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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up

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READING REFLECTIONS

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Exodus 20:1-17. When God had freed the Chosen People from the slavery of Egypt, He led them to Mount Sinai. There he made a Covenant with the Israelites through which He promised to make them His own people, to lead them into the Promised Land, and to protect them from their enemies there. The Israelites were to reverence Him and Him only as their Lord, and they were to obey the moral and cultic laws which He laid down for them.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians 1:22-25. In these few sentences St. Paul gives us the basic reasons which motivated opposition to the gospel message on the part of Jews and Gentiles. The Jews because Christ did not fit the preconceived ideas they had formed of the Messiah and the Gentiles because they looked to philosophy or human "wisdom" for the solution of man's problems.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 2:13-25. If we had only the Synoptic gospels (Mt., Mk., Lk.) we could easily conclude that Jesus spent almost all his public life and did all his preaching in Galilee and its neighborhood. St. John who wrote his gospel several years later corrects this false impression by mentioning visits made by our Lord to Jerusalem. He gave the "leaders of the people" in Jerusalem plenty of opportunity of hearing his message and his claims. He also worked some astounding miracles in or near the city. For instance, the man crippled for thirty-eight years (Jn. 5); the man born blind (Jn. 9), the raising of Lazarus; who had been four days buried (Jn. 11). St. John makes it very clear that the leaders (the priests and Pharisees) in Jerusalem were given every opportunity to learn who Jesus was, and every help to believe in him, but they would not. The fault was theirs, therefore, and the loss.

On this particular visit he made it clear to them that he was someone special, someone close to God whose house they were desecrating, and whom he even called his Father. In hidden language he told them that they would put him to death but that that would not be the end, for he would rise again. Some of them seem to have remembered this saying of his after they had put him to death, for they asked Pilate to place a guard on his tomb lest his disciples should remove the body and pretend he had risen for: "we recall," they said, "that this impostor said while he was still living, 'after three days I shall rise again'" (Mt. 27 : 63). But even the miracle of his resurrection did not affect the majority of them. They had made up their minds and "there are none so blind as those who will not see."



The reasons for their blindness were the same as those that keep millions of the neo-pagans of today from accepting and living the Christian faith. These, like the priests and Pharisees of Jerusalem in the year 28, are so immersed in the affairs of this world that they can give no thought to their own future.

Their eyes are so fixed on the earthly objectives that they have set themselves, that they can see nothing else. The priests and Pharisees wanted more than political freedom from Rome. They had hopes that their Messiah would give them a great world empire, and with it wealth and power without limit. Our contemporaries' aims may not go so far, but worldly aims are important enough in their eyes to make them exclude from their minds the thought of anything higher. Yet, they have more than enough reminders whichever way they turn to recall their minds to the historical facts of Christianity. This is 2006 A.D., that is 2006 years since the birth of Christ. Who was he, why was he born, why does the world divide its history into before he came, B.C., and after he came, A.D.? In every town and village of our once Christian western world there is a church or two with steeples pointing to the sky. Why? What do churches mean to men? Near every town there are cemeteries or "sleeping places," according to the meaning of that Greek word. Are those buried there only sleeping and waiting to be called, if not already called, or are they finished forever just like the ox or the unthinking cow that may be buried in the next field.

The agnostics and free-thinkers of our day should start to think about the real facts of life—the central ones of which are that Christ, who was the Son of God, took our human nature and lived for some time on this earth, so that he would raise us up to sonship with God. He suffered crucifixion, because the world was full of sin when he came. But his death made atonement to the heavenly Father for all the sins of the world. His resurrection from the dead was the prelude and the guarantee that we shall all rise to a life of glory in heaven, if only we have followed him faithfully during our years on earth.

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 first 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.

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Booking our function suites is great
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For booking enquiries email Chris
at the Parish Hall on
office@saintaugustines.org.uk.

Weekend dates are still available
for 2024.

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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!

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

*The following are the dates
for special collections in 2024*

- SCIAF: 9th/10th March
- Holy Places: 29th March
- Communications: 11th/12th May



PARISH NOTICES



Our candidates recently received The Rite of Election. The Rite of Election takes place in the Cathedral on the First Sunday of Lent and invites them to enter their names in the Book of the Elect. During Lent three other services take place in the home parishes of the candidates. These are known traditionally as The Scrutinies

First Scrutiny: 3 March at 10am
Second Scrutiny: 10 March at 10am
Third Scrutiny: 17 March at 10am

Their original purpose was to allow the Christian communities to recognise those who were preparing for Easter. On each of these occasions the readings from the Lectionary are chosen from the Gospel of Saint John for Liturgical Year A because of their catechetical value. On the third and fifth Sundays respectively the Elect are presented with a copy of the Creed and the Lord's Prayer. The prayers on these occasions are concerned with the themes of exorcism, self-searching and repentance. They also serve to strengthen the resolve of the candidates to persevere in their pilgrimage of faith.

St. Robert Bellarmine, pray for them
All Holy Men and Women, pray for them

PARISH WELLSPRING CONVERSATION



Thanks to those who came to our first parish
Wellspring Meeting. The next meeting will be
on Sunday 17th March at 6pm. All welcome.

2024 LENTEN SCHEDULE

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

Early Morning Mass
Monday - Friday: 7.00am

Confession
Saturday: 9.00 - 9.50am
Tuesday: 8.00 - 8.30pm

Stations of the Cross with Benediction
Tuesday: 7.00 - 8.00pm

Final Confession for with Visiting Priests
Tuesday, 19th March: 7.00pm - 8.30pm



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



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:

- BOYS CLOTHING 2+
- CHILDREN'S JACKETS AND SHOES
- BEDDING
- TOWELS



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



Our continued thanks to the Companions of the Order of Malta for their support in providing warm clothing to those in need.

