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2024
BACK TO SCHOOL

TWENTIETH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

My flesh is real food and my blood is real drink

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READING REFLECTIONS

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Proverbs, 9:1-6 in which wisdom is described as a person.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter of St. Paul to the Ephesians 5:15-20. St. Paul urges his converts to live according to the Christian wisdom they have received: to live according to the will of the Lord. He urges them to avoid drunkenness, to be full of the Holy Spirit and full of gratitude to God for all the gifts given them.

The **Gospel** is from St. John 6:51-58. We, like the Christians of the year 90 A.D., have a great advantage over those Galileans to whom Christ spoke in Capernaum. We are convinced that Christ was the Son of God who had become man in order to make us sons of God. He died on the cross as a sacrifice of atonement to his Father for us and for our sins. He himself said "Greater love than this no man hath that a man lay down his life for his friends." That is the greatest sacrifice a man can make for anyone. Christ, however, was more than man, he was God too; he was therefore able to do more for his friends. He was able to leave to his Church the power to repeat the sacrifice of the cross under the symbolic form of the consecrated bread and wine. By this repetition and recalling: "do this in memory of me," his followers could give infinite honor to the Father and renew the infinite atonement made on their behalf on Calvary. Furthermore, by partaking of this real sacrifice offered to God Christians could be united with Christ and with the Father in an intimate manner.

The Eucharist is a sacrifice and a sacrament. As a sacrifice it is the repetition, the re-enactment, of Christ's sacrifice of himself on Calvary. It is a sacrifice of infinite value for it is the same Christ, the God-man, who is offering himself, through the medium of his human representative, to his heavenly Father.



It is a sacrament for it is a visible sign instituted by Christ to give us grace. Under the visible appearances of bread and wine, it is the source of all grace whom we receive within us. The staple human nourishment, bread and wine, are changed into the infinite source of our staple spiritual nourishment, the body and blood of Christ.

The Blessed Eucharist is a mystery in so far as our minds cannot understand how exactly Christ is present on our altars after the words of consecration. The very words given us by Christ himself have been said over the bread and wine. But while we cannot grasp how exactly this happens, we can have no room for doubt but that it does happen: for we have the solemn affirmation of Christ the Son of God that it is so. In today's Gospel he clearly says "the bread which I shall give ... is my flesh. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life." And during the course of the Last Supper "he took bread and blessed and broke it and gave it to them saying 'take, this is my body.' And he took a cup . . . he gave it to them and they all drank of it. And he said to them: 'this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for many'" (Mk. 14: 22). That the Apostles accepted his word and made this ceremony of partaking of the consecrated bread and wine the central act of the Christian worship from the very beginning of the Church, is fully proved in the Acts of the Apostles and in the writings of St. Paul. This has continued down to our day and will continue as long as men inhabit the earth.

For devout Christians the biggest mystery about the Blessed Eucharist is the mystery of the divine love that moved Christ to leave us such an intimate and such an effective memorial of the love he proved to have for us on Calvary. We certainly do not deserve this extra proof of his love. He opened heaven for us, he showed us how to get there, he did not leave us to struggle alone. His infinite and divine love made him find a means of remaining always with us in our tabernacles, and of opening the floodgates of divine mercy each time this sacrifice is offered on our altars. Furthermore, he wanted to give himself to us as the life-giving food which would give us the spiritual strength for salvation. The infinite love of Christ for us is the only explanation of this. And what return do we make for this love? We attend at the sacrifice of the Mass realizing that by active participation we are capable of giving infinite honor to God. Do we receive this truly heavenly food, the body of Christ, with the proper preparation? Do we visit Christ in the church where he ever remains ready to receive us and to listen to our requests?

If the Jews of old could boast: "For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as the Lord our God is to us" (Dt. 4:7), how much more truly can we Christians make such a boast, for Christ our Lord has deigned to remain with us on our altars until the end of time.

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

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.

300-CLUB

By joining the Saint Augustine's 300 Club, you will be helping support renovations and on going upkeep of our Church buildings and ground.

Sign up can only be done online by visiting:
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Cost is £20 per number per month. Numbers will be allocated at random. There will be five cash prizes each month: First prizes £700, second prize £300, third prize £150, fourth prize £75, fifth prize £50. T&Cs apply.

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.

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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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For booking enquiries email Chris
at the Parish Hall on
staugustine@rcdom.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*

Ecclesiastical Students - 7/8 September

Mission Sunday - 19/20 October

Education Sunday - 23/24 November



PARISH NOTICES

THANK YOU FR. MAREK

Many thanks to Fr Marek for supplying at St Augustine's during Fr Kane's summer break.

Thanks to all our parishioners for giving him a warm Coatbridge welcome! We wish Fr Marek a safe journey back home on Monday.

VOCATIONS MASS

Please consider going along to the Vocations Mass on Thursday, 22nd August in Motherwell Cathedral at 7.00pm.

