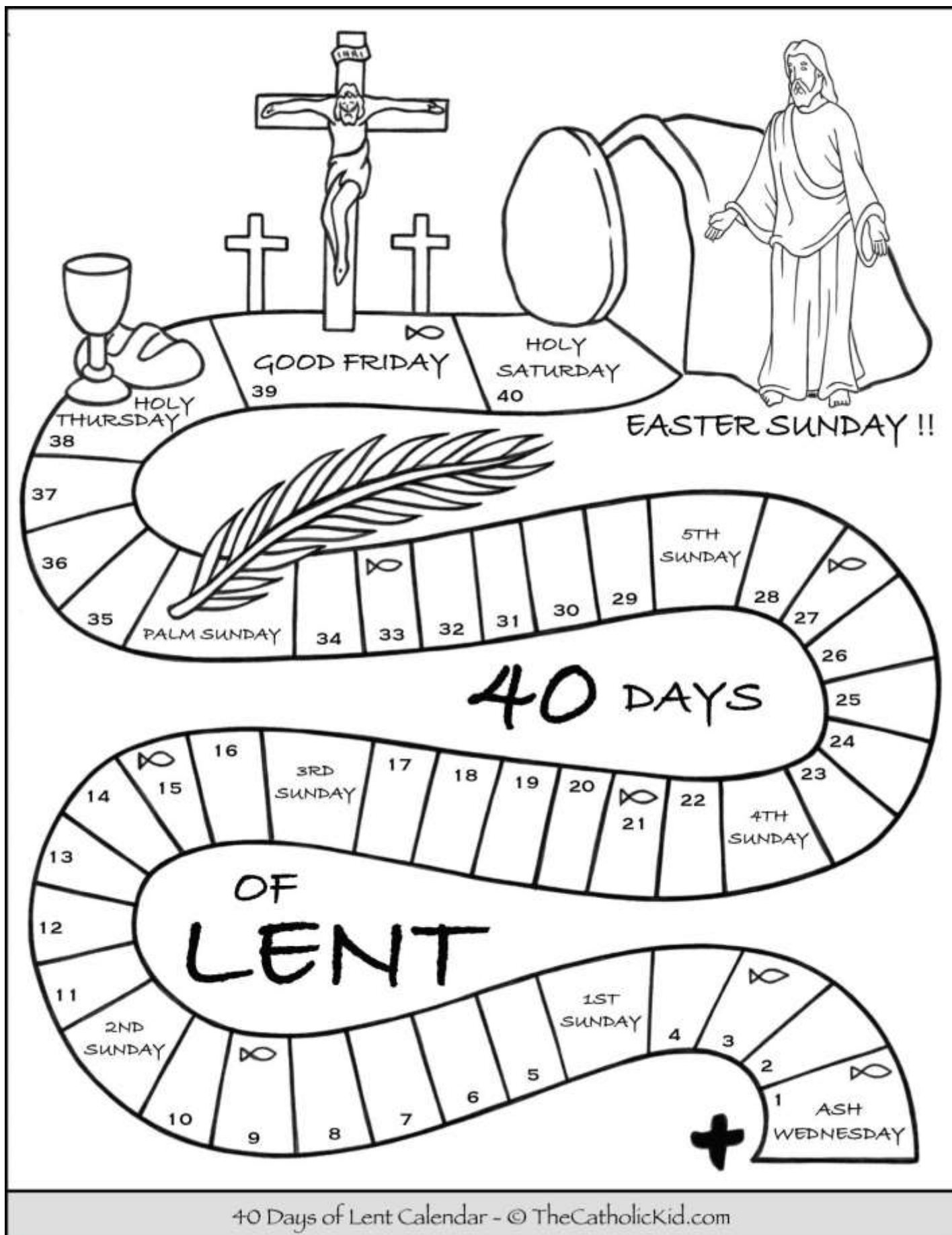
FAITHBOOK - New Monthly Newsletter for Kids

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!





40 Days of Lent Calendar - © TheCatholicKid.com

Use your daily Lenten calendar by colouring-in each day as you go along! Prizes for completed entries at Easter! Track you progress towards Easter Sunday!

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.

**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

Food donations can be left at the sacristy after any Mass or at the Parish House through the day.

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.

HELPING THE LOCAL COMMUNITY WITH FOOD AID



The People's Pantry Foodbank

Blairgrove Shopping Precinct, Coatbridge. Next to Scotmid

**OPEN EVERY THURSDAY
12.00 - 3.00 PM**



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

St. Augustine's Parish, Coatbridge

**DO YOU HAVE ANY OLD COATS/JACKETS
ADULTS AND CHILDREN'S SIZES NEEDED
CAN BE DONATED AT OUR TOY APPEAL SHOP
84 MAIN STREET, COATBRIDGE
(THE OLD SHOE ZONE)**

FREE winter coats for adults and kids will be available outside the Church railings (Dundyvan Road) every Saturday from 12pm – 6pm every weekend (and through Saturday nights) until the end of February. Check you size and simply take what you need! Spread the word!

