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ELEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

The kingdom of God is a mustard seed growing into the biggest shrub of all

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READING REFLECTIONS

The **First Reading** is taken from Ez 17:22-24. In this reading the prophet Ezekiel spoke about the better days that were to come for the Chosen People when Yahweh would take back His people once more, and dwell in their midst forever. Today's extract is a messianic prophecy in which God says that he will raise up a descendant—a sprig from the lofty cedar David, who will yet be the glory of Israel.

The **Second Reading** is from 2 Corinthians 5:6-10. St Paul tells his Corinthians that his constant desire and motive in life is to please God. In this he wants them to imitate him. While on earth this is his aim and when he goes to God in heaven this will be his purpose and his delight.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 4:26-34. One of the proofs of the divine origin of the Church of Christ is its growth from very humble beginnings. Christ could have come on earth in the prime of manhood, without the cooperation of any human ancestry. He could have preached his gospel to the whole world himself without any help from men. By extraordinary miracles he could have astounded the world into believing. If he wished to have the assistance of men he could have chosen the outstanding philosophers and orators of Greece and Rome. Instead, he chose to come into this world as a baby, the son of a poor mother and of a carpenter foster-father. He was born in a stable; was forced into pagan Egypt before he was a year old; he lived thirty or so years in Nazareth in poverty, earning his meager daily bread by the sweat of his brow. Then for three years he trudged the highways and by-ways of Palestine, often weary, hungry and footsore, preaching the good news of redemption. For assistants he chose fishermen, shepherds and tax-gatherers, twelve of the most ordinary of the ordinary people of his day.



When the time came for him to lay down his life for the world as prearranged by his Father, he allowed his enemies to capture him and to condemn him to the death of the cross. These were surely humble beginnings for a kingdom which was to span the earth and the ages. The mustard seed in comparison was large. Yet, this was God's plan and therefore it succeeded as he said it would. The story of his humble origins among us, of his equality with us in all things, sin alone excepted, and of his self-immolation for us, touched human hearts wherever it was told and the grace of God did the rest.

It was not the eloquence of the Apostles, nor their gift of persuasion, nor their fame for learning that moved the pagan world to forsake its idols and its vices. No, nothing but the moving grace of the Holy Spirit and the objective truth of the gospel story can explain the conversion of the Roman empire.

Therefore, the spread of the Church is a proof of its divine origin—it is from God and God is with it. Knowing this, how grateful should we not be to him who has made us members of his kingdom on earth, with the assurance of a place in his eternal kingdom in heaven, if we remain his loyal subjects here below. How good God has been to us! To what lengths of humiliation did he not go to in order to open heaven for us!

When we think of Bethlehem, Nazareth, Calvary, can we dare complain because he sends us a few crosses to help us to atone for our own past sins? When we wipe the sweat of honest labor from our brow, we will think of the carpenter of Nazareth. When we feel the pinch of poverty, hunger, debt, we will think of Bethlehem and its stable and of the poor home of Nazareth. If or when the injustice of others should drive us from our home and fatherland, as is the lot of so many today, we will think of the exile in Egypt. If we are saved this humiliation we will do all in our power to help "displaced" persons wherever they may be.

The tiny mustard seed has grown into a tree but it has yet to gather many more under the shelter of its branches. Christ asks every one of his followers to help him to bring all men into the safety of his kingdom on earth, so that they may be enabled to enjoy happiness forever in his heavenly kingdom. Realizing all that God and his divine Son have done for us, would we be so mean and ungrateful as to refuse to lend a helping hand? God forbid! God has already put us on the right road to heaven; we will help him to get in the stragglers, the lazy, the "couldn't-care-less" ones on that same road, by every means available to us.

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



Marriage Preparation COURSES

Online booking is now open for couples preparing for marriage within the Catholic Church. Courses take place on Saturday from 10.45am - 3.00pm.

All courses take place at: Saint Augustine's Parish Centre, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ

The dates for 2024/25 are as follows:

SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	JUNE
14	26	18	15	15	12	7
2024	2024	2025	2025	2025	2025	2025

The course is £50 per couple and includes all course materials.

Book your course today at: **www.marriagefamilylife.org**

*Please book only **ONE** day course. For more information, contact Deacon David Harper from the Marriage, Family and Life Agency:
info@marriagefamilylife.org*

Today's Second Collection will collected for Day for Life



DAY FOR LIFE 2024

Today the Catholic Church in Great Britain and Ireland marks our annual Day for Life, established by Pope Saint John Paul II to recognise the value of human life at every stage and condition, and to draw attention to the seriousness of abortion and euthanasia and other aspects of human life deserving our consideration. In recent years our Day for Life

Collection has helped fund our traditional pro-life organisations as well as supporting survivors of sexual abuse and those with addictions and caring for refugees and asylum seekers. This year's theme, The Lord is My Shepherd, focuses on Compassion and Hope at the End of life against current efforts to legalise assisted euthanasia. To read the Bishops' Message and moving testimony of a hospital chaplain please see www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/



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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two Function Suites available for:

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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

THE NEW LECTIONARY

The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The process began with the Roman Missal in 2011 and has continued with all the other liturgical texts. The new Lectionary will become mandatory for use in all Catholic parishes and mass centres in England & Wales and in Scotland from Advent 2024, therefore we must replace what we currently use.

