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**DEANERY MISSION APPEAL THIS
WEEKEND WITH THE MILL HILL FATHERS**

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Even the wind and the sea obey him

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

READING REFLECTIONS

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Job 38:1, 8-11. The point in this story of Job, is that God has plans and purposes which mortal men cannot grasp. While Job's three friends try to persuade him that he must be guilty of some crime, otherwise he would not be suffering as he is, Job insists on his innocence. God now comes on the stage. By correcting Job's friends he indirectly proves that Job is innocent, but at the same time, he does not proclaim Job's right to complete happiness.



The **Second Reading** is from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 5:14-17. St. Paul is urging his converts never to forget what being a Christian means. They have been given a new mode of life because Christ died and rose from the dead for them.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 4:35-41. There is a very important lesson for every one of us in today's gospel story. Our lives are really a journey across the sea of time to the shore of eternity. During that crossing all who come to the use of reason encounter some storms. There is no smooth, calm crossing for anyone. This is the will of God. Our Lord knew that a storm was going to blow up that night in the Sea of Galilee. He allowed his disciples to face that terrifying ordeal, because he wanted his future Church to have confidence in his divine power and assistance, when tribulations and persecutions would seem to be on the point of ending her forever. Down through the centuries the Church of God has had to face storms and trials which would have swamped her if she had not a divine Founder and Protector. Christ, however, kept his promise — the gates of hell cannot prevail against her. She survived the storms and as a consequence of them gained new vigor and strength.

That same divine guarantee which Christ gave his Church will be with her until the last human

being on earth has entered heaven. It is with her today.

It will save her from internal weaknesses which could do more damage to her spiritual vitality than open persecution from without could ever do. We know Christ is in the barque of Peter. He is waiting to be called. If we realize that of ourselves we are not able to weather this storm, and call on him, he will rebuke the winds of pride and calm the waves of turbulent self-assertion. The barque of Peter will enter calm waters once more.

What is true in the life of the Church is true also in the life of each member of the Church. God foresees all our life's storms. He permits them, because he is to use them as means to help us in our struggle to reach heaven. If we use these storms or trials of life to come closer to Jesus, to throw ourselves on his mercy, they will serve the purpose for which he permits them. Unfortunately, there are Christians who question not only the goodness of God, but his very existence, when some heavy seas break across their life's barque. "How could God, if he be good," they ask, "allow me to suffer like this, I who have been so faithful? Why should he let me bear all this poverty, all these pains, all this dishonesty of my fellowmen, when a small act of his will could remove it all and make me healthy, happy and prosperous?"

What such a Christian forgets is that God's purpose in creating him was not to make him healthy, happy and prosperous in this life, but to give him a share in his own eternal happiness in heaven. If this life were the end and sum-total of man, if all ended with death, then certainly that complaint would have some foundation. However, our human intelligence, and divine revelation, prove to us conclusively that this life is not an end for man but a means with which to attain his real end, perfect happiness.

Therefore, we must not expect to get from life what it cannot give. Instead, we must use what it gives us, the unpleasant as well as the pleasant, the rain as well as the sunshine, the pain as well as the pleasure, as means which will help us to reach our perfect ending, our eternal dwelling-place in heaven. Too often like the disciples that night in the storm, we think that God has forgotten us, that he is not interested in us when storms break around us. In fact, it is then that he is nearest to us. We think he is sleeping and that all is lost, when he is but using this storm to rekindle our faith, and make us realize that we are pilgrims on our way across this earth and not permanent residents here.

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

PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR 2023

A huge thank you for all who have supported the Parish over the past 12 months through your offering. Your generosity has had a huge impact on the upkeep of our Parish, which I am sure you can see the fruit of when entering our beautiful Church.

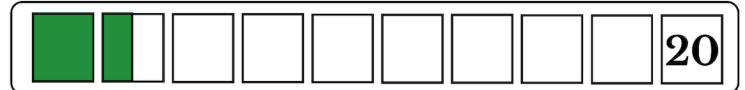
Last year we were able to reclaim just short of £30,000. Gift aid is at no cost to anyone, and is simply us reclaiming the tax you have paid on your donation to the Parish. For every £1 you donate, we can reclaim 25p. It is evident that this mounts up over the course of the year. If you are a tax payer, and haven't already joined our Gift Aid scheme at St. Augustine's, I invite you to do so. Forms can be collected from the Church porch noticeboard and handed back into the Parish office once completed. Again, this does not cost you anything extra. We have had 3 new gift-aiders and our target is to have another 20 signed up this year.

