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THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority

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READING REFLECTIONS

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of the Prophet Jonah 3:1-5, 10 and tells the story of Jonah's call from God to go to a pagan city and preach repentance to the sinful people there.

The **Second Reading** is from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians. St. Paul admonishes his converts to do what our Lord himself advised his follower—always to be ready for the judgment.

The **Gospel** is from the Gospel of Mark 1:14-20. Jesus came to announce to all men the good news of God's eternal plan for them. He spent his public life convincing the Jews of Palestine of the truth of this message, and he died on the cross because he claimed to be that he was God's divine Son, who had come in human nature to raise all men to the standing and status of adopted sons of God. That very death, cruel and unjust though it was, was part of the divine plan. He conquered death and was raised from the grave to prove that we too, if we accept his divine gospel and live by it, will be raised from the dead and reign with Christ in the kingdom of his Father forever. Christ preached this doctrine in Palestine. It is the doctrine for which he gave his human life and which he gave to his Apostles to hand down to all future generations. This is the self-same doctrine preached by Christ's Church to all men today. It is the good news of God's mercy and love toward us weak, mortal creatures. To some it seems too good to be true; it would indeed be so if God were a limited, finite being like us, but he is Being itself. He is without limit, his goodness and love are limitless as is his nature.



What God can see in creatures has ever been a puzzle to thinking man. One of the psalm-writers said centuries ago: "What is man that you should spare a thought for him, the son of man that you should care for him" (Ps. 8 :4)? Many a saint too, has repeated this remark ever since.

We cannot hope to fathom the mind of God, nor do we need to. He has gone to such a length as the humiliation of his divine Son in the incarnation in order to give us a new standing in relation to himself and a new mode of eternal living after death. We are still God's creatures, "the work of his hands," but through accepting Christ and his gospel—his message of divine truth—we are no longer mere mortals. We shall die, but death is the beginning of the true life which God has arranged for us. It is no wonder that St. Paul could cry out: "O death where is your victory, O death, where is your sting?"

We Christians should be the happiest people on earth. We know why we are here, we know where we are going and we know how to get there.

There are trials and troubles which beset us on our journey; there are rough parts of the road and weaknesses in our human nature which often lead us off the right road, but we are not left to our own human resources. We have help from above to strengthen and comfort us on our journey. We have divine aids in the Church which Christ set up and we have the guarantee of our Good Shepherd that he will keep us in his fold or bring us back should we foolishly wander from it (Jn. 10: 14; Lk. 1.5:4-7).

We Christians can indeed be the happiest people on earth, if we live according to the divine good news revealed to us through Christ. "Repent and believe in the gospel," Christ told the people of Galilee. The same call goes out from our loving Savior to each of us today: repent—change your outlook on life— and see it as God sees it to be for us, a short journey toward heaven. If we really believe in the gospel of Christ, the revelation of God's plan for our eternal happiness, our earthly troubles will look small, our trials and temptations will appear to us as they really are—a means of earning the eternal victory. Christ, the innocent victim for our salvation, has gone before us, carrying his heavy cross; can we refuse to carry the relatively lighter cross which he places on our shoulders as our means of making atonement for our own failings and for those of our fellowmen? God forbid that we should! If we have failed in the past, let us repent today and show our belief in the truth of the Christian gospel, by living as true Christians who are on their way to heaven.

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

PARISH INFORMATION

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK & HOUSEBOUND

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.



BAPTISM

PREPARATION CLASSES

There meetings take place 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 the clergy.

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 more details.



BREAKFAST CLUB

During term time, breakfast Club runs Monday-Friday for children who attend St. Augustine's Primary. Children can attend from 7.45am and will be taken to school by our adult volunteers.

To enrol your child in the Parish Breakfast Club please collect an enrolment form from the Church Porch. This must be handed in to the Parish Office before your child attends.

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.

SCAN TO DONATE



- You can donate using the secure online donation feature on our website.

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

St. Augustine's Parish - Pastoral Visit Request Form

Name of Sick or housebound person: _____

Contact Number: _____

Address for visitation: _____

* 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 CENTRE

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 2024.

Function Suite Hire from £80



KAIROS CAFE

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!

PARISH NOTICES



MASS FOR SICK WITH HOLY ANOINTING

Holy Mass will be offered for the sick three times over the course of
the coming year. This is an opportunity for those who are sick to
come to Holy Mass here in St. Augustine's and receive the
Sacrament of the Sick through anointing. I invite all those who are
sick to attend these Masses on the following dates:

- Saturday, 2 March 2024
- Saturday, 4 May 2024
- Saturday, 5 October 2024

Holy Mass will be celebrated at 11.00am on these occasions. I look
forward to welcoming you all. Please pass this information on to
family, friends and neighbours.