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.

Parish Giving

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- 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.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Many thanks for your contribution to last week's second collection. £840 was raised to support our sick and retired priests across the diocese. Your support and generosity for the mission of the diocese is greatly appreciated.

PARISH TIMETABLE FOR THIS COMING WEEK

Sunday 27 February Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time	10.00am Family Mass (Enrolment Mass for P3 First Reconciliation 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 Baptisms 12.00pm - 6.00pm & overnight FREE COATS available from Church rails 5.00pm Holy Mass <u>Medugorje Evening:</u> 7.00pm Holy Rosary 7.30pm Holy Mass followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Tea/coffee afterwards in the Parish Centre Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Monday 28 February Eighth Week of Ordinary Time	10.00am Holy Mass Chaplet to Saint Michael immediately after Holy Mass 7.30pm RCIA Meeting (Parish House) Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Tuesday 1 March Eighth Week of Ordinary Time	10.00am Holy Mass Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Wednesday 2 March ASH WENDESDAY <i>*Lent begins</i>	<u>10.00am Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes</u> 12.30pm Rosary Club for Pupils (Primary School) 7.00pm Lectio Divina Prayer Group (Parish Centre) <u>7.00pm Holy Mass with Distribution of Ashes</u> Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Thursday 3 March After Ash Wednesday	10.00am Holy Mass Novena to Our Lady Untier of Knots immediately after Holy Mass <u>7.00pm Stations of the Cross</u> <u>7.30pm - 8.00pm Confessions</u> Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Friday 4 March After Ash Wednesday	10.00am Holy Mass Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Saturday 5 March Votive Mass of Our Lady	10.00am Holy Mass <u>Confessions immediately after Holy Mass until 11.30am</u> 4.00pm Vigil Mass Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Sunday 6 March First Sunday of Lent <i>*Sunday ~Obligation restored from today.</i>	10.00am Family Mass 10.50am - 11.50am Ignite Club for P7 Children (Parish Centre) 10.50am - 11.50am Sunday Brunch - hot drinks & Breakfast rolls (Parish Centre) 12.00 Noon Holy Mass 12.00pm - 6.00pm & overnight FREE COATS available from Church rails 5.00pm Holy Mass <u>6.00pm Lenten Devotions (Evening Prayer & Benediction)</u> Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.



Please note: Ash Wednesday falls this Wednesday 2nd March. Masses at Saint Augustine's (with distribution of ashes) will take place on that day at 10am and 7pm. Please come along to one of the Masses as we begin our Lenten journey.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Rev. Fr. Peter Lafferty; Jimmy Tyrrell; Gerard McShane; Ella McLaren; Ricky Kane; Raymond Milliken; Margaret Martin; Maria Cochrane; Edward Priesty.

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Danny Sweeney; Sonny Sexton; Cecilia Lennon; Johnny Haley; Philip & Elizabeth McKeown; Mary Murphy; George Black; John & Mary Haley; Margaret Ann McKeown; Jim Davis; Terry & Ella McLaren; Rena Henderson; Alex & Jane McGinley; John Parker; Kathleen Grant.

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:

Baby Jackson Watters; Patricia Third; Catherine McAllister; John Lennon; Jane (McGoogan) Dick, 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; Baby Charlotte Emery; Sophie McLelland; Mary Mitchell; Margaret Rowan; John Cairney; James Trower; Grazyna Shellie; Ellen Curran; Alan Connelly; James Kerr.

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

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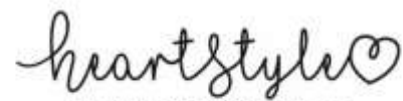
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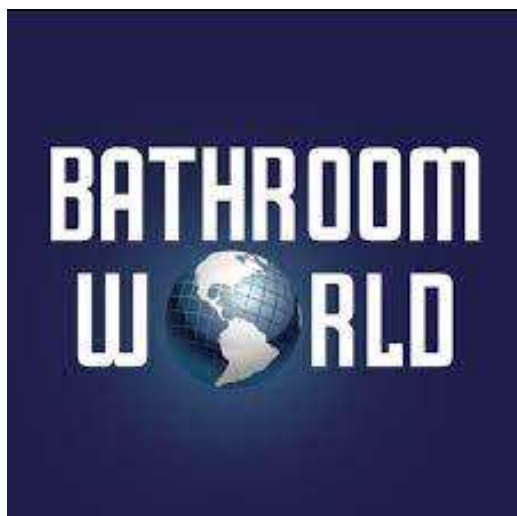
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