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PRIMARY 1 WELCOME MASS SUNDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name welcomes me

PAPAL NUNCIO VISIT TO THE DIOCESE OF MOTHERWELL AUGUST 2024



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

The meeting takes 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.



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PARISH GIVING

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- 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.*

TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

READING REFLECTIONS

The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Wisdom 2:12, 17-20. Against the background of Egyptian worship of animals and mockery of Jewish trust in God, the author devotes much of chapters 1 - 5 to the ineffectiveness of such mockery when God has promised immortality to those who remain faithful.

The **Second Reading** is from the Letter of St. James 3:16, 4:3. "Where do the wars and where do the conflicts among you come from? Is it not from your passions that make war within your members? You covet but do not possess. You kill and envy but you cannot obtain; you fight and wage war. You do not possess because you do not ask." In this reading St. James tells us to recognize the source of our disagreements.

The **Gospel** is from St. Mark 9:30-37. The Apostles were still very worldly-minded. They were full of the hope that Christ would establish an earthly messianic kingdom, that he would not only free their holy land from the hated pagan rulers but that he would set up a worldwide empire for the people of God. Many of the messianic prophecies of the Old Testament spoke of a worldwide kingdom; all nations would submit to the descendant of David; Jerusalem would be the magnet which would attract all peoples. The prophets, however, were speaking of the true messianic kingdom, the spiritual kingdom that Christ would establish. The Apostles were as yet unable to see the true meaning of these prophecies. They took them as referring to a worldly kingdom. They had come to believe that Christ was the promised Messiah, therefore, he would overcome all enemies and all opposition and set up this kingdom. How, therefore, could his enemies overpower him much less put him to death before he had accomplished his task? Thus they refused to believe his prophecies concerning his coming tortures and death.

Now, either in trying to understand what he had so plainly told them, or maybe in putting this disturbing thought far from their minds, they began disputing



with one another as to which of them would have the highest post of honor in the earthly messianic kingdom which they had envisaged. How worldly but how human they were! We must not forget though, that they were not yet really Christians — they needed the death and resurrection of Christ to make them what they became — His true followers and loyal disciples.

There was in the unformed Apostles a desire to turn Christ's kingdom into an earthly welfare state, rather than into a preparation for heaven. All Christians know that Christ suffered and died for their salvation, and that he asked his followers to take up their cross and follow him if they wished to be his disciples. The first generations of Christians fully understood this and faithfully followed him even to martyrdom. However, as time went on and opposition to the Christian faith disappeared, so too did the zeal and fervor of many Christians. For centuries we have had nominal Christians in Christ's Church -- men and women who tried to make their paradise in this world, and forgot the everlasting heaven.

Our own age has seen an unprecedented increase in this falling away of Christians. Leaving aside the parts of Europe which are professedly atheist -- but where in spite of the leaders there are many sincere and devout Christians -- the number of lapsed and nominal Christians in the other Western countries is frightening.

They want prosperity, comfort and happiness in this world. The vast majority of them, of course, refuse to look to the future; it could be an unpleasant thought, yet they must see that in every town and village there is a mortician, an undertaker who makes a good living disposing of human "remains." Die they must; "and what then?" should be a question which overshadows their lives.

Many of these people who in practice have abandoned Christianity, try to salve their consciences by devoting any time they can spare to making this planet a better place in which to live. It is an excellent aim with a possibility of success — if the Fatherhood of God and the true brotherhood of man are upheld. But otherwise it is a vain Utopia. If God, and Christ's teaching are left out of our reckoning, we shall ever have jealousies, enmities, hatred and wars. Christians have made war on Christians because neither side in the struggle was truly Christian. What chance then has the world when Christ and Christianity are banished from it? Today's thought for each one of us is this: Christ became man, suffered and died as man, for our sakes. By his resurrection He conquered death and opened heaven for us. Heaven is our true destiny. Loving God and our neighbor and carrying our cross is the only way to reach heaven. Forget this "heaven on earth" doctrine; it does not and never will exist! Accept Christ and you are accepting the Father who sent Him. He in turn will accept you.

