

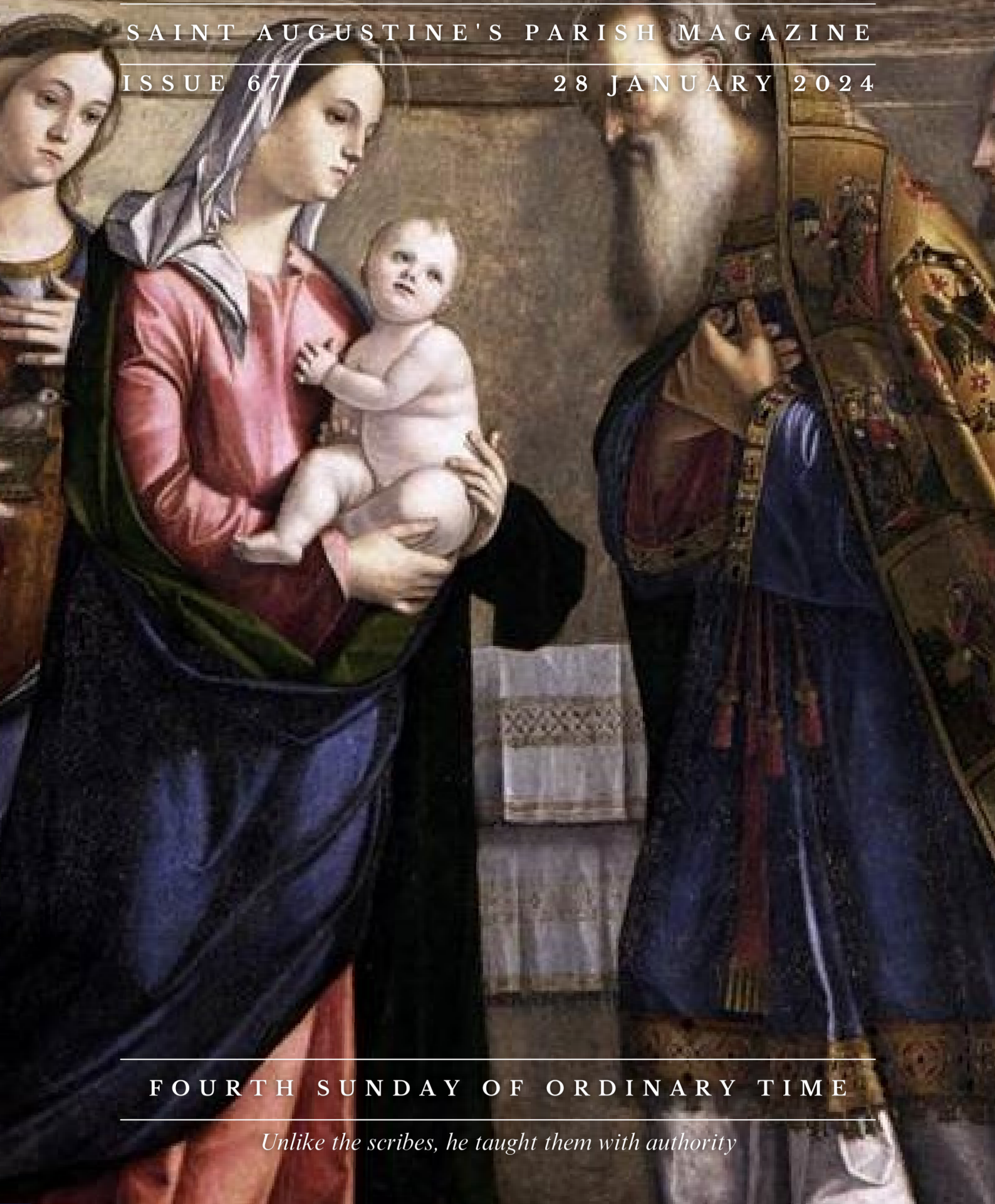


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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority

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READING REFLECTIONS

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Deuteronomy 18:15-20. This central section of this book describes the various offices and officers of the theocratic society which Yahweh, through his servant Moses, is setting up for the Chosen People.

The **Second Reading** is from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 7:32-35. He devotes chapter 7 to answering questions concerning marriage and virginity. In today's extract he emphasizes freedom to serve God fully, freedom from earthly cares which those who choose a life of celibacy have.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 1:21-28. St. Mark makes it clear that, from the very first day of Christ's public ministry, his messianic power began to be manifested to those who saw and heard him. The Jews of Capernaum were "astonished" at his teaching and "amazed" at his power over the evil spirits. "What is this," they asked one another, "a new teaching and the unclean spirits obey him!" But they were still a long way from recognizing him for what he was, the Messiah and Son of God. This is as might be expected, the astounding mystery of the incarnation was way beyond human expectation or human imagination. And it was our Lord's own plan to reveal this mystery, slowly and gradually, so that when the chain of evidence had been completed by his resurrection, his followers could look back and see each link in that chain. Then they would be ready to accept without hesitation the mystery of the incarnation and realize the infinite love and power of God that brought it about.



We look back today through the eyes of the Evangelists, and, like them, know that Christ was God as well as man—two natures in one person. We should not therefore be "amazed" at the teaching of Jesus or at his power over the unclean spirits. What should amaze us really is the love that God showed mankind in becoming one of our race.

