



HEARTBEAT

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The Northern Lights illuminate the background of St. Augustine's during week.

PENTECOST SUNDAY

The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth

PENTECOST SUNDAY

READING REFLECTIONS

After Jesus had ascended to heaven from Mt. Olivet, the apostles and disciples returned to the Holy City. They remained together in the Upper Room or Cenacle, the place where Jesus had appeared to them and which may well be called the first Christian church. About a hundred and twenty persons were assembled there. They chose Matthias as an apostle in place of the unhappy Judas; they prayed and waited for the Paraclete.

Ten days had passed, it was Sunday, the seventh Sunday after the resurrection. At about nine o'clock in the morning, as they were together praying fervently, the Holy Spirit descended upon them. Note how all the great theophanies in Christ's life occurred during the course of prayer. After His baptism, for instance, when Jesus was praying the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit descended in the form of a dove; likewise, it was during prayer at night that the transfiguration took place on Tabor. Surely too it was while Mary was praying that Gabriel delivered his message, and the Holy Spirit overshadowed her. Pentecost followed precedent. The small community of Christians had prepared themselves through prayer for the coming of the Paraclete. The same is true at Mass today, every day; through prayer we ready our souls for the advent of the Spirit.

The descent upon the apostles was internal and invisible in nature although accompanied by certain visible phenomena. There came a mighty roar, like the onrush of a violent wind. It came suddenly, from heaven; but unlike storms that strike a structure from without, this one penetrated and filled the room where the disciples were gathered. Therefore it was not a natural wind, it was a miracle peculiar to the occasion. A second visible sign consisted in tongues of fire that descended upon each one present. These fiery

tongues gave visible evidence that the Holy Spirit had descended upon them.

Today at Mass, particularly at holy Communion, the power of the Holy Spirit will come down upon us; fiery tongues will not be seen, but invisible tongues of fire will not be absent. There was still another external manifestation of the Holy Spirit; the apostles and disciples were enabled to speak various languages.

After the roar of the wind many of Jerusalem's pilgrims hurried to the Cenacle. Pentecost was one of the three festivals which obliged all Jews to be present in Jerusalem. Jews from distant lands, and Jewish converts from paganism too, attended these feasts. As a result, a colorful crowd speaking a variety of languages surrounded the house. Now the apostles, who so shortly before had hid in fear behind locked doors, came forth and courageously walked among the multitude speaking to each in his native tongue. It was indeed amazing! Galileans, and multilingual?

But the malicious too were present; they had the answer. Nothing marvelous at all! Those Galileans were simply drunk, and their drunken babble sounded like a foreign language! Peter showed no hesitation in answering the charge. None of their number, he said, were intoxicated; it was but nine o'clock in the morning, and at that hour men usually are sober. What the multitude saw was, in fact, the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy: In those days (of the Messiah), God will pour forth His Spirit upon men and they will prophesy. . . .

Then the apostle pointed his words more directly against the accusers: they had killed Jesus, had nailed Him to the Cross; but God had awakened Him and after His departure to heaven, He sent the Holy Spirit.



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The pilgrims who had heard Peter give this first pentecostal sermon "were pierced to the heart and said: Brethren, what shall we do? But Peter said to them: Repent and be baptized; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." Three thousand responded.

One final question: why the miracle of tongues? In answer, recall the story regarding the tower of Babel. Puffed up by pride, men attempted to build a tower that would touch the heavens. To punish their sin, God confused their speech. Sin causes confusion and division. Now Christ came to gather all men into His Church and thereby to unite them to Himself. This should result in creating but one family of nations again. To this blessed state the miracle of tongues points.

Yes, even we as individuals have a gift of tongues which all men can understand. It is the gift of love infused into us by the Holy Spirit. Love unites, love is a common language, by means of love we can speak to all nations.

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.*

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
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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!

UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

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

- Day for Life: 15/16th June



PARISH NOTICES

12NOON CHOIR

I am delighted that our Sunday 10.00am music leaders, Greg and Maria, have agreed to look after the 12noon choir going forward.