Thank you again for your continued support.

God Bless,

Rev. Michael J. Kane

GIFT AID 2024 TARGET



Income

Ordinary income	£167,720.08
Gift-aid reclaim	£29,894.06
Special collections	£15,950.60
Votives	£6,947.00
Parish Centre Income	£44,623.18
Shop	£5,838.60
Media income	£17,313.96
Grants	£67,374.21
Additional donations	£106,399.55 <i>(including organ donations)</i>
Others	£19,852.90

Expenditure

Church Management	£98,672.61
Diocesan Management + Levy	£72,981.87
Grounds Management	£755.25
Parish Centre Management	£32,880.60
Parish House Management	£14,673.14
Office Management	£30,171.66
Salaries and NIC (Clergy)	£4,560.35
Salaries and NIC (Employees)	£84,266.65
Telephone (Overall)	£2,966.42
Travel Expenses)	£3,831.12
Head and Light (Overall)	£43,708.80
Water Rates (Overall)	£3,946.18
Insurance (Overall)	£7,437.76
Outreach Expenses	£63,914.91

SUMMER SCHEDULE

Morning Mass

Monday - Saturday - 10.00am

Sunday Mass

Saturday Vigil: 4.00pm

Sunday: 10.00am, 12noon, 5.00pm

Sacrament of Confession

Saturday: 9.00am - 9.55am

Adoration

Monday - Friday : 10.30am - 7.00pm

Holy Rosary

Monday - Saturday : 9.30am

Medjugorje Mass

Monday, 29 July: 7.30pm (*Holy Rosary begins 7pm*)

Kairos Cafe

Monday - Friday: 10.00am - 2.00pm

Closed: 15 - 26 July. Reopens 29 July

Clothing Bank

Closed: 4 and 11 July

Ukrainian Adult Group

Closed: July

Ukrainian Kids Group

Closed for School Holidays

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 aged 7.45am - 8.15am.

CLOSED FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

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
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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*



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

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This comes as a set of 4.



The Chapel Edition

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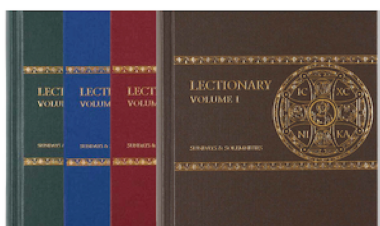
This comes as a set of 4.



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: £955
- Day for Life: £780
- Gift Aid: £1373
- Tax Reclaimed: £343.25*

This week's total: £3451.25

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

Children's Colouring Page



Twelfth 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; Patricia Bannan; Veronica Bannan; Frank Kelly; Jessie Cleary; Tony McLeary; Billy & Molly Bothwell; John McShane; Ann McShane; Delia Alexander; Robert Alexander; Mary Harvey; Anne Clarke; Madge Mallon; Mark Dunion.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Fr John Lochran; Des Sludden; Hubert Lockhart; Molly Livingstone; Eddie Devlin; Irene Hanlon; Margaret McDade; Olga Hanson; Calum MacLeod; Betty Shaw; Sadie McLaughlin; Louise Armstong.

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Helen Mearns; John Lowrie; Derek Ross; Jim Glen; Charles O'Hagan; Carol Ann McDonald; Mary Jo Tuite; Ned Tuite; Gerald Joseph Murphy; Anne Agnew; William Lightbody; William McLaughlin; David Morton

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Sheila Armstong & Family; Stephen Armstong



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>Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time Deanery Mission Appeal</i>	10.00am: Family Mass 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass 2.00pm: ALMA Club Service 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 24 June <i>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.30am - 1.00pm: Church cleaning 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 1.00pm - 7.00pm: Church open for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 1.30pm: P7 Leavers' Mass and Awards (<i>School</i>) 6.00pm - 7.30pm: The People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>) 7.30pm: Medjugorje Mass (<i>Holy Rosary begins at 7.00pm</i>)
Tuesday, 25 June <i>Twelfth 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 7.00pm: Mass for Life (<i>Church</i>)
Wednesday, 26 June <i>Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time Schools close for summer</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass <i>with primary school for end of term (Church)</i> 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, 27 June <i>Twelfth 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>) 7.00pm: Deanery Meeting (<i>Parish Centre</i>)
Friday, 28 June <i>Saint Irenaeus</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, 29 June <i>Twelfth 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, 30 June <i>Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul</i>	10.00am: Family Mass <i>with Baptisms</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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