



HEARTBEAT

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The Ascension of the Lord
Holy Day of Obligation
Thursday, 9th May 2024 *(Mass details inside)*

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

You are my friends if you do what I command you

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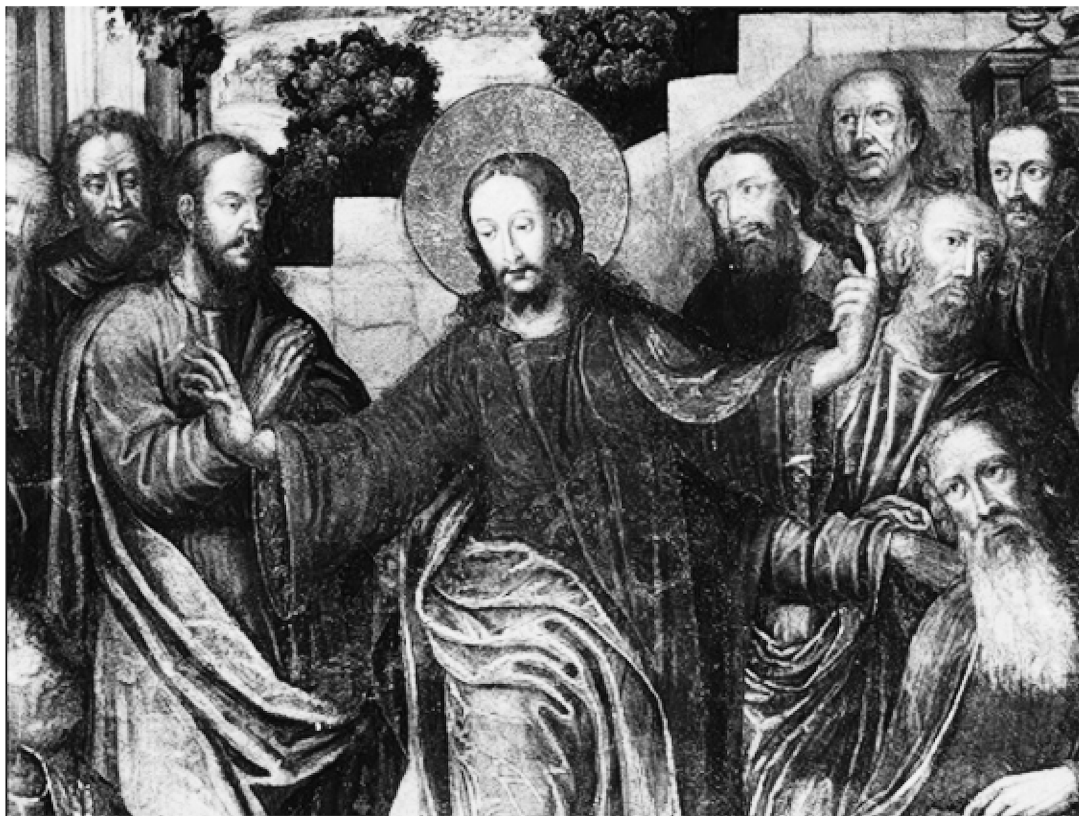
READING REFLECTIONS

The **First Reading** is taken from the Acts of the Apostles 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48 and describes the reception of the first Gentiles into the Christian Church.

The **Second Reading** is from the First Letter of John 4:7-10 in which he urges us to love one another, for we are sons of God whose very essence is love.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 15:9-17. It is only a few weeks since Good Friday when we commemorated the agonizing death of Christ on Mount Calvary. This was an excruciating, shameful death even for hardened criminals who deserved it. But for our loving Savior, the innocent lamb of God, one who had never offended God or neighbor, it was something of which the whole human race should be ashamed forever. What caused Christ that torment and death on the cross was our sins, the sins of all mankind and not the spite and hatred of his Jewish opponents, who were only instruments in the tragedy. Atonement had to be made to God for the sins of the world, so that men could reach the eternal inheritance which the incarnation made available to them. However, not all the acts of the entire human race could make a sufficient atonement to God. A sacrifice, an expiation of infinite value was needed. The death of the Son of God in his human nature was alone capable of making such an expiation.

That Christ willingly accepted crucifixion for our sakes, that he gave the greatest proof of love which the world has ever known, by laying down his life for his friends, did not make his sufferings any less, did not ease any of the pains of Calvary. His agony in the Garden before his arrest shows this: he foresaw all the tortures and pains which he was to undergo and sweated blood at the thought of what awaited him. But he was to keep his Father's commandment "not my will but thine be done."



We Christians must have hearts of stone, hearts devoid of all sense of gratitude, when we forget what Christ has done for us and deliberately offend him! Alas, this is what all of us do sometimes, and many of us do all the time. Christ died to bring us to heaven but we tell him, by our sins, that he was wasting his time. We do not want to go to heaven, we are making our happiness here!

