



HEARTBEAT

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Your redemption is drawing near

WELCOME TO THE FAMILY



CONGRATULATIONS ANTOINETTE PARR MBE



ADVENT REFLECTION

Dear Parishioners,

With the beginning of Advent this weekend, it seems an opportune time to write a few brief reflections.

Firstly, about this holy season itself. On this first Sunday of Advent, the Church here in Scotland moves to using the newly translated English Standard Version (ESV) lectionary. This means that the translations of readings and Gospels used in public worship will slightly change. The new books, purchased thanks to generous donors, will be blessed for use at Mass this weekend. This is a timely moment to thank all our readers for their service to the parish, in proclaiming the Word of God. If anyone is interested in joining the readers' rota, please let me know.

On a more sombre note, you will no doubt have seen the recent disappointing vote at Westminster. The Assisted Dying (Adults) Bill passed its second reading in parliament and looks set to become law in England and Wales. This sadly means that for the first time in the UK, the State will now allow doctors to help a patient to commit suicide in certain circumstances. Looking at developments in other places which have assisted suicide laws, it seems extremely likely that the strict safeguards promised in the UK bill will erode and expand over time. This is especially worrying for vulnerable and disabled people, those who have fleeting moments of despair, and those who feel they have become a burden to others. Please continue to pray for all those affected by this new bill, and who may now consider taking their own lives. For your own information, our own Member of Parliament Mr Francis McNally voted to oppose the bill.

In light of the recent vote, it is important to restate unequivocally the Church's absolute opposition to suicide and assisted suicide. The commandment 'do not kill' is as clear as day, and applies to every life, including our own. Deliberately assisting another to end their lives is gravely sinful and should never be used as a so-called 'compassionate' last resort by any doctor or medical professional.

Finally, I encourage all in our parish to use this holy season of Advent to reset or restart our relationship with the Lord in preparation for Christmas. May we all use these weeks to deepen and strengthen our faith commitment to the Lord and His Church. In concrete terms, this may mean coming to the extra Masses or devotions available during December, making a good confession, or spending time in daily Adoration in our church which is open all day through the week.

In a special way, I invite you to use this season to invite others back to Church in time for Christmas. I have composed a simple prayer for our use at the end of each Mass during Advent in which we explicitly pray for the return of our loved ones and friends to the embrace of the parish family. Please offer to your own family members a concrete invitation to join us at Christmas Mass. (The times are published in this bulletin). We will also be delivering a new parish information pack to every home in the parish, Catholic and non-Catholic, as a way to reach-out to those who find themselves at a distance from the Church. The pack also has useful information as a parish directory. I thank the team who produced this fine booklet which will land on our doorsteps during Advent.

With my prayers and best wishes as we step out into this Advent season,

Rev. Michael J. Kane
Fr. Kane

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

READING REFLECTIONS

The **First Reading** is taken from Jeremiah 33:14-16. On this the first Sunday of Advent the Church wishes to remind us of what Advent means—a period of preparation for the Advent—the Coming—of Christ our Saviour. This prophecy of Jeremiah intended to encourage the Jews to trust in God in spite of all their present difficulties, can and should encourage us, too. The fulfilment of the ancient prophecies in Christ (this particular one was made six centuries before he came on earth) are a guarantee for us of the truth of his claims—he was the Messiah promised to Abraham, David and the Chosen People. In the Christmas festival each year we commemorate his coming on earth. What the Jews of old looked forward to, we can see fulfilled. The great central hope of their religion and of their history—their expectancy of One who was to come, has taken place in our history.

The **Second Reading** is 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2. The teaching of Christ, the Christian faith, is for all races, all places and all times. St. Paul is telling us today what he told the Thessalonians nineteen centuries ago, to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ—the great day of judgement, by living each day as God wants us to live it, namely by living in love and peace in God and our neighbour. Some of the Thessalonians at that time were expecting the Second Coming—the general judgement—in their own day. It didn't come then, it hasn't come yet, but the particular judgement came to them, and it will come to us, in our day and sooner, rather than later, than we expect it. And that particular judgement, when we draw our last earthly breath, will decide our eternal fate. Advent—the preparation for Christmas, Christ's First Coming, is a most suitable occasion to prepare ourselves for that day.

