

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT 3 APRIL 2022

GOD OF THE GREAT EXODUS

The Liturgy this Lent has shown us the God of the Exodus. He is a mighty and gracious God, who out of faithfulness to His covenant has done "great things" for His people, as today's Psalm puts it. But the "things of long ago," Isaiah tells us in today's First Reading, are nothing compared to the "something new" that He will do in the future.

Today's First Reading and Psalm look back to the marvellous deeds of the Exodus. Both see in the Exodus a pattern and prophecy of the future, when God will restore the fortunes of His people fallen in sin. The readings today look forward to an even greater Exodus, when God will gather in the exiled tribes of Israel which had been scattered to the ends of the earth.



The new Exodus that Israel waited and hoped for has come in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Like the adulterous woman in today's Gospel, all have been spared by the Lord's compassion and mercy. All have heard His words of forgiveness, His call to repentance, to be sinners no more. Like Paul in today's Second Reading, Christ has taken possession of everyone, claimed each as a son or daughter of our heavenly Father.

In the Church, God has formed a people for Himself. And as Isaiah promised, He has given His "chosen people" living water to drink in the desert wastelands of the world.

But our God is ever a God of the future, not of the past. We are to live with hopeful hearts, "forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead," as Paul tells us. His salvation, Paul says, is power in the present, "the power of His resurrection."

We are to live awaiting a still greater and final Exodus, pursuing "the goal, the prize of God's upward calling," striving in faith to attain the last new thing God promises – our own resurrection to new life.

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.



Saint Michael Statue Tour of Scotland

A life-size statue of Saint Michael the Archangel has been specially commissioned for a tour of Scotland later in May. We will be the first parish to host the statue here at St. Augustine's before it travels elsewhere.

Please note the following schedule of events:

Opening Mass & Solemn Entry Procession

Wednesday 4th May, 7.00pm

Principal Celebrant: Fr. Peter Prusakiewicz from Poland

Saint Michael Novena

From Tuesday 3rd – Wednesday 11th May, each day at 3.10pm (Church)

Forty Hours Adoration (Church continuously open day & night)

From Monday 9th May at 11am – Wednesday 11th at 10am

Closing Mass & Final Procession

Wednesday 11th May at 10.00am



Palm Sunday

Please remember to collect your blessed palms next weekend 9th/10th April. These will be given freely at the end of all Masses that weekend. Please also collect extra for family members, friends and housebound neighbours. You may like to display your palm on your window on Palm Sunday.



Easter Holy Water

Please remember to collect your bottle of newly blessed Easter Holy Water at the Easter Mass you attend. These are given freely to every person to use at home throughout the course of the year.



Covid-19 Update – Easing of Restrictions

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. The only remaining restrictions are listed below.

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 UPDATE

From Monday 4th April, the wearing of face covering is no longer mandatory in Places of Worship. It is now up to personal choice and discretion if you wish to wear a mask in church. The clergy and Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist will still wear face coverings during Holy Communion.

Ventilation

The church doors will remain open to allow for the free circulation of air throughout the building.

I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to our amazing team of stewards who looked after us all so well during the restrictions. They have shown tremendous faithfulness to this important work. The idea of forming a more long-term **welcoming ministry** is one I welcome wholeheartedly. This is something I hope to formalise as a new ministry in our parish in the near future!

Lenten Confession Schedule at Saint Augustine's

Thursday 31st March
7.30pm - 8.00pm

Saturday 2nd April
10.30am - 11.30am

*****Tuesday 5th April*****
6.30pm - 8.00pm (with visiting priests)

Thursday 7th April
7.30pm - 8.00pm

Saturday 9th April
10.30am - 11.30am

**Please not this will be the final
opportunity for Confession before Easter*



Easter Masses & Services 2022

Please note the following important dates and times of Masses and Services here at St. Augustine's. For those who are sick or housebound, all services will be broadcast live on beingcatholic.org



SOLEMN EASTER TRIDUUM

Maundy Thursday - 14th April

Morning Prayer 10.00am

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00pm

Adoration at the Altar of Repose until 9.30pm

Night Prayer at 9.30pm

Good Friday - 15th April

Morning Prayer 10.00am

Solemn Liturgy of the Passion 3.00pm

Stations of the Cross Service with the Ignite Drama Children 6.00pm

**Please visit the outdoor Calvary scene today for personal prayer*

Holy Saturday - 16th April

Morning Prayer 10.00am

*****Solemn Easter Vigil 8.30pm*****

**The Solemn Easter Vigil is the most important Mass in the entire year. Please make every effort to come along to Mass and to celebrate this first Mass of Easter.*

Easter Sunday - 17th April

Holy Masses at:

10.00am

12 noon

**No evening Mass on Easter Sunday*



The annual Chrism Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Toal in the Cathedral Motherwell on Holy Thursday 14th April at 11.30am.