How far can human ingratitude and thanklessness go? Christ told us, through the disciples on Holy Thursday night, that he had made us his friends, his intimates. We are no longer servants in the household, who merely earn their daily wage and have no intimacy with the family and no hope of ever sharing in the family possessions. Instead, we have been adopted into the family by Christ becoming man, we have been guaranteed all the rights of children intimacy with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit and the future sharing in the eternal happiness of that divine household. Christ's incarnation made us God's children; Christ's death on the cross removed sin. Sin is the one obstacle that could prevent us reaching our eternal inheritance.

Because God gave us a free will we can in a moment of folly, a moment of madness really, deprive ourselves of the privileges and possessions which Christ has made available to us. We can choose to exchange an eternity of happiness for a few fleeting years of self-indulgence on earth. We can fling Christ's gift of love back in his face and tell him we don't want it. God forbid that we should ever act like this, that we should ever forget God's purpose in creating us. It is a marvelous thing to be alive, if we have hope in a future life. If nothing awaited us but the grave, then to live on this earth, which is a valley of sorrow and tears for the vast majority, would be the cruelest of jests. But of this we need have no fear. Life on earth is but a short prelude to our real existence. If we use this brief period as Christ has told us how to use it, death for us will be the passage into the eternal mansions. Be grateful to God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit; love the Blessed Trinity; prove your love by loving your fellowmen. By doing this you are fulfilling the whole law and the prophets; and you are assuring yourself of the place in heaven which Christ has won for you.

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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way to support your Parish! Our
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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.

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*

- Communications: 11/12th May
- Day for Life: 15/16th June



PARISH NOTICES



Diocese of Motherwell

Beating Heart Group Presents:

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WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

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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
- CHILDREN'S SHOES



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 Fifth Sunday of Easter is as follows:

- Plate collection: £1815
- Gift Aid: £1373
- Tax Reclaimed: £343.25*

This week's total: £3531.25

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

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.

ST. ANDREW'S HOSPICE FUNDRAISER

A fundraiser will be held in St. Patrick's Hall on Friday, 10th May at 7.30pm.

Tickets can be purchased at St. Patrick's Hall on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 10.30am - 1.00pm or by contacting Joe and Helen on the numbers below:

01236 435989
07708 882633

BLAIRHILL DUNDYVAN PARISH CHURCH

Celebrating 50 years of union with a concert by "Shine" Youth Music group.

The concert takes place at Blairhill Dundывan Parish Church on Thursday, 6th June at 7.30pm.

Tickets are £8 each and includes tea and coffee.
You can buy tickets from our Parish Shop.

IGNITE CLUB

THIS WEEK

Sunday, 5 May

10.50 - 11.30am

in upstairs hall of the Parish Centre

This week is for P7 children
(Confirmation)



FIRST COMMUNION RETREAT

Thursday, 23rd May

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

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



Sixth Sunday of Easter

PARISH NOTICES

MARRIAGE

Greg MacPherson & Caitlin Cruickshanks

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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Mary McAfee; Cathy Gray; Anne Millar; Joe O'Kane; Anne Quate; Hugh Hanlon; Peter Dornan; Susan Devine; Grace Clark

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Mick Roache; Gerard Hagan; Anne Marie Mullen (Valentini); Michael Kerr; Katie Devlin; Alice Grogan; Gus McMillan; Tess Wallace; Gwen Lewis; George Ferguson; Betty O'Hagan

**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.



PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 5 May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	10.00am: Family Mass <i>Sunday Brunch after 10.00am Family Mass</i> Ignite Club for Confirmation children (P7) <i>Upstairs Hall</i> 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 6 May <i>Sixth Week of Easter</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass 10.30am - 1.00pm: Church cleaning Kairos Cafe closed for bank holiday 1.00pm - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2.00pm: Summerlee Care Home Mass 6.00pm - 7.30pm: The People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>) 6.30pm: Vigil Reception of Cathy Gray
Tuesday, 7 May <i>Sixth Week of Easter</i>	10.00am: Requiem Mass of Cathy Gray 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, 8 May <i>Sixth Week of Easter</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass 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>) 7.30pm: Holy Mass for the Ascension of the Lord (<i>Vigil</i>)
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION Thursday, 9 May <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i>	7.00am: Holy Mass of the Ascension 10.00am: Holy Mass of the Ascension <i>with primary school</i> 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 <i>Rosary & Benediction</i>
Friday, 10 May <i>Sixth Week of Easter</i> <i>Pentecost Novena Day 1</i>	10.00am: Requiem Mass of Anne Quate 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, 11 May <i>Sixth Week of Easter</i> <i>Pentecost Novena Day 2</i>	9.00am - 9.50am: Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 1.00pm: Marriage Special Collection for Communications 4.00pm: Holy Mass (<i>Vigil</i>)
Sunday, 12 May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Communications Sunday</i> <i>Pentecost Novena Day 3</i>	Special Collection for Communications 10.00am: Family Mass <i>with First Holy Communion</i> <i>Sunday Brunch after 10.00am Family Mass</i> 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass

The 9 days leading to Pentecost we will pray the Pentecost Novena.
Novena will be prayed after Each Mass on these 9 days.

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

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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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2 JUNE 2024 | 2.00PM

from St. Augustine's Church, Dundyvan 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.