Today's **Gospel** is Luke 21:25-28; 34-36. In these verses St. Luke gives our Lord's prophecy concerning the end of the world and how we should prepare ourselves to meet it.



That this earth is not our permanent home nobody denies, yet many people live and act as if it were. They see funerals and read of the death of friends and fellow men every day, yet they try to persuade themselves that somehow they will not have to go the same road.

But go they must and render an account they must, to the "Son of Man coming with power and in great glory." We have been forewarned and the words of Christ read in today's gospel should awaken us to the true facts of life and of death. He does not ask us to ignore or despise this earth or this life but he does ask us to estimate it for what it is—a period of transit which properly used will earn for us our eternal home. If we judge ourselves daily we need not fear the day of judgement. If we are loyal and faithful to our Christian vocation, our end on earth will not be an end but the beginning of our true life.

What better occasion could we have for taking a serious, sincere look at ourselves and at our attitude to life and the things of this life, than this Advent period. If we can welcome the humble Babe of Bethlehem at Christmas with a sincere and open heart—a heart grateful for all the gifts already given us, and sorrowful for all the meanness and thanklessness we have shown in the past, we can trust and hope that the second and glorious coming of Christ will not be for us a catastrophe but rather the culmination of all our dearest hopes and desires—the beginning of a never-ending Christmas of happiness and joy.

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

CATHOLIC NEWS

SCOTLAND

SCOTLAND HAS TWO NEW CANDIDATES FOR PRIESTHOOD

This week, two of our College seminarians, Matthew O'Neill from the Diocese of Motherwell and Patryk Solik from the Archdiocese of Glasgow, were admitted to Candidacy for the Order of Diaconate and the Priesthood.

Presiding over the ceremony, Rt Rev. John Sherrington inspired the seminarians to follow the pastoral example of St. Paul, whose tomb is just a stone's throw away from the college.

This is a significant milestone in a seminarian's journey, marking the beginning of the Configuration phase of formation, which continues throughout their theological studies.

We pray for them, for the whole College community, and for a continued outpouring of vocations to the priesthood in Scotland.



VATICAN

By Vatican News

PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI AND MARIA TRONCATTI SOON TO BE SAINTS

Pope Francis met Monday morning with Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, and approved Decrees highlighting the extraordinary witness to faith shown by six men and women of different backgrounds, nations and times. The Holy Father had already announced the favourable outcome of the Ordinary Session of Cardinals and Bishops regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, a Lay Member of the Third Order of St. Dominic, born on April 6, 1901, in Turin (Italy), and who died there on July 4, 1925, authorized the promulgation of the related decree.

In the same audience, the Holy Father also authorized the Dicastery to promulgate the decrees concerning:

The miracle attributed to the intercession of Blessed Maria Troncatti, a professed sister of the Congregation of the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians, born on February 16, 1883, in Córteno Golgi (Italy), and who died on August 25, 1969, in Sucúa (Ecuador).



The martyrdom of the Servant of God Francis Xavier Tru'ong Bửu Diệp, a diocesan priest, born on January 1, 1897, in Tân Đứrc (Vietnam) and killed in hatred of the faith on March 12, 1946, in Tắc Sậy (Vietnam).

The martyrdom of the Servant of God Floribert Bwana Chui Bin Kositi, a layman, born on June 13, 1981, in Goma (Democratic Republic of Congo) and killed in hatred of the faith in the same city on June 8, 2007.

The heroic virtues of the Servant of God Giuseppe Lang, titular bishop of Alabanda and auxiliary bishop of Zagreb, born on January 25, 1857, in Lepšić (Croatia), and who died in Zagreb

(Croatia) on November 1, 1924.

Lastly, Pope Francis authorized the Dicastery to promulgate the decree confirming the immemorial cult of the Venerable Servant of God Giovanna della Croce (born Giovanna Vázquez Gutiérrez), a professed nun of the Third Order of St. Francis and abbess of the "Santa Maria della Croce" convent in Cubas, Madrid. She was born in Villa de Azaña (now Numancia de La Sagra, Spain) on or around May 3, 1481, and died in Cubas de La Sagra (Spain) on May 3, 1534.

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.

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: saintaugustines.org.uk/300-club

Cost is £20 per number per month. Numbers will be allocated at random.

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.

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.



UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The following are the dates for special collections in 2024

St. Margaret's Adoption Society -
Christmastide

PARISH CENTRE

Saint Augustine's Parish Centre
Booking our function suites is great way to support your Parish! Our two Function Suites available for:

Wedding Receptions / Funeral
Breakfasts / Baptism / Receptions /
Birthday Parties / Anniversary Parties
/Charity Events etc.



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!



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.

CONFESSION

Saturday: 9.00am – 9.50am

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

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

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 Thirty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is as follows:

- Plate collection: £975
- Special Collection for Education Sunday: £1,070
- Gift Aid: £1,373
- Tax Reclaimed: £343.25
- Total: £3,761.25

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

DECEMBER

1st: Breakfast with Santa

1st: Christmas Movie

8th: Breakfast with Santa

Please check advent and Christmas schedule for Masses and Services throughout this period.

POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For pilgrims of hope

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.



PARISH NOTICES

TOY APPEAL ENVELOPE



Last week, you would have received an envelope to support our Christmas Toy Appeal. If you are able, we ask that you give what you can. Your support will help bring Christmas to so many children across Coatbridge. Let's help ensure that every child gets the Christmas they deserve.

If you are a taxpayer, we can also claim GiftAid on your donation. This means that for every £1 you donate we can claim 25p from the government. This is at no extra cost to yourself. All you have to do is complete the reverse of the envelope.

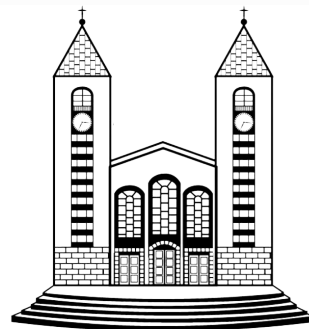
You can hand in your donation at Mass or post through the door of the Parish house.

Please return as soon as possible.

Thank you again for your support.

God Bless,
Fr. Michael

MEDJUGORJE 2025



The dates for the pilgrimages are as follows:

9th - 16th July 2025

3rd - 10th September 2025

The annual Parish pilgrimages to Medjugorje will take place next July and September.

We still have a few spaces left to travel on both pilgrimages but places are being filled fast.

If you are interested in either of these pilgrimages, please contact Liz by email on: pilgrimage@saintaugustines.org.uk



PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP JOSEPH TOAL

Dear Brothers and Sisters.

On the First Sunday of Advent all parishes in Scotland will begin using our new translation of the Lectionary, taken from the English Standard Version Catholic Edition of the Bible (published 2018). This new translation has been chosen by the Bishops of Scotland, and the Bishops of England and Wales, and approved by the Dicastery for Divine Worship in the Vatican for the proclamation of God's Word to His People at Mass.

During the celebration of Mass, the privileged moment in which the Lord Jesus speaks directly to the hearts of all who are gathered is the Liturgy of the Word. When the Sacred Scriptures are proclaimed at Mass, the Lord God addresses each one of us, offering us a word of encouragement, consolation, and grace. To receive this gift, it is necessary to be attentive, humble, and docile to the Word of God addressed to us. Our Lectionary is the liturgical means that this gift of God's Word is carried over to His people.

Recently my brother Bishop, Hugh Gilbert of the Diocese of Aberdeen, spoke of the Lectionary as 'a bridge by which the biblical Word of God crosses over to believers gathered for worship. It bottles the wine of Scripture, as it were, for it to be served at the Table of the Word. When its words are read it is as if they are poured into the glasses of the faithful, each according to the measure of faith given them, and so imbibed.'

This is a heartening image and speaks to the richness and invigorating effects of Sacred Scripture: lifting our hearts and minds to contemplate God who has revealed Himself to us, whilst recalling that such a grace must be received with humility and gratitude for what it is – a gift of God.

All the readings we will hear throughout the Liturgical Year are the same portions of Scripture we know and are accustomed to, yet this new translation offers the opportunity to read them with fresh eyes, to hear them with attentive ears, and to receive them as a pure and inexhaustible gift from God. As St Ephraim once said, 'within Sacred Scripture God has buried manifold treasures, so that each of us might grow rich in seeking them out.'

God's Word has the power not only to address us directly, but also to penetrate our very depths, casting its light and clarity to the far reaches of our being, and to carry us forward and upward to God. As the Letter to the Hebrews puts it, 'the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart' (4:12).