They intend to restart the choir and rehearsals in August, when the schools return. This will give them some time to put arrangements in place and to prepare the music calendar. Those interested in joining the choir are invited to contact Greg directly at music@saintaugustines.org.uk

I am grateful to both Greg and Maria, and indeed to all our current choir for their commitment to the music ministry at St. Augustine's. I am extremely grateful to the choir members who are leading the hymns from the choir loft during this interim period. Your voices are inspiring all of us to join in!

God Bless,
Fr. Kane

PETITIONS

At each Mass, you are invited to place your own prayer intentions into the basket on the offertory table at the back of the Church.

This will then be brought forward during our offertory. You will be able to get Prayer Intention slips for your prayer intention in the porch before Holy Mass.

FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Thursday, 23rd May

All Primary 4 children will have a retreat day
at Carfin Grotto on Thursday, 23rd May.





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



CONTACT US

If you require support, please contact us on the following email and someone will be in touch:
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:

- CHILDREN'S CLOTHING 2+
- CHILDREN'S JACKETS (EXCEPT BABIES)



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

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

The next Medjugorje Evening takes place **Monday, 27th May**.

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 Seventh Sunday of Easter is as follows:

- Plate collection: £1125
- Communications collection: £920
- Gift Aid: £1373
- Tax Reclaimed: £343.25*

This week's total: £3761.25

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



FOOD DRIVE

THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY IS RUNNING VERY LOW ON FOOD
DONATIONS CAN BE BROUGHT TO THE CHURCH.

***PLEASE DONATE NON-PERISHABLE
AND/OR UNEXPIRED GOODS ONLY***

All donation will go to
The People's Pantry

SOUP | TUNA | TINNED VEG | TINNED FRUIT | SPAGHETTI
TEA BAGS | TOILET ROLL | BISCUITS | BEANS | TINNED MEATS

For more information: outreach@saintaugustines.org.uk

Children's Colouring Page



Pentecost Sunday

PARISH NOTICES

SICK

Caroline Mitchell; Marion Moran; Josephine Martin; Irene Crawley; Simon Howard; James Trower; Craig Cameron; Barbara Martin; Catherine Brown; Paul Morton; Luke Morton; Bernd Reimann; Marianne McMillan; Teresa Coyle; Susan Robb; Margaret McClelland; Eileen O'Kane; Sharon Dolan; Paul McCormack; Raymond Sneddon; Brian Sneddon; ; Frances Hughes; Francis Wardhugh; Billy & Molly Bothwell; Patricia Bannan; Veronica Bannan; Frank Kelly; Pat Sludden; Jessie Cleary.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Cathy Gray; Anne Quate; Margaret McDade; Anne Millar; James Bruin; Agnes McCully; Peter Dornan; Rita Steel; Joe Murphy; Mary McCormack; Magdalena Sidonio; Kate Hogarty; Joseph O'Toole; Catherine Morris; Anthony Fagan; Michelle Meechan; Laura Chester; Etta Sloan.

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Elizabeth Delaney; Grace Laughlin; William Travers; Ailish & James Coyle; Mary Fisher; Rita Taggart; George & Alice Salimans; Edward Callaghan; John Keating; Anna Coyle; Lara Grace Kelly Cook; Anne Lyden

