



Heartbeat

Saint Augustine's Weekly Parish Magazine

Issue 24: Sunday 19 February 2023

Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

'Love your enemies'

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Leviticus 19:1-2. 17-18. Today, we hear one of the rules of conduct which are set out in chapter 19; that of love of neighbor. Other rules included reverence for parents, observance of the Sabbath, avoidance of idolatry, upon harvesting leaving some of the grain in the fields for the poor, and the practice of justice and charity in social dealings.



The **Second Reading** is from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 3:16-23. As we work our way through the first part of 1st Corinthians, last week we heard Saint Paul tell of the true wisdom of God. This week he again addresses the divisions in the people of God and reminds the Corinthians (and us) who we really belong to.

The **Gospel** is taken from St. Matthew (5:38-48). The lesson we have to learn from today's gospel hardly needs any emphasizing. We must, if we are truly Christian, forgive those who offend or injure us. We must love all men, whether they be friends or enemies. G. K. Chesterton says : "We are commanded to love our neighbors and our enemies; they are generally the same people." This is very true for all of us. It is very easy for me to love (in a theoretical way) all Japanese, Chinese, Russians and most Europeans—they never come in contact with me and never tread on my corns. But it is my neighbours, those among whom I live and work, who are liable to injure me and thus become my enemies.

— ASH WEDNESDAY —



HOLY MASS

Wednesday, 22nd February 2023
Saint Augustine's Parish, Coatbridge

- 7.00am
- 10.00am
- 7.00pm

Charity begins at home, because it is here that it can and should be learned and practiced. It is first and foremost necessary for Christian peace in the home. Husband and wife must learn to understand and tolerate each other's imperfections and faults. If one offends in what the other would regard as something serious, the offended one should not demand an apology but should show forgiveness before the other has humbly to apologize. No two persons in the world, not even identical twins, can agree on all things, so it is vain and unrealistic to expect even one's married partner to agree with one in all points. Christian charity alone can cover the multitude of faults of both partners.

If there is peace and harmony between husband and wife, as there will be if both are truly charitable, the children will learn too to be understanding and forgiving. Such a home will be a truly happy home even if it has little of the world's riches.

Our charity must spread from the home to our neighbours—to all those with whom we have contact. It is easy to get on with most people, but in every neighborhood and in every village

or town there will always be those who are difficult. There will be the dishonest, the tale-bearers, the quarrelsome, the critic of everyone and everything. It is when we have dealings with such people that all our Christian charity is necessary. Most likely we will never be able to change their ways of acting, but charity will enable us to tolerate their faults and will move us to pray for their eternal welfare.

Life for many, if not for most people, has many dark, gloomy and despairing moments. The man or woman who is moved by true Christian charity can bring a beam of sunshine, a ray of hope, into the lives of these people.

Try the sunny smile of true love, the kindly word of Christian encouragement, the helping hand of true charity, and not only will you brighten the darkness and lighten the load of your brother but you will be imitating in your own small way the perfect Father of love who is in heaven.

—*Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.*

Lent Schedule 2023



Ash Wednesday

Holy Mass - 7.00am

Holy Mass - 10.00am

Holy Mass - 7.00pm

Lenten Devotions

Sundays: 6.00 - 6.30pm

Adoration & Benediction

Early Morning Mass

Mondays - 7.00am

Tuesdays - 8.30am (*for Primary School Children*)

Wednesdays - 7.00am

Confession

Saturday - 9.00 - 9.50am

Sunday - 6.30 - 7.00pm

Saint Ambrose HS Mass

Monday-Friday - 8.35am

Assembly Hall

Any changes to this schedule will be printed in the weekly bulletin.

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. Please use the form printed below. Simply cut out and return completed to the Parish House.



The Encyclical The Gospel of Life was 'the fruit of the cooperation of the Episcopate of every country of the world, it is therefore meant to be a precise and vigorous reaffirmation of the value of human life and its inviolability, and at the same time pressing appeal addressed to each and every person, in the name of God: respect, protect, love and serve life every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!' Gospel of Life

Our peaceful 40 Days of Life prolife prayer vigil outside the grounds of the Queen Elizabeth University Hospital on the Hardfate Road begins this coming Ash Wednesday February 22nd at 8am. Join us! They have no voice but ours! For more information please email: Ogilvie1615@outlook.com



We desperately need more Brunch volunteers...