It is my confident hope and prayer that this new translation of the Sacred Scriptures will be an opportunity for all of us, the People of God, ministered to by our priests and deacons, to ponder anew the inestimable gift the Lord God has bestowed upon us through His Word, and so grow in knowledge, love, and devotion of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is revealed to us on every page of His Holy Word.

With my prayers and best wishes as we look forward to Advent.

Yours in Christ,

Bishop Joseph Toal



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.



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

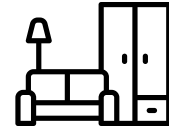


UKRAINIAN SUPPORT

The Ukrainian Support Programme is now underway with the following groups:

Kids Club (6-10 years) Thursday: from 3.30pm-5pm

Adult Support Group Monday: 6.00pm



FURNITURE PROJECT

THANK YOU

Thank you for responding to our recent Beds and Bikes appeal.

Over the past three weeks, 4 beds and 3 bikes have been donated and delivered to families who needed them.

Many thanks from the Furniture Outreach Team.



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

Donations can be brought to the Church Monday - Friday from 10.30am - 7.00pm and left in the Church Porch.

One of our Outreach volunteers will be able to collect this from there.

FOOD DRIVE

On the first weekend of every month, we will hold a food drive in support of the people's pantry.

The people's pantry is a food bank delivered by our parish which offers food to anyone who presents themselves.

With the need for support greater than ever, we are looking for support once a month with food donations.



All donations will go to The People's Pantry

**SOUP | TUNA | TINNED VEG | TINNED
FRUIT | SPAGHETTI | TEA BAGS | TOILET
ROLL | BISCUITS | BEANS | TINNED MEATS**

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS



Christmas Mass bouquets from St. Augustine's Parish, Coatbridge are now available from the Parish Church.

This unique design can only be found at Saint Augustine's. Names from Mass Bouquets will appear in the Christmas Heartbeat Parish Magazine Please state whether you wish this to be included.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *in Preparation for Christmas*

This is a great opportunity to prepare yourself for the coming of the Christ child.

TUESDAY, 17 DECEMBER

6.30PM - 8.00PM

WITH VISITING PRIESTS

Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.



HCPT PARENT'S MEETING AT ST. AMBROSE HIGH SCHOOL

Parents of all S1 pupils who attended St. Augustine's Primary are invited to a meeting on Tuesday, 3rd December at 6.00pm in the social area of St. Ambrose High.

This will give you a chance to learn more about the proposed residential trip to Lourdes for our young people. Parents and students are invited to come along.

IGNITE CLUB

NEXT IGNITES

Sunday, 1 December

10.50 – 11.30am

in upstairs hall of the Parish Centre

This week is for P3
(Reconciliation)

Sunday, 12 January

10.50 – 11.30am

in upstairs hall of the Parish Centre

This week is for P7
(Confirmation)

IGNITE SACRAMENTAL CATECHESIS PROGRAMME 2024/25

Please ensure your child attends at least 6 of the 9 Ignite lessons

First Reconciliation (P3)	First Holy Communion (P4)	Confirmation (P7)
Sunday 6th October Rosary Craft Family Day (for children & parents) Sunday 10th November Advent Wreath Family Craft (for children & parents) Sunday 17th November - Sunday 1st December - Sunday 19th January - Sunday 9th February - Sunday 9th March - Sunday 6th April Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday Family Day for children & parents	Sunday 6th October — Rosary Craft Family Day — (for children & parents) Sunday 3rd November Sunday 10th November Advent Wreath Family Craft (for children & parents) - Sunday 26th January - Sunday 23rd February - Sunday 16th March - Sunday 13th April Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday Family Day (for children & parents) - Celebration Sunday TBC	Sunday 6th October Rosary Craft Family Day (for children & parents) Sunday 27th October Sunday 10th November Advent Wreath Family Craft (for children & parents) Sunday 24th November - Sunday 12th January - Sunday 2nd February - Sunday 2nd March Sunday 20th April Easter Sunday Family Day (for children & parents) - Sunday 27th April

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



First Sunday of Advent

Parish Social Group

UPCOMING EVENTS

TICKETS



Bingo and Blether

Social evening to play some Bingo and have a chat. Tea and coffee provided on the night! 6pm - 8pm

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**Pay on the
night
£2 entry**



Totally Taylor

One for the Swifties! Tickets prices at £15 each. Tuck shop will be available on the night as well as some Taylor merch! More details to follow. 7pm - 10pm.