We have a few young men in our Diocese, including Deacon Chris from our own Parish, who are currently studying for the Priesthood.

We pray for them and the young women of our diocese who are responding to God's call as well as those who are discerning.

END THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S TWO-CHILD BENEFIT CAP

Did you know that BPAS, one of Britain's biggest abortion providers, has identified that the Government's punitive two-child Universal Credit limit is "a significant factor" in many women deciding to abort their child?

The two-child benefit cap targets the poor and vulnerable. Please help mothers choose life and overturn the cruel and punitive two-child benefit cap.

You can sign the petition in the Church porch or by visiting
<https://www.spuc.org.uk/end-benefit-cap>



Beginning Experience
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The Beginning Experience are holding a weekend for those who find themselves suffering bereavement through divorce, separation or widowhood.

The weekend will take place from 4th-6th October 2024 at Conforti Centre, Coatbridge For details contact: Louise on 07926 571004 or e-mail: louisep398@gmail.com

Completed Applications must be returned by 20th September 2024



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)

Following the last appeal, 6 bikes were supplied to people in the local area.

We are especially looking for ladies' bikes.

If you are able to support us with this, please contact us directly.



CONFESSION

Saturday: 9.00am – 9.50am

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

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

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 Nineteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time is as follows:

- Plate collection: £1555
- Gift Aid: £1373
- Tax Reclaimed: £343.25*

This week's total: £3271.25

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

Children's Colouring Page



Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

PARISH NOTICES

SICK

Tony McLeary; Hugh Kelly; James Trower; Frances Hughes; Francis Wardhugh; Billy & Molly Bothwell; Patricia Bannan; Veronica Bannan; Frank Kelly; Pat Sludden; John McShane; Ann McShane; Robert Alexander; Anne Clarke; Madge Mallon; Andre McGuinness; Mary Hughes; Jessie Cleary; Brian Sneddon; Raymond Sneddon; Caroline Mitchell; Marion Moran; Josephine Martin; Irene Crawley; Simon Howard; Craig Cameron; Barbara Martin; Catherine Brown; Paul Morton; Luke Morton; Bernd Reimann; Marianne McMillan; Teresa Coyle; Susan Robb; Margaret McLelland; Eileen O'Kane; Sharon Dolan; Paul McCormack; Andy Kelly; Caroline Dawson; Jim McCormack.

RECENTLY DECEASED

James Devlin; Thomas Smith; Patrick Shearin; Nicholas Kingsman; Janet Leonard.

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Deacon Frank Scally; Violet Browne; Terry Kirkland; Patrick Morris; Ellen Healy; Frank Innes; Sarah & David McAulay; Carolanne McKendry; Isa McKendry; Irene McLuskey; Elsa Travers; Theresa McGinley; John Keating; Ellen McIntyre; Mary Fox; Annie Fox; John Fox (Snr); Philip McKeown; Walter Gilroy.

FUNERALS

Janet Leonard RIP

Vigil Reception: Monday, 19th August at 6.00pm

Requiem Mass: Tuesday, 20th August at 10.00am

Pat Shearin RIP

Vigil Reception: Tuesday, 20th August at 6.00pm

Requiem Mass: Wednesday, 21st August at 10.00am

BAPTISMS

Sunday 25th August 10.00am Mass:

Sophia Louise McGuinness; Shae Louise Mullen

BIRTHDAY BLESSING

Paul Morton

PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 18 August <i>Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Family Mass 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass 2.00pm: Alma Family Day Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 19 August <i>Twentieth Week of Ordinary Time</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 6.00pm - 7.30pm: The People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>) 6.00pm: Vigil Reception of Janet Leonard
Tuesday, 20 August <i>Saint Bernard</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Requiem Mass of Janet Leonard 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 6.00pm: Vigil Reception of Pat Shearin 7.00pm: Fabric and Finance Meeting (<i>Parish House</i>)
Wednesday, 21 August <i>Saint Pius X</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Requiem Mass of Pat Shearin 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, 22 August <i>Our Lady Mother & Queen</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: Vocations Mass (<i>Motherwell Cathedral</i>)
Friday, 23 August <i>Twentieth 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, 24 August <i>Saint Betholomew</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 9.00am - 9.50am: Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (Vigil)
Sunday, 25 August <i>Twentieth-First Week of Ordinary Time</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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VISIT OF ARCHBISHOP BUENDÍA TO THE DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL

His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, the Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, has been invited to make a Pastoral Visit to the Diocese of Motherwell over the weekend of Friday, 30th August - Sunday, 1st September.

FRIDAY, 30TH AUGUST

7.00PM | MASS OF WELCOME

in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell

SATURDAY, 31ST AUGUST

10.00AM | HOLY MASS

in Our Lady of Good Aid Cathedral, Motherwell

11.30AM | WELLSPRING ASSEMBLY

in St. Bride's Centre, Motherwell

SUNDAY, 1ST SEPTEMBER

3.00PM | NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE MASS

at the National Shrine, Carfin Grotto