We are creatures with nothing of our own to boast of. We were created by God, and every talent or power we possess was given us by God. God's benevolence could have stopped there and we would have no right to complain. But when we recall the special gifts he gave man, which raise him above all other created things, we see that he could not, because of his own infinitely benevolent nature, leave us to an earthly fate. What thinking man could be content with a short span of life on earth? What real purpose in life could an intelligent being have who knew that nothing awaited him but eternal oblivion in the grave? What fulfillment would man's intellectual faculties find in a few years of what is for the majority of people perpetual struggle for earthly survival?

No, God created us to elevate us, after our earthly sojourn, to an eternal existence where all our desires and potentialities would have their true fulfillment. Hence the incarnation, hence the life, death and resurrection of Christ, who was God's Son, as the central turning point of man's history.

While we sincerely hope that we are not in that class, we can still find many facets in our daily Christian lives which can and should make us amazed at our lack of gratitude to God and to his incarnate Son. 'Leaving out serious sin which turns us away from God if not against him, how warm is our charity, our love of God and neighbor? How much of our time do we give to the things of God and how much to the things of Caesar? How often does our daily struggle for earthly existence and the grumbles and grouses which it causes, blot out from our view the eternal purpose God had in giving us this earthly existence. How often during the past year have we said from our heart: "Thank you, God, for putting me in this world, and thank you a thousand times more, for giving me the opportunity and the means of reaching the next world where I shall live happily forevermore in your presence"? If the true answer for many of us is "not once," then begin today. Let us say it now with all sincerity, and say it often in the years that are left to us.

—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

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Booking our function suites is great
way to support your Parish! Our
two Function Suites available for:

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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.

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On the weekend of March 16th and 17th, we will be holding a Gift
Aid drive in the parish. Over that weekend, you will be given
information on Gift Aid and how it supports the parish at no cost to
yourself, along with details on how to sign up.

By signing up for Gift Aid, we can claim an extra 25p for every £1
you give. It will not cost you any extra.

PANCAKES & PRAYER

Tuesday, 13th February | 6.00pm - 9.00pm

Pancakes & prayer is back! Come along to the
Parish Centre on Shrove Tuesday, 13th February,
to enjoy some delicious pancakes.

With a choice of toppings and a tea/coffee!
More details in next week's bulletin.





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.

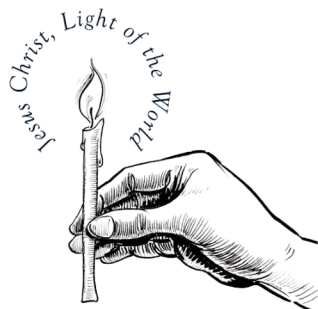


BLESSING OF CANDLES FOR CANDLEMAS



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.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, 4 February

10.50 - 11.30am

in upstairs hall of the Parish Centre

This is for P3 children
(First Reconciliation)

NEXT IGNITE

Sunday, 18 February

10.50 - 11.30am

in upstairs hall of the Parish Centre

This week is for P4 children
(First Holy Communion)

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!

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 Ameur; 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

Bobby Armstrong; George McKenna; Thomas McGoogan; Drew Croia McAlindon; James Kerr; John Boyce; Ann Campbell; Thomas Henderson; Christopher McGuire; Eileen McLean; Angelo La Vigna; Gerald Joseph Murphy; Rosemary Kelly (Ireland); Paul McGhee.

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Hugh Innes; Innes Healy; Mary Morris; Jackie Browne; Margaret MacKenzie; Brian Kirkland; Sarah Innes; Mary Mahoney; John Molloy; John Parker; Kathleen Grant; Kathleen Farrell; John O'Neill; Joe Grogan; Alice Grogan; Joe Connelly; Sadie McCormick.

***We are currently updating our sick list. If there is someone you know who wishes to remain on the list, please contact us on office@saintaugustines.org.uk or put the name through the door of the chapel house. Please state the person's name. The list will be restarted and will be in place from next weekend, 3rd/4th February.**

****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, 28 January <i>Fourth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Family Mass with Children's Liturgy Ignite Club for Confirmation Children (P7) Upstairs Hall Sunday Brunch is Served after 10.00am Family Mass 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass with Baptisms 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 29 January <i>Fourth 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 6.00pm - 7.30pm People's Pantry Open (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Centre</i>) 7.30pm: Medjugorje Mass (<i>Holy Rosary begins at 7.00pm</i>)
Tuesday, 30 January <i>Fourth 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 7.00pm: Vigil Reception of Thomas McGoogan
Wednesday, 31 January <i>Saint John Bosco</i>	10.00am: Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Thomas McGoogan 10.00am – 2.00pm: Kairos Café (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm: Lectio Divina Prayer Group (<i>Church</i>)
Thursday, 1 February <i>Fourth 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 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>)
Friday, 2 February <i>The Presentation of the Lord Candlemas</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass <i>with blessing of candles</i> 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.00am – 2.00pm: Kairos Café (<i>Parish Centre</i>)
Saturday, 3 February <i>Fourth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.00am – 9.50am – Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (<i>Vigil</i>)
Sunday, 4 February <i>Fifth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Family Mass <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> Ignite Club for First Reconciliation Children (P3) Upstairs Hall Sunday Brunch is Served after 10.00am Family Mass 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass 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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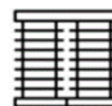
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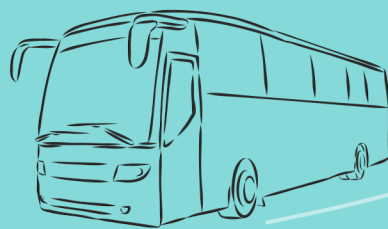
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To register your interest, please add your name to the list in the porch.
More details to follow in next week's bulletin.