PARISH CENTRE UPSTAIRS RENNOVATION

We have recently started renovation work in the upper hall of the
Parish Centre. This work includes a new kitchen and bar area being
installed. Work on both of these areas is still ongoing and will be
completed soon.

This will give the Parish another function area in our Parish Centre.
This is a smaller area than the downstairs hall but will be an excellent
place to gather for family celebrations, gatherings and any other
events that this space suits for you.

More detail to follow in the coming weeks.



OUTREACH PROJECT



THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY

**Open: Mon 6.00pm - 7.30pm /
Thurs 12.00pm - 3.00pm**

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

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

NEEDS OF THE WEEK:

- SOUP, BEANS, TUNA, PASTA, OATS, TOILET ROLL, TINNED VEG, TINNED FRUIT.



FURNITURE PROJECT

We have currently reached our storage capacity for furniture. We thank you for your continuous generous support.

If anyone requires support with furniture, please contact outreach@saintaugustines.org.uk



HEARTBEAT KITCHEN

Open: Mon 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Heartbeat kitchen is a place for everyone who needs a hot meal. Come along on Monday evening from 6.30pm-7.30pm and you can get soup, sandwiches and a hot drink.



CLOTHING BANK

Open: Thurs 10.30am - 12.30pm

Need assistance with clothing? We can support you. New and good quality pre-loved clothing is available for all ages.

Thank you for your continued support to the clothing bank. It is greatly appreciated.

NEEDS OF THE WEEK:

- GENTS WARM COATS
- WARM CHILDREN'S CLOTHING, HATS, SCARVES & GLOVES



UKRAINIAN SUPPORT

The Ukrainian Support Programme is now underway with the following groups:

Kids Club (6-10 years)

Thursday: from 3.30pm-5pm

Adult Support Group Monday:
11am-1pm



CONTACT US

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



CONFESSION

Saturday: 9.00am – 9.50am

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

The next Medjugorje Evening takes place **Monday, 29th January 2024.**

The parish hosts an evening of prayer, replicating the prayer schedule of the Marian 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.



SUNDAY COLLECTION

The Parish collection for the Second Week of Ordinary Time (13/14 January 2024) is as follows:

- Plate collection: £1865
- Gift Aid: £1373
- Tax Reclaimed: £343.25*
- Outreach: £190

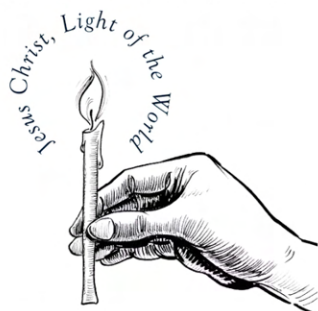
*Through Gift Aid we can claim back 25p from every £1 paid of taxpayer donations.



BLESSING OF CANDLES FOR CANDLEMAS

On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Friday 2nd February, we will celebrate a special Mass which includes the blessing of all Church candles.

Blessed candles will be available in the church porch as you leave. Alternatively, bring your own candles and have them blessed during the Mass.



NEXT WEEK

Sunday, 21 January

10.50 - 11.30am

in upstairs hall of the Parish Centre

This week is for P4
(First Holy Communion)

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 28 January

10.50 - 11.30am

in upstairs hall of the Parish Centre

This is for P7 children
(Confirmation)

IGNITE SACRAMENTAL CATECHESIS PROGRAMME 2023/24

Please ensure your child attends at least 6 of the 8 Ignite lessons

First Reconciliation (P3)	First Holy Communion (P4)	Confirmation (P7)
1. Sunday 8th October 2. Sunday 5th November 3. Sunday 26th November <i>Advent Wreath Family Craft (children & parents invited to attend)</i> 4. Sunday 3rd December 5. Sunday 14th January 6. Sunday 4th February 7. Sunday 3rd March 8. Sunday 10th March	1. Sunday 12th November 2. Sunday 26th November <i>Advent Wreath Family Craft (children & parents invited to attend)</i> 3. Sunday 10th December 4. Sunday 21st January 5. Sunday 18th February 6. Sunday 10th March 7. Sunday 21st April 8. Sunday 2nd June <i>(Corpus Christi Sunday - Thanksgiving Mass & Procession)</i>	1. Sunday 29th October 2. Sunday 19th November 3. Sunday 17th December 4. Sunday 28th January 5. Sunday 25th February 6. Sunday 17th March 7. Sunday 28th April 8. Sunday 5th May

These take place in the upstairs hall of the Parish Centre each Sunday after the 10.00am family Mass. Please collect your children from the upstairs hall at 11.30am.