Can you help?

Volunteer after the 10am Family Mass each week. Sunday Brunch operates on a small team of volunteers who help one Sunday a month. Could you spare that Sunday once a month? Speak to a member of the kitchen team today.

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.**

****For urgent sick calls please make direct contact with the Parish House and leave a message on the answer phone if necessary.**

Parish Giving

St. Augustine's depends on the generosity of our parishioners and visitors to continue our mission and maintain our historic buildings.

There are lots of ways to support your parish:

- You can donate via the regular collection baskets at the weekend Mass you attend.
- 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.
- You can donate using the secure online donation feature on our website.



Use our **NEW UPDATED** 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.

Baptism Preparation Classes

Deacon David leads these meetings on the last Thursday of every month at 7pm in the Parish House. Parents and Godparents of children due to be baptised are asked to attend this single meeting. Please call the Parish Office or speak to Deacon David for more information.

Remembering Your Parish in Your Will

You might consider leaving your parish a personal legacy gift in your will. Such gifts help the parish in its Gospel mission into the future. Contact the Parish Office for



Volunteering at St. Augustine's

Our parish relies on the generosity of volunteers to share their time and talents for the benefit of others. At St. Augustine's there are a variety of ministries, projects and outreach initiatives that could benefit from your help, including our Outreach project.

If you would like to find-out more about volunteering at our parish, please contact the Parish Office on 01236 423044.

Parish Pilgrimage to Medjugorje

We are organising a pilgrimage to Medjugorje next year from 6th – 13th September.

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE. For more information or to book call Sadie on 01698 334373. You can also get more information by attending the next Medjugorje Mass. Details above.




DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL

NEW DIOCESAN MAGAZINE

**22 February
2023**

Free

Available from your Parish or
school from Ash Wednesday

Confession

Confession will be available from 9.00am – 9.50am on Saturday morning.

Monthly Medjugorje Evening

The next Medjugorje Evening will take place **Monday, 27th February 2023**. The parish hosts an evening of prayer, replicating the prayer schedule of the Maria Shrine in Medjugorje. Please join us if you are able at the next evening. The evening format is as follows:
7.00pm Holy Rosary
7.30pm Holy Mass, followed by Adoration
Refreshments afterwards in the Parish Centre.



DATES OF SACRAMENTS

Primary 3 for First Reconciliation
 Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 7.00pm

Primary 4 for First Holy Communion
 Group 1: (Room 13) Sunday 7th May 2023 at 10am
 Group 2: (Room 7) Sunday 14th May 2023 at 12 Noon

Primary 7 for Confirmation
 Wednesday 19th April 2023, 7.00pm Holy Mass with Bishop Toal

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, Dundivan Road, Coatbridge ML5 1DQ

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

18 March 2023

22 April 2023

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 info@marriagefamilylife.org

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, COATBRIDGE

Candlelight Procession & Medjugorje Mass

Candlelight Procession
26 February 2023
7.00pm

Medjugorje Mass
27 February 2023
7.30pm
Holy Rosary begins at 7.00pm

The candlelit procession will begin in the Church and, weather permitting, the will proceed to the Calvary scene outside. People will be invited to leave their candles at the foot of the Cross.

Philip Ryan from Ireland will be joining us



WARM SPACE



Free soup, bread, tea, coffee and biscuits

EVERY MONDAY, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
6PM - 9PM

ALL WELCOME

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S PARISH HALL, COATBRIDGE



If you would like to support the parish outreach work, you can do so by leaving your donation in the special boxes in the entrance porch after each weekend Mass. Listed below are some of the initiatives, with information on how to access support and how to help. All our charitable initiatives operate under the umbrella project called St Augustine's Outreach.

THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY

Helping Local People with Free Food Support

Opening hours are:

Mondays from 6pm – 7.30pm

Thursdays 12pm – 3pm

No referral is required. Simply show-up and we will give you a free bag of food for you and your household. No questions asked! Please make only one visit per week.

We have also linked with the local Citizens Advice Bureau who offer advocacy services via our Pantry.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

Can you support our parish foodbank with vital food donations? At present, we are running low on the following essential non-perishable items:

**Tins of soup / beans / pasta / rice
hot dogs / meat balls / tinned veg
cereal / tinned ham / tea bags / coffee
tuna / cooking sauce / sugar / biscuits**

Food donations can be left at the back of the Church or at the Parish House through the day.