Wednesday Lectio Divina Group

We have now restarted
our Parish Lectio Divina Prayer Group.

This will take place in the Church Sacristy
every Wednesday at 7.00pm.

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



KAIROS CAFÉ



We are delighted to announce that our parish café will be
re-opening this Monday 4th April. The new opening times
will be as follows:

Monday – Friday from 10.00am - 2.00pm

The café will offer hot and cold drinks, home-baking,
freshly made soups, toasties, baked potatoes and more...



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



RCIA
A Journey In Faith

Please continue to pray for all those discerning the Lord's call to embrace the Catholic faith through the RCIA program. 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.

Last weekend our RCIA candidates were presented to the community at the 12noon Mass as part of the 'scrutinies'. They were presented with precious gifts of our faith: the Our Father, the pattern of all prayer, and the Creed which contains all the essential beliefs of our Catholic faith.

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

One of our parishioners Ken Boyle will receive the diocesan Bene Merenti Award from Bishop Toal at a special Mass in our Church on Friday 22nd April 2022 at 7pm. All are welcome to attend this celebration Mass and to offer our prayerful thanks for Ken's long-standing contribution to the life of our parish community.

SCIAF COLLECTION LAST WEEKEND

Many thanks for contributing to last weekend's Second Collection to support the vital work of our national Catholic charity SCIAF. Our collection raised £1927 to help support SCIAF's many projects overseas. This year, so much of their attention is focused on assisting with the humanitarian crisis unfolding in Ukraine and its neighbouring countries. SCIAF Wee Boxes can be dropped off at the Parish any time around Easter.

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!

Children's Liturgy fun continues during Easter Holidays (Every Sunday at 10am Family Mass, for children up to P4)



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



Online Divine Mercy Sunday - Day Retreat

From St. Augustine's Parish

Sunday 24th April 2022, 3pm - 4.40pm

Retreat Timetable

- 3.00pm Three o'clock Prayer & Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3.30pm Divine Mercy Talk
- 4.00pm Adoration & Benediction
- 4.30pm Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image



This online retreat is offered freely to those outside of our parish.

To access the broadcast please visit BEING CATHOLIC TV via:
Facebook / Church Services TV / Roku TV / Amazon Fire TV or at
www.beingcatholic.org

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.

The Novena will start on Tuesday 12th April at 7.30pm

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 Monday 25th April)

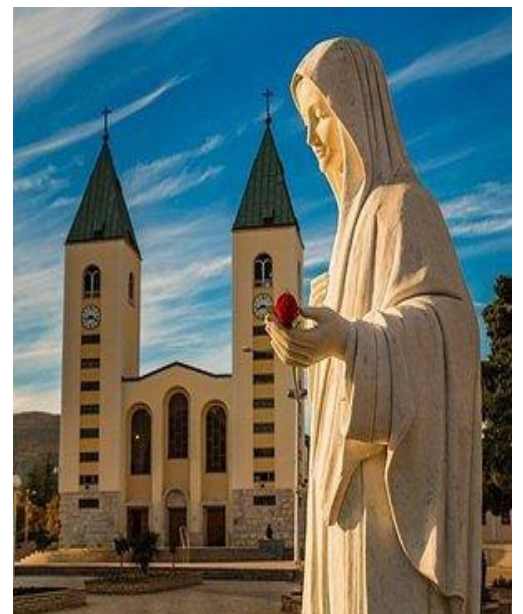
The evening of prayer follows the same daily programme as the Shrine of Medjugorje:

7.00pm Rosary

7.30pm Holy Mass

followed by Adoration

Tea/coffee afterwards in the Parish Centre





Youth News



Ignite Drama Club - 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



Holy Week Craft Packs for Kids



Holy Week

Jan is busy making up **200** free craft books and packs for our children. These packs contain fun puzzles and games, and all the essentials you need to complete the craft exercises (glue stick, pens, card etc).