Children's Colouring Page

YOUR NAME: _____



Hand in your completed Children's Page to the Chapel House
for your chance to win a prize!

Winner announced in the bulletin each week. Winners should
collect their prizes from the Parish shop.

PARISH NOTICES

SICK

Catherine McAllister; Ellen Curran, John Cowell, 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); Clare Daly; Leslie Reekie; Agnes O'Boyle; Betty Harris; Aidan Brannigan; Kathleen Stewart; James Green; Mary Irvine; Siobhan McAteer; Annamaria & Lizzy Lochrane; Pat Heaney; Christine Elliot; Ed & Ann Suprunovich; Philomena Scullion; Marie Greg; Caroline Mitchell; Catherine Kerr; Bern Reimann; Paul Morton; Margaret Donnelly; Jeana Wright; John McGinn; Ronnie Murray; Mark O'Donnell; Yasin Ameer; Cindy Gribben; James Trower; Mary Munnely; Evan McKim; Zack Millar; Robert Correns; Luke Morton; Theresa Coyle; Anne Joyce; Margaret Beattie; James McElroy; Robert Alexander; Pat and Margaret McCann; James Gardner; Tresa Smith; Pauline Hughes; Helen Hughes; Mary McAnaw; Mary Allen; Matt Millar; Cathy Gray; Angela Higgins; Anne Marie Bannan; John Fraser; Rose Connelly; Rose Millar; John Dearie; Thalia McElwee; Geraldine O'Boyle; Alice Coxon (Gibbons); Grace Higgins; Isa Corrigan (St. James' Parish); Katherine (Kitty) Quinn; Louise Lumsden; Catherine Morris; Patricia Steele; Mary Wilkinson; Michael Dunion; Owen Donnachie; Brenda Cullen; Ronnie Moran; Cathy Gray; Honor Murphy; Elisabetha Giglio; Edith Krahenbuih; Brian Doyle.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Baby Croia McAlindon; Bobby Armstrong; George McKenna; Hilda Russell; Bernard Curran; Arthur McLaughlin; Thomas McGoogan; Drew McGirvin; Patricia Fraser.

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Siobhan O'Neill; Billy Davidson; Gerry McNab; Robert & Catherine Jenks; John Keating; Patrick Flynn; Arthur & Grace Hanlon; Ann Marie Brown; Frances Bulloch; Joanne Gravell.

****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 Wednesday of that week at the latest.**

PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 21 January <i>Third Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Family Mass <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> <i>Ignite Club for First Holy Communion Children (P4) Upstairs Hall</i> <i>Sunday Brunch is Served after 10.00am Family Mass</i> 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 22 January <i>Third Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am – 2.00pm: Kairos Café (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 11.00am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2.00pm: Holy Mass in Summerlee House 6.00pm - 7.30pm People's Pantry Open (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Centre</i>)
Tuesday, 23 January <i>Third Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Café (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday, 24 January <i>Saint Francis de Sales</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am – 2.00pm: Kairos Café (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1.00pm: Mass of the Angels for Baby Croia McAlindon 7.00pm: Lectio Divina Prayer Group (<i>Church</i>)
Thursday, 25 January <i>The Conversion of Saint Paul</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am – 2.00pm: Kairos Café (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am – 12.30pm: Clothing Bank Open (<i>Outreach Hub</i>) 12.00pm - 3.00pm People's Pantry Open (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Centre</i>) 7.00pm: RCIA (<i>Parish House</i>) 7.00pm: Baptism Course (<i>Come to Parish House</i>)
Friday, 26 January <i>Saints Timothy and Titus</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am – 2.00pm: Kairos Café (<i>Parish Centre</i>)
Saturday, 27 January <i>Third Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am – 9.50am – Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (<i>Vigil</i>)
Sunday, 21 January <i>Fourth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Family Mass <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> <i>Ignite Club for Confirmation Children (P7) Upstairs Hall</i> <i>Sunday Brunch is Served after 10.00am Family Mass</i> 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass <i>with Baptisms</i> 5.00pm: Holy Mass

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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.

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To register your interest, please add your name to the list in the porch.
More details to follow in next week's bulletin.