PARISH FURNITURE PROJECT

The parish is appealing for good quality used household items that we can distribute to those in our community who need furniture items. To donate or to request furniture support, please contact us on furniture@saintaugustines.org.uk

CONTACT US

If you require support, please contact us on the following email and someone will be in touch: outreach@saintaugustines.org.uk

ENERGY / UTILITIES SUPPORT

The parish recently installed a PayZone terminal to offer discreet, free gas/electric support for those struggling to pay for their utilities at home. With the new price hike, we are seeing more families and individuals coming forward to ask for this assistance every week. Therefore, to help pay for this support, a secure box has now been mounted on the pillar nearest St. Anthony's statue specifically for donations for this purpose. It will help to pay for gas & electricity for those who seek this support. Please support this worthwhile effort to reach-out to those who need our help.

CLOTHING SUPPORT

Need assistance with clothing? We can support you with no questions asked! New and good quality pre-loved clothing is available for all ages. Brand new Communion dresses also available.

Donations of good quality clothing are now required. Presently we are running low on clothing for baby boys and younger boys aged 6-10. Clothing for teenage girls and boys would also be gratefully received.

Open on Thursdays from 12.30pm – 3.00pm.

FREE TOILETRY BAGS

St Andrew's High School S6 Caritas are currently making toiletry bags to support the winter coat appeal at St Augustine's Chapel. These are going to be used to for toiletries that we are collecting to help tackle 'Hygiene Poverty' in our town. We have made lots of bags but now we need more fabric!

We are looking for old fabric donations of: **non-Jersey/ stretchy clothing / old tents or gazebo fabric / any textiles.**

If you do have anything you would like to donate, you can hand it in to the Parish House.

Ukraine Welcome



UKRAINE SUPPORT

The local authority recently announced the arrival of 200 Ukrainian families to the local Coatbridge area. Individuals or families requiring specific support should contact the Parish Office directly on 01236 423044. All requests will be handled confidentiality. We are presently putting in place specific support for arriving families.

WARM SPACE

We will open on a Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday from 6pm – 9pm for anyone requiring a warm space. We are offering free soup, bread, and a hot drink to anyone who wishes to use this warm and secure place.



WINTER COAT APPEAL

Coats and care packs are now available to pick-up FREE from the church railings each weekend throughout the winter period. These good quality, washed coats for men, ladies and children will be labelled by size and come with a care pack which includes new winter socks, gloves, hat, and scarf. Simply take what you need! During our appeal, we always run short of coats for men. If you would like to donate good quality, used coats, the please deliver them to the Parish House.

CONTACT US

If you require support, please contact us on the following email and someone will be in touch: outreach@saintaugustines.org.uk



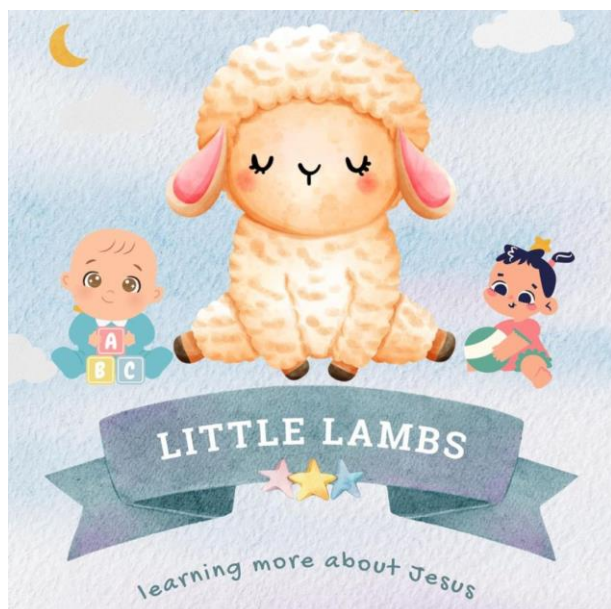
Saint Augustine's Outreach Clothing Bank

Free good quality clothing for adults and children of all ages.

If you require assistance please visit us at the Outreach Hub (behind the Parish Centre) every Thursday from 12.30pm - 3.00pm.