To do this, I am hoping any willing families will sponsor a book. Any family who does so will have their name inserted into the book on special donor bookplate. Your dedicated book will be used every week, for decades to come, at the celebration of Holy Mass here in St. Augustine's.



The Ambo Edition

Sponsorship: £198.75 each

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The Chapel Edition

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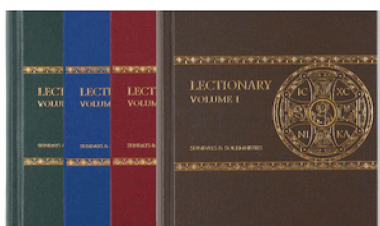
This comes as a set of 4.



Book of the Gospels

Sponsorship:

- Leatherbound: £275 each
- Processional Edition: £395
- Solid Silver Edition: £795



Study Edition

Sponsorship: £62.50 each

This comes as a set of 4.

If your family would like to make a donation for one of the new books, please pickup and complete the donation envelope in the church porch and return to the Parish House. Please also write the family/donor name so that it can be affixed to the book. You may also honour deceased family members by including their names in the book. For more info please contact Fr Kane

DIOCESAN MISSION APPEAL

On the weekend of 22nd/23rd June, we will hold our Diocesan Mission Appeal here in St. Augustine's. Over that weekend, all Masses will be celebrated by the Mill Hill Fathers.

Over that weekend, we will learn of their work today and how they continue to proclaim the Good News. There will be second collection to support the work of the Mill Hill Fathers on the 22nd/23rd June.



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.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We currently provide a warm drink and biscuits for anyone visiting the clothing bank.

We are looking for anyone who can spare two hours on a Thursday morning. This would be to provide tea/coffee and a biscuit for anyone waiting at the clothing bank. Details for contacting are below.



CONTACT US

If you require support or have donations you need to drop off, 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.

URGENT

NEEDS OF THE WEEK:

- CLOTHING OF ALL AGES



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 Tuesday:
6.30pm - 8.15 pm



WANTED BIKES (IN WORKING ORDER)

They have to be in working order as we are unable to do anything apart from minimal repairs.

Bikes for Adults and Children will be gratefully received.

To date we have distributed over 60 bikes which are being used, not only for leisure and play but commuting to work



CONFESSION

Saturday: 9.00am – 9.50am

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

The next Medjugorje Evening takes place **Monday, 25th June**.

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 Tenth Sunday of Ordinary Time is as follows:

- Plate collection: £1305
- Gift Aid: £1373
- Tax Reclaimed: £343.25*

This week's total: £3021.25

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

Children's Colouring Page



Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

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; Jessie Cleary; Tony McLeary; Hugh Kelly; Billy & Molly Bothwell; John McShane; Ann McShane; Des Sludden; Delia Alexander; Robert Alexander; Mary Harvey.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr John Lochran; Jimmy Lockhart; Irene Hanlon; Audrey Henderson; Eddie Devlin

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

John Keating; Annie and David Trower Snr., David Trower Jnr., Mary Sludden; Jane McGlynn; Dennis McCall; Anne Stobie; Tony Boon; Jane McCall; Anne and Ciaran McHugh; Carol Tennent; William and Margaret Cairns; Susan Morton; Thomas Travers; David Morton; Anne Delaney; Margaret Clark; Mary Clark



PARISH RENEWAL QUESTIONNAIRE

We need your input to guide the next steps in our Wellspring renewal journey. Your experiences and insights are invaluable to us, and we've created a short questionnaire to gather your feedback on parish life here at St Augustine's.

WHY PARTICIPATE?

Shape our community: Your input will directly influence our future initiatives and activities.

It's quick and easy: The questionnaire only takes a couple of minutes to complete!

HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Online: Visit <https://bit.ly/4bHZbof> to fill out the questionnaire online.

Bulletin: Scan the QR code in this week's bulletin to access the questionnaire.

Paper Copy: Complete and return to the Parish House. Available in the Church Porch.



Your feedback will help us create a more vibrant and fulfilling parish experience for everyone. Thank you for being an essential part of

PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 16 June <i>Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time</i> Second Collection: Day for Life Fathers Day	10.00am: Family Mass 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 17 June <i>Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Requiem Mass of Jimmy Lockhart 10.30am - 1.00pm: Church cleaning 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 1.00pm - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2.00pm: Summerlee House Mass 6.00pm - 7.30pm: The People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>)
Tuesday, 18 June <i>Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass After Mass: Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 10.30am - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday, 19 June <i>Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time</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 7.00pm: Lectio Divina Prayer Group (<i>Sacristy</i>)
Thursday, 20 June <i>Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time</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>)
Friday, 21 June <i>Eleventh Week of Ordinary Time</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
Saturday, 22 June <i>Eleventh 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, 23 June <i>Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	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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