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Birthday Parties / Anniversary
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For booking enquiries email Chris
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staugustine@rcdom.org.uk.

Weekend dates are still available
for 2024.

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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*

Mission Sunday - 19/20 October
Education Sunday - 23/24 November
St. Margaret's Adoption Society -
Christmastide



PARISH NOTICES

MARIAN DEVOTIONS

HOLY ROSARY & BENEDICTION

EVERY
THURSDAY
THROUGHOUT OCTOBER
7.00PM

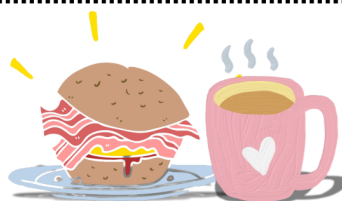
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JOIN ST. AUGUSTINE'S MUSIC GROUP



We are looking for singers and musicians to join our already vibrant
Music Ministry and would love to hear from you if you would like to
get involved. We are hoping to recruit choristers for all sections of our
two choirs who sing on Sundays at 10am & 12 noon Masses. No
experience necessary, no auditions, beginners very welcome!



SUNDAY BRUNCH

Served in the Parish Centre, every Sunday after 10.00am Family Mass.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for new volunteers to help with the brunch each
Sunday. Anyone who is able to spare an some time for help with this,
please speak with our Sunday Brunch team at brunch.

HANDMADE ROSARIES

Joanna Boze will be selling handmade rosaries at the back of the
Church next weekend, 21st/22nd September

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING

We have recently had a defib installed into the Parish grounds. This
can be seen on the wall of the Parish Centre. For anyone who wishes
to be trained to use one, please contact the Parish office.

— DATES FOR YOUR DIARY —

P1 Welcome Mass

22nd September 2024, 10.00am

On Sunday, 22nd September, I invite all Primary 1 children, their parents and families to join us for Holy Mass. This is a day of thanksgiving as you begin your journey with us at St. Augustine's primary.

Sacrament Enrolment Mass for P3, 4 & 7

6th October 2024, 10.00am

All children who are to make a Sacrament this coming year (P3, 4 & 7), are to be enrolled on Sunday, 6th October here in St. Augustine's.

Mass for the Sick

19th October 2024, 11.00am

For all the sick in our Parish, please come along to our Mass for the Sick on Saturday, 19th October at 11.00am. Please pass this information on to any family, friends or neighbours who may wish to join us for this Holy Mass.

YOUTH LEADERS NEEDED



We are looking for youth leaders to help with Children's Liturgy and Ignite Club. Any teachers, probationers, student teachers, caritas students or parents of children in Sacramental classes are invited to join the team. Simply contact the Parish Office. No prior experience needed.

IGNITE  **CLUB**

All parents will have received a letter during the week detailing the start of our Ignite Club for all young people preparing to receive the Sacrament this year. (Primary 3, 4 and 7)

Enrolment forms (green forms) are available from the Church porch. Please complete this for your child and return to the Parish House no later than Monday, 30th September.



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.



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:

- CHILDREN'S 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



FURNITURE PROJECT BEDS AND MATTRESSES

We have a great need for beds of all sizes complete with mattresses for families who we are helping with furniture.

Please contact Bob on 07729913537 if you can help.



CONFESSION

Saturday: 9.00am – 9.50am

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

The next Medjugorje Evening takes place **Monday, 30th September**.