Every Thursday from 10.30am – 11.30am
Downstairs Hall of Parish Centre



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 on 01236 423044.

Help us to keep God's House beautiful!

ALMA Group

ALMA is a group for adults with disabilities in the community. They meet at 7:30pm every Wednesday night in St Augustine's Parish Centre.

Wednesday Lectio Divina Group

Our Lectio Divina Prayer Group meets in the Church sacristy every Wednesday at 7.00pm. This is a great way to prepare prayerfully for the coming Sunday scripture readings.

Tea/coffee available afterwards.

New members are always welcome.



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

We are a friendly & welcoming group, keen to enlist new members to sing God's praises!

All voices are welcome - secondary school age and above.

No choir experience is necessary - everything is covered in rehearsal.

We attend one rehearsal per week - Monday 7.30pm - 9pm and we commit to regular attendance at 12noon Mass each Sunday.

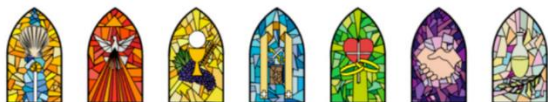
We sing lots of beautiful music which enhances the liturgy throughout the year.

We also give a Christmas concert and a Lenten concert.

Rehearsals are in the sacristy (large red door at the side of the church beside the garage). Speak to Father Kane or any choir member after Mass or call Elaine on 07834517085 for details.

Heartbeat Kids

Sacramental Meetings for Parents



**Monday, 20th February
and Tuesday, 21st February**

6.00pm: Reconciliation

6.30pm: First Holy Communion

7.00pm: Confirmation

Parents are asked to choose one night only.
Children do not need to attend.

If you have several children making different sacraments, you only need to attend one slot.

This is a very important meeting for all parents of children of Sacrament age. Please bring completed enrolment forms if you have not already given this into the Parish office.

Meetings will take place in the Church



16-35 YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Fr. Kane would like to gather together a small team of young people to discuss and organise a young adult programme for this year. If you are between 16 - 35 consider coming along to a pasta and discussion meeting in the Parish House on Tuesday, 21st February at 7.30pm.

PLEASE EMAIL: YOUTH@SAINTAUGUSTINES.ORG.UK
TO CONFIRM YOU'RE ATTENDING

Altar Servers

Any children (P5 or older) who are wishing to join our servers' group should speak to the Servers' Co-ordinator Nadine Henderson after 10am Mass for more details. Updates are posted regularly on the parents' WhatsApp group.

Weekly Kids Competition

Every week the Parish Bulletin will feature a colour-in page for kids. We invite children to complete the page 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!

Ignite Clubs

Each club will contain a fun teaching through craft! Each Sunday after the 10am Family the P3 & P4 children will meet. Each Sunday after the 5pm Mass the P7 kids will meet.

Children in the sacramental classes are asked to attend their Mass and then go to the Parish Centre afterwards for Ignite.

Children's Liturgy

This is for all children P1 - P4. This is a way for children to hear and reflect on the Gospel at a level the children can understand and enjoy.

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!**





Name: _____ Age: _____

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 most creative!

Kairos Café

Please support your parish café which is open Monday – Friday from 10.00am - 2.00pm. The café offers hot and cold drinks, home-baking, freshly made soups, toasties, baked potatoes and more! You will find the menu and prices below.

KAIROS CAFE

Open Monday to Friday, 10am - 2pm

- MENU -

Sandwich/Baguettes

(White or brown bread, served with crisps and side salad)

£2.50

Fillings

Cold Meat	£2.80
Cheese & Onion	£2.80
Egg & Mayonnaise	£3.20
Coronation Chicken	£3.20
Tuna mayonnaise and sweetcorn	£3.20

Toasties

(Served with crisps and side salad)

Cheese/Onion/Tomato	£2.00
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Homemade Soup

(Served with bread)

£2.50

Baked Potato

(Served with crisps and side salad)

Fillings

Butter	£3.00
Beans	£3.50
Cheese	£3.50
Coleslaw	£3.50
Coronation Chicken	£3.90
Tuna mayonnaise and sweetcorn	£3.90