**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.*

May Devotions

Holy Rosary & Benediction Thursday Evenings at 7.00pm

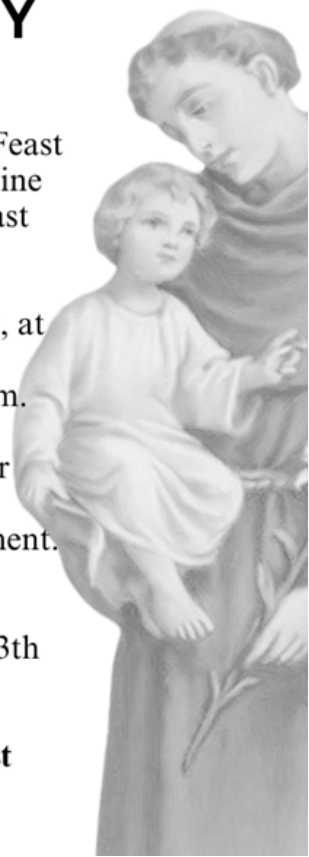
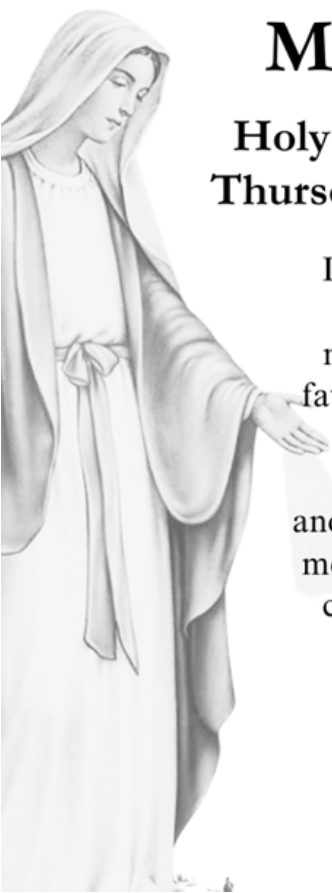
In May of 2002 Pope John Paul II said, "Today we begin the month dedicated to Our Lady a favourite of popular devotion. In accord with a long-standing tradition of devotion, parishes and families continue to make the month of May a 'Marian' month, celebrating it with many devout liturgical, catechetical and pastoral initiatives!" Join us in continuing this devotion.

SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA

This parish will prepare for the Feast of St. Anthony by praying the Nine Tuesdays Novena before the Feast Day.

The service will be each Tuesday, at 7.00pm with the Holy Rosary followed by Holy Mass at 7.30pm. After Mass we will pray the Novena together before ending the evening in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

Fr McGachey will celebrate the Feast Day Mass on Thursday, 13th June at 7.00pm here in St. Augustine's.
Order you lilies this Tuesday, 21st May.



PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 19 May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	10.00am: Family Mass 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass with <i>First Holy Communion</i> <i>First Holy Communion breakfast in Parish Centre</i> 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 20 May Mary, Mother of the Church	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Requiem Mass of Margaret McDade 10.30am - 1.00pm: Church cleaning 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 1.00pm - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm - 7.30pm: The People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>) 6.30pm: Vigil Reception of Mary McCormack
Tuesday, 21 May <i>Seventh Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Requiem Mass of Mary McCormack 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm: Saint Anthony Novena Mass and Devotions
Wednesday, 22 May <i>Seventh Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Requiem Mass of Anthony Fagan 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm: Lectio Divina Prayer Group (<i>Sacristy</i>)
Thursday, 23 May <i>Seventh Week of Ordinary Time</i>	<i>P4 Children to Carfin Grotto for First Holy Communion Retreat</i> 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 10.30am - 12.30pm: Clothing Bank (<i>Outreach Hub</i>) 12 noon - 3.00pm: The People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>) 7.00pm: Marian Devotions Rosary & Benediction
Friday, 24 May <i>Seventh Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 12noon: Marriage 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, 25 May <i>Seventh Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 9.00am - 9.50am: Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (Vigil)
Sunday, 26 May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	10.00am: Family Mass <i>Sunday Brunch after Family Mass</i> 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass with <i>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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from St. Augustine's Church, Dundyván to St. Mary's Church, Whifflet



ON SUNDAY, 2ND JUNE, WE WILL PROCESS WITH THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT FROM ST. AUGUSTINE'S
CHURCH, DUNDYVAN TO ST. MARY'S CHURCH,
WHIFFLET. EVERYONE IS MOST WELCOME.
ALL FIRST COMMUNICANTS AND ALTAR SERVERS
ARE INVITED TO LEAD THE PROCESSION.