Their help provides support to our clothing bank and our Winter Coat Appeal who all aim to provide warm clothing to anyone who presents themselves.



CONFESSION

Saturday: 9.00am – 9.50am

Tuesday: 8.00pm - 8.30pm

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

The next Medjugorje Evening takes place **Monday, 25th March 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 First Sunday of Lent 17/18 February 2024 is as follows:

- Plate collection: £1110
- Gift Aid: £1373
- Tax Reclaimed: 343.25*

This week's total: £2826.25

- Sick and Retired Priests: £1130

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



CONTACT US

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



FIRST RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Tuesday, 12 March | 7.00pm

Please pray for our young people
as they approach the Good
Shepherd for their First
Confession.

May they approach Him with
love and trust.

***There will be no Stations of the Cross on Tuesday, 12 March.*



SCHOOL LENTEN MASSES

Holy Mass will be celebrated every
Monday and Wednesday at 9.15am in
the school hall of Saint Augustine's
Primary School.

This is a great way for our young people
to grow closer to Jesus during the holy
season of Lent.

IGNITE CLUB

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 3 March

10.50 - 11.30am

in upstairs hall of the Parish Centre

This week is for P3 children
(First Reconciliation)

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, 10 March

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: _____



Place your completed Children's Page in the magazine holder in the Church porch on the noticeboard for your chance to win a prize!

PARISH NOTICES

SICK

Caroline Mitchell; Marion Moran; Josephine Martin; Brian Doyle; Irene Crawley; Simon Howard; Christine Elliot; James Trower; Cathy Gray; Katherine (Kitty) Quinn; Craig Cameron; Barbara Martin; Catherine Brown; Paul Morton; Luke Morton; Bernd Reimann; Marianne McMillan; Bill McNutt (New York); Teresa Coyle; Susan Robb; Margaret McClelland; Eileen O'Kane

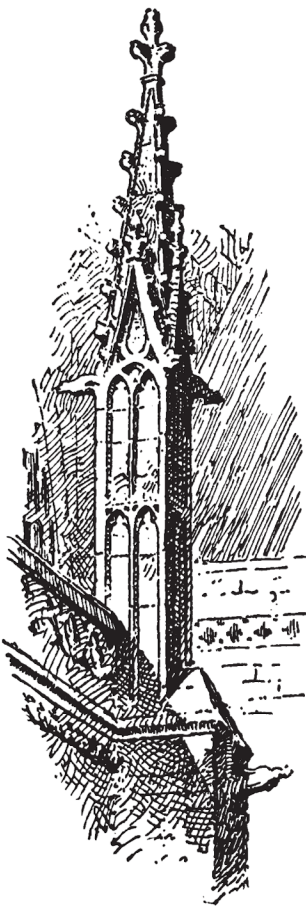
RECENTLY DECEASED

Elizabeth Battles; Kathleen Quinn; Daniel McAuley; John McLean; Brian Doyle; Margaret Rowan; Helen Moore; Teresa McCormack; James Cairns; Ronnie Moran; Davy Linnen; Ellen Grant; Hugh Kelly; Claire McGuigan; Ronnie Duffy

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Helen Mearns; Theresa Toal; Joe & Nan McLaughlin; Arthur & Margaret Reilly; Margaret Docherty; Michael McNally; Frank Docherty; Joe McCabe

*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 YORK TRIP 15-17 MAY 2024

£179 PER PERSON

- Two nights B&B
- Return coach
- York Minster ticket
- Spiritual Programme

To register your interest, please add your name to the sign up sheet on the noticeboard of the Church porch.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 3 March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	10.00am: Family Mass <i>with Children's Liturgy and First Scrutiny of RCIA Ignite Club for First Reconciliation Children (P3) Upstairs Hall</i> <i>Sunday Brunch is Served after 10.00am Family Mass</i> 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 4 March <i>Third Week of Lent</i>	7.00am: Holy Mass 9.15am: Primary School Mass (<i>School Hall</i>) 10.00am: Requiem Mass of Daniel McAuley 10.00am – 2.00pm: Kairos Café (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 10.30am - 1.00pm: Church cleaning 1.00pm - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm - 7.30pm People's Pantry Open (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Centre</i>) 7.00pm: Padre Pio Mass (<i>Teal/Coffee in the Parish Centre after Holy Mass</i>)
Tuesday, 5 March <i>Third Week of Lent</i>	7.00am: Holy Mass 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: Stations of the Cross with Benediction 8.00pm: Confession
Wednesday, 6 March <i>Third Week of Lent</i>	7.00am: Holy Mass 9.15am: Primary School Mass (<i>School Hall</i>) 10.00am: Requiem Mass of John McLean 10.00am – 2.00pm: Kairos Café (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday, 7 March <i>Third Week of Lent</i>	7.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am: Requiem Mass of Brian Doyle 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 Meeting for Parents and Godparents (<i>Parish House</i>)
Friday, 8 March <i>Third Week of Lent</i>	7.00am: Holy Mass 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, 9 March <i>Third Week of Lent</i>	9.00am – 9.50am – Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (<i>Vigil</i>)
Sunday, 10 March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i> <i>Laetare Sunday</i> <i>SCIAF Sunday</i> <i>Mother's Day</i>	10.00am: Family Mass <i>with Children's Liturgy and Second Scrutiny of RCIA 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

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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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**4th March 2024
at 7.00pm**

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Coatbridge***

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*St. Augustine's, for this
Celebration of Holy Mass.*



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Director Of Padre Pio Apostolate,
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