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 Twenty Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time is as follows:

- Plate collection: £1,550
- Gift Aid: £1,373
- Tax Reclaimed: £343.25*

This week's total: £3,266.25

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



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Children's Colouring Page



Twenty Fifth 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; 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; John McNamee; Renee Wallace; Alison Wilson

RECENTLY DECEASED

Martin Herlihy; Pauline Hughes; Ella Brown; Ellen Hughes; Audrey Nock; Dolores Charleston; John Henry; Jean Murphy; Catherine Maley; Brenda O'Rourke

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Canon James Foley; Kevin Rodgers; Jonathan Gibbons; Paul Andrew Stewart; Kathleen Farrell; Robert Bannan; Ann Hollins; Gerald Joseph Murphy; Jenna Doig (nee Kirley); Daniel Fallon; Jean Jardine; Anne Marie Mullen; James Clarke Snr.; William Corcoran; Louise Corcoran.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

50th Wedding Anniversary
John and Liz Murphy

FUNERALS

Martin Herlihy RIP

Requiem Mass: Monday, 23rd September at 10.00am

Brenda O'Rourke RIP

Requiem Mass: Wednesday, 25th September at 10.00am

PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 22 September <i>Twenty Fifth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Family Mass <i>with Welcome of Primary 1 children and families</i> <i>P1 children and families are invited to sit in the reserved seats at the front.</i> <i>Sunday Brunch served in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Family Mass</i> 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 23 September <i>Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Requiem Mass of Martin Herlihy 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>)
Tuesday, 24 September <i>Twenty Fifth 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, 25 September <i>Twenty Fifth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Requiem Mass of Brenda O'Rourke 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, 26 September <i>Twenty Fifth 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, 27 September <i>Saint Vincent de Paul</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, 28 September <i>Saint Matthew</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 9.00am - 9.50am: Confession No 10.00am Mass today 11.30am: Marriage 4.00pm: Holy Mass (Vigil)
Sunday, 29 September <i>Twenty Sixth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Family Mass 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass <i>with Baptisms</i> 5.00pm: Holy Mass

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

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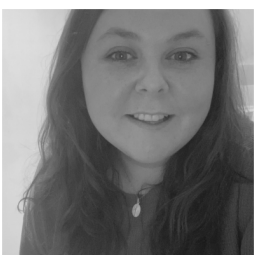
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SACRAMENT OF THE SICK / HOSPITAL VISITATIONS

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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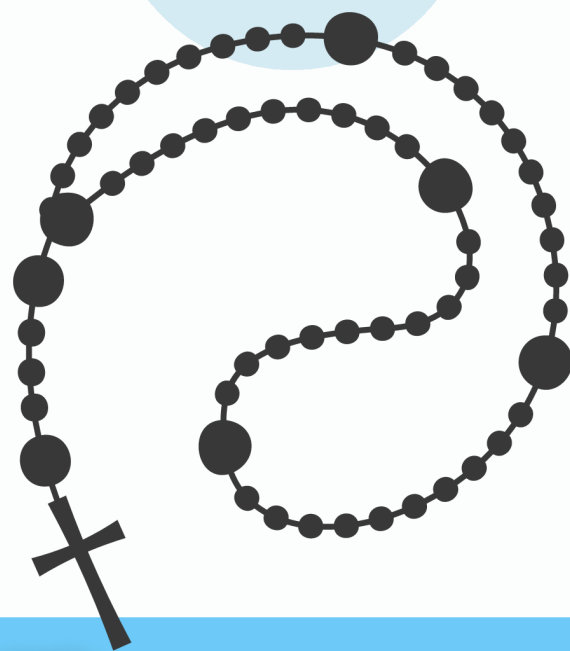


FAMILY CRAFT DAY

After the Sacramental enrolment Mass, 10.00am on Sunday, 6 October, all children in P3, P4 and P7 are invited with their families to the Parish Centre to take part in our family craft day.

As October is the month of the Holy Rosary, everyone who attends will have the chance to make their own Rosary beads.

SUNDAY
6 OCTOBER





***Holy Mass for the Celebration of the
Feast of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina***



Padre Pio Mass

*with Sacrament of the Sick
and individual blessing with Padre Pio relic*

**Monday, 23 September 2024
7.00pm**

**Saint Monica's Church
Sharp Avenue, Coatbridge, ML5 5RP**