You can pick up the packs from the Church porch next Saturday or Sunday (Palm Sunday) as you leave Holy Mass.

Sacrament Dates

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. **This will continue during the Easter holidays.**



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. Please note, Ignite will restart after the Easter holidays:

IGNITE CLUBS SCHEDULE

- This Sunday 3rd April - No Ignite
- Next Sunday 10th April - No Ignite
- Easter Sunday 17th April - No Ignite
- Sunday 24th April - Primary 7

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.

Good Friday Evening Service at 6.00pm

The children of the Ignite Drama Club will re-enact the Lord's Way of the Cross at the Good Friday Evening Service at 6.00pm. This service will also include Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion. All are welcome to attend this service, especially those with young children.



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!

ROSARY CLUB

ST AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH

PRIMARY 4

Faith Hope Love

St Augustine's Primary School
Wednesday Lunchtime



Jesus Shows Mercy and Forgives the Sinful



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.



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.

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!

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.

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

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 donate using the QR code attached to the pews
- 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.



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 3 April Fifth Sunday of Lent	10.00am Holy Mass (with Children's Liturgy) 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 4 April Fifth Week of Lent	10.00am Holy Mass Chaplet to Saint Michael immediately after Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm Kairos Care NOW OPEN (Parish Centre) 11.30am Requiem Mass of Mary McGoogan RIP 2.00pm Toy Appeal Leaders' Meeting (Parish House) 7.30pm Senior Choir Practice (Church) <i>New members always welcome!</i> Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Tuesday 5 April Fifth Week of Lent	10.00am Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm Kairos Care NOW OPEN (Parish Centre) 6.30pm - 8.00pm Lenten Confessions with Visiting Priests Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Wednesday 6 April Fifth Week of Lent	10.00am Holy Mass 11.30am Requiem Mass of William Greer RIP 10.00am - 2.00pm Kairos Care NOW OPEN (Parish Centre) 4.30pm - 5.30pm Ignite Drama Club (Parish Centre) 6.30pm Vigil of Reception 7.00pm Lectio Divina Prayer Group (Parish Centre) Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Thursday 7 April Fifth Week of Lent	10.00am Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm Kairos Care NOW OPEN (Parish Centre) 11.30am Requiem Mass 7.00pm Third Parish Synod Group Meeting (Parish House) 7.00pm Stations of the Cross 7.30pm - 8.00pm Confessions 7.30pm Marriage Rehearsal Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Friday 8 April Fifth Week of Lent	10.00am Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm Kairos Care NOW OPEN (Parish Centre) 2.00pm The People's Pantry Team Meeting (Parish House) Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Saturday 9 April Votive Mass of Our Lady	10.00am Holy Mass Confessions immediately after Holy Mass until 11.30am 2.00pm Marriage 4.00pm Vigil Mass Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.
Sunday 10 April Palm Sunday <i>Holy Week begins</i> <i>*Please remember to collect your blessed palms</i>	10.00am Holy Mass 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) 7.00pm Pastoral Planning Team Meeting (Parish House) Visit www.beingcatholic.org for online services from 10am - 9.30pm daily.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary McGoogan; Tom Brennan; Eddie Campbell; J. Doyle; William Greer; Alex Clarke (Canada).

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

George Ferguson; Gary & Hugh Higgins.

We also remember the victims of the RB Tennent Accident (Greenend) on this 49th anniversary:

Jimmy Murphy, Harry Bates & Robert Allan.

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; Clare McMullan; Thomas Clarke (Crossmaglen); Stella Mesquita; Jacqui Mesquita-Morris; Clare Daly; Sister Janet Ward; Leslie Reekie.

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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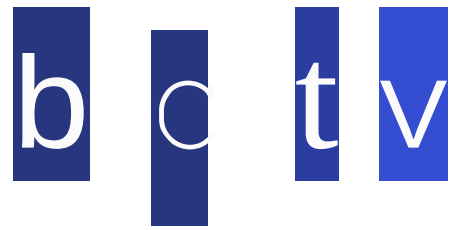
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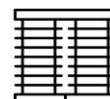
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