Hot Drinks

Soft Drinks	£1.20
Fruit Shoot	60p
Milk	£1.00

***FREE Tea/Coffee and diluting juice with a KAIROS CAFE Drinks Card.



*FREE refills

**Please alert staff of any allergy requirements.

Cakes & Biscuits

Biscuits	50p
Cakes	70p

Children's Menu

£2.90

(All Children's meals are served with chips and diluting juice)

Roll/Hot Dog

Roll/Burger

Pizza pocket

Fish Fingers

Breakfast Rolls

Sausage	£2.00
Bacon	£1.80
Egg	£1.50

Toast

per slice	50p
Scrambled Egg's on toast	£1.80

Crisps

70p

KAIROS CAFE

Saint Augustine's Parish Centre

Booking our function suites is 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 email Chris at the Parish Hall on office@saintaugustines.org.uk. Weekend dates are still available for 2023.



Function Suite Hire from £80
Call 01236 423044 for more information
or to check availability.

BAPTISMS

Baptism of George Crozier – Sunday, 19 February 2023 at 12noon
 Baptism of Kian Murphy – Sunday, 26 February 2023 at 12noon
 Baptism of Noah Paul Dornan – Sunday, 26 February 2023 at 12noon

MARRIAGES

Marriage of Rebecca White and Martin Maxwell – Saturday, 25 February at 12noon

SICK

Sr. Sadie Grant; Catherine McAllister; Ellen Curran, John Cowell, Kathleen McLeary, William Houston; Catherine Kane; Mark Hill; Alec Goldie; Johnny McLean; Mr Hernandez; Robert Warner; Heather Flanigan, Patrick Maguire; Rose Bree; Amelia Jepsome; Sharon Brown; Rebecca McNally; Jim Gillick, Stephen Harper; Sophie McLelland; Margaret Rowan; John Cairney; Grazyna Shellie; Ellen Curran; Alan Connelly; James Kerr; Clare McMullan; Thomas Clarke (Crossmaglen); Jacqui Mesquita-Morris; Clare Daly; Leslie Reekie; Agnes O'Boyle; Betty Harris; Aidan Brannigan; Isobel Parker; Kathleen Stewart; James Green; Mary Irvine; Siobhan McAteer; Isabel Parker; Annamaria & Lizzy Lochrane; Pat Heaney; Christine Elliot; Raymond Queen; Ed & Ann Suprunovich; Philomena Scullion; Marie Greg; Caroline Mitchell; Catherine Kerr; Bern Reimann; Paul Morton; Margaret Donnelly; Jeana Wright; John McGinn; Ronnie Murray; Kathy Glen; Mark O'Donnell; Yasin Ameer; Cindy Gribben; James Trower; Mary Munnelly; Suzanne Graham.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Robert McGuire; Mary Breen; Anne Chambers; Lara Cook; James McVitte; Thomas Durning; Colin Wetherspoon.

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Bernard Cassidy; Thomas and Mary Gardiner; Kathleen Farrell; Stuart Ferguson; Michael and Anna Coogan; John and Ann Coogan; Kevin McCoy; David Mulholland; Iza and Peter McLeary; Patrick John McLeary; James McLeary; Mary McLeary; Julia and Patrick McLeary; Isabella and John McNamee; Mary and Vernon Walsh; John McLeary; Elizabeth McLeary; Catherine Morris; Richard and Mary McCann; Bernard Donnelly and Family; Daniel Hughes John and Aidan O'Neill; Edward Tobin; Danielle Furnage; Mary and James Martin.

FUNERALS

Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of **Anne Chambers: Friday, 24th February at 10.00am**

OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS

n/a

*Please note that the above names (excluding sick) will be read-out at the Sunday 10am broadcast Mass each week.

If you would like a Mass Offering, please collect the Mass card from the Parish Shop. Please also indicate if you would like the intention to be listed in the parish magazine. Alternatively, you may post intentions through the Parish House letterbox. Please ensure names are written clearly and are handed-in to the Parish House or office by **Thursday of that week at the latest.

Parish Clergy:



Parish Priest:

Rev. Fr. Michael Kane
frkane@saintaugustines.org.uk



Priest in residence:

Rev. Fr. Dominic Towey
frdominic@saintaugustines.org.uk



Parish Deacon:

Rev. David Harper
deaconharper@rcdom.org.uk

Parish Staff:



Youth Officer:

Mrs. Jan Cavin
youth@saintaugustines.org.uk



Parish Secretary:

Mrs. Margaret Haggarty
office@saintaugustines.org.uk



Parish Centre Manager:

Mr. Chris Hamill
For hall bookings email:
office@saintaugustines.org.uk

Safeguarding Officer:

Miss. Antoinette Parr

Music Directors:

Mrs. Elaine Bogie
07834 517085 / choir@saintaugustines.org.uk

Mr. Greg McHugh
07561 310114 / greg-mchugh@live.co.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 make this request clearly to nursing staff.

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.



Parish Communications

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Follow us on Twitter: [@FrKane](https://twitter.com/FrKane)

Watch us on: www.beingcatholic.org

Contact Us:

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12 Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge,
North Lanarkshire, ML5 1DQ
t: 01236 423044

e: office@saintaugustines.org.uk

Scottish Charity Number SCO1104

Outreach Project:

outreach@saintaugustines.org.uk



Parish Schedule for the Coming Week

Sunday 19 February Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	10.00am: Family Mass with Children's Liturgy (For P1-P4) <i>Sunday Brunch in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass. All welcome.</i> <i>Junior Ignite (P3 & P4) after 10am Holy Mass in the Parish Centre</i> 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Evening Mass <i>Senior Ignite (P7, S1 & S2) after 5pm Holy Mass in the Parish Centre</i>
Monday 20 February Seventh Week of Ordinary Time	10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am – 2.00pm: Kairos Café (Parish Centre) 11.00am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm – 7.30pm People's Pantry Open (Blairgrove Shopping Centre) 6.00pm – 9.00pm: Warm Space Open (Parish Centre) 6.00pm: Sacramental Meeting for First Reconciliation 6.30pm: Sacramental Meeting for First Holy Communion 7.00pm: Sacramental Meeting for Confirmation
Tuesday 21 February Seventh Week of Ordinary Time	8.35am: St. Ambrose High School Mass (School Oratory) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am – 2.00pm: Kairos Café (Parish Centre) 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm – 9.00pm: Warm Space Open (Parish Centre) 6.00pm: Sacramental Meeting for First Reconciliation 6.30pm: Sacramental Meeting for First Holy Communion 7.00pm: Sacramental Meeting for Confirmation 7.30pm: Young Adults Group (Parish House)
Wednesday 22 February Ash Wednesday	7.00am: Holy Mass with distribution of Ashes 10.00am: Holy Mass with distribution of Ashes 10.00am – 2.00pm: Kairos Café (Parish Centre) 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 4.00pm: Distribution of Ashes (Summerlee Care Home) 7.00pm: Holy Mass with distribution of Ashes 7.00pm: ALMA Group (Parish Centre)
Thursday 23 February Thursday after Ash Wednesday	8.35am: St. Ambrose High School Mass (School Oratory) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am – 2.00pm: Kairos Café (Parish Centre) 10.30am – 11.30am: Little Lambs (Parish Centre) 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12.00pm - 3.00pm People's Pantry Open (Blairgrove Shopping Centre) 12.30pm – 3.00pm: Clothing Bank Open (Outreach Hub – Behind Parish Centre) 6.00pm – 9.00pm: Warm Space Open (Parish Centre) 7.00pm: Education Mass (Motherwell Cathedral) 7.00pm: Baptismal Class (Sacristy) 7.00pm: RCIA Group Meeting (Parish House)
Friday 24 February Friday after Ash Wednesday	8.35am: St. Ambrose High School Mass (School Oratory) 10.00am: Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Anne Chambers 10.00am – 2.00pm: Kairos Café (Parish Centre) 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday 25 February Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.00am – 9.50am - Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 12 noon: Marriage of Rebecca White and Martin Maxwell 4.00pm: Holy Mass (Vigil)
Sunday 26 February First Sunday of Lent	10.00am: Family Mass with Children's Liturgy (For P1-P4) <i>Sunday Brunch in the Parish Centre after 10am Mass. All welcome.</i> <i>Junior Ignite (P3 & P4) after 10am Holy Mass in the Parish Centre</i> 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass 3.00pm: Rite of Election (Motherwell Cathedral) 5.00pm: Evening Mass <i>Senior Ignite (P7, S1 & S2) after 5pm Holy Mass in the Parish Centre</i> 6.00pm – 6.30pm: Lent Devotions Adoration and Benediction 6.30pm – 7.00pm: Confession 7.00pm: Candlelight Procession



ST AUGUSTINE'S RC CHURCH, COATBRIDGE

2:30pm, Sunday 5th March 2023



The Gaelic Athletic Association (GAA) will remember and pay respect to its many dearly departed members in Scotland with the celebration of a **'MEMORIAL MASS'** to be held at St Augustine's RC Church Coatbridge (12 Dundyvan Rd, ML5 1DQ) at 2:30pm on Sunday 5th March 2023.

The Association in Scotland is celebrating its life over the past 125 years, this since the first GAA club was founded in Glasgow's east end. The Mass will remember past participants, particularly thousands of players and others who have volunteered and given service to the Association. Several hundred have also given service to other cultural and sporting activities, including to Irish music, dance and the Irish language. The GAA in Scotland has involved members from all over the island of Ireland. Likewise, its membership has also included thousands from the multi-generational Irish diasporic community in Scotland, as well as players from other ethnic and national backgrounds. Among others, the Mass will be concelebrated by several priests, some who have also served the GAA in Scotland, as players, referees and officials; Fr Eamonn Sweeney, Fr Tom Brady, Fr Dominic Tuohy and Fr Hugh Kelly (all Mayo & Offaly connected).

This Mass will be held for former players and officials from almost 80 GAA clubs that have existed in Scotland over 125 years. During the first 50 years most of these were Hurling clubs. Since the end of the Second World War a majority have been Football clubs. GAA clubs in Scotland have included Scotland's first, Red Hugh O'Neills in Glasgow's Calton district. Thereafter; Rapparees Jordanhill, Faughs Whiteinch, Hibernians Pollockshaws, Cuchullains Polmadie, Roger Casements, St Eunans, South O'Hanlons, Mulroy Gaels, Pearse Harps, all Glasgow. Also, Eire Og Port Glasgow, Sarsfields, Eire

Og, Owen Roe O'Neill all Coatbridge, Fag-an-Bealach Carfin, Brian Boroimhe Blantyre, Lord Edwards Motherwell, Lambh Dearg Cleland, St Margarets Airdrie, Taras Gourrock, Emmets Hamilton, Dr Crokes, Cuchullains, St Patricks, all Dumbarton, Glencovitt Rovers Clydebank, and Wishaw Shamrocks as well as Beltane Shamrocks from Wishaw.

During the first decades of the Association in Scotland, Fr John O'Dea (Clare) based in Carfin, John McCourt in Coatbridge and Glasgow's Denis Brogan (Donegal) were some of the critical figures. These were followed over the years by Tom Flynn and Tom Gillespie (Donegal), John Keaveny (Sligo), Rory Campbell, Eoin Kelly (Fermanagh), Molly and Charlie Quinn (Tyrone), the Heffernan family (Carfin), Gerry Galvin (Roscommon), Packie O'Donnell (Donegal), Liam Murphy, Fr P J McGovern, John Quaile. These former members have all gone to their eternal rest. Over more recent decades, numerous players of Gaelic Football Clubs in Scotland have also died, often at early age; from Sands MacSwineys in Coatbridge, Gerry Mills (Galway), Brian Wallace and Paul Lennon; from Tir Conail Harps in Glasgow, Donagh Hickey (Cork) and Danny Hurley (Cork); from Glaschu Gaels in Glasgow, Jimmy Kelly, John Morkam (Roscommon), John Salmon and Peter McHugh; from Dundee Dalriada, Shane Healy (Limerick), Che Blake (Cork), Willie Dowds (Donegal), Maureen O'Sullivan (Kilkenny) and Mike and Doreen Kilbane (Mayo); and, from Dunedin Connollys in Edinburgh, Peter Buckley.

This Mass will remember all past players and officials.

St Augustine's Church is adjacent to the Timecapsule where there is parking. This is in addition to the church car park itself. After Mass, for those that want to meet up with others, there will be tea and coffee served in the parish centre adjoining the Church.

St Augustines is situated several hundred yards from Langloan West End public park where a hurling match took place in 1902 between Patrick Sarsfields of Coatbridge and Rapparees from Glasgow, with 3,000 people watching.

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