FEB
21



Elvis Tribute Night

There is no better way to spend your Friday night than dancing to the jailhouse rock at our Elvis Tribute Night! 7pm - late.

MAR
21



Evening with John Hartson

Come meet John Hartson at St. Augustine's! John will give a talk on his career followed by a Q&A session and live music. 7pm - late.

MAR
28



Evening with Jackie McNamara

Talk with Jacki McNamara, Q&A session and live music. 7pm - late.

APR
25



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; 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; John McNamee; Alison Wilson; John O'Brien; Maureen O'Brien; Jim Allan; Betty Stillie; Stephen Jamison; Frank Martin; John Currie; Thomas Robertson; Catherine Graham.

RECENTLY DECEASED

Gerry Burns; Christopher Barrett; Elizabeth McGowan; Anthony James Dornan; Nora McGowan; Joe McGuinness; Elizabeth Dunn; Charlie Cassidy; Mary Slavin; Helen McKinley; Liz McGhee

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Helen Mearns; Jane Mooney; Hugh Parr; Peter Mooney; Grace Par; Joe Parr; Jim Davis; Rev. Fr. Ken McLaughlin; Rev. Fr. Alan Wilson; Rev. Fr. Kevin Prince; Rev. Fr. Christian Zirbes; James McLeary; Mary McLeary; Jean Jardine; John McGraw

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Antoinette Parr MBE

WEDDINGS

Niall Gilfedder & Aimee Hession
Saturday, 30th November 2024



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**We need volunteers to support a range
of projects over the festive period**

KAIROS CAFE

Can you spare a couple of hours to volunteer in Kairos Cafe?
We are look for more volunteers to support our community
cafe. If you can help, please email:
staugustine@rcdom.org.uk

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Breakfast with Santa takes place on Sunday, 8th December
from 11am. If you are able to help, please contact:
staugustine@rcdom.org.uk

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

Our annual Christmas Toy Appeal has begun. Can you spare
some time to help give children the Christmas they deserve?
Email Kathleen on: toyappeal@santaugustines.org.uk

PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 1 December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am: Family Mass <i>with children's liturgy</i> Ignite Club Family Club for P3 (Reconciliation) 11.00am: Breakfast with Santa (ticketed event) 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass 1.00pm - 4.00pm: Christmas Movie Day 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 2 December <i>First Week of Advent</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.30am - 1.00pm: Church cleaning 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe No Adoration 6.00pm - 7.30pm: The People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>) 7.00pm: Advent Devotions (Adoration & Benediction)
Tuesday, 3 December <i>First Week of Advent</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass After Mass: Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus No Adoration 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 6.00pm: HCPT Lourdes Trip Meeting (<i>St. Ambrose High School, letters sent out</i>)
Wednesday, 4 December <i>First Week of Advent</i>	7.00am: Early Morning Advent Mass 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe No Adoration 7.00pm: Lectio Divina Prayer Group (<i>Sacristy</i>) 7.00pm: ALMA Club
Thursday, 5 December <i>First Week of Advent</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe No Adoration 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: RCIA Meeting (<i>Sacristy</i>) 7.00pm: Baptism Course (<i>Parish House</i>)
Friday, 6 December <i>First Week of Advent</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.30am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 11.00am: Patronal Feast Day Mass at St. Ambrose High School No Adoration 7.00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday, 7 December <i>First Week of Advent</i>	9.00am - 9.50am: Confession 9.30: Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (Vigil)
Sunday, 8 December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am: Family Mass <i>with children's liturgy</i> 11.00am: Breakfast with Santa (ticketed event) 12.00 Noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass

The St. Peter Claver's sister will be visiting the Parish next weekend, 7th/8th December. They will be at all our weekend Masses. You will have the opportunity to buy their 2025 calendar.

PARISH ADVENT SCHEDULE



EXTRA EARLY MORNING MASS

Each Wednesday of Advent 7.00am for workers

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Each Monday of Advent - 7.00pm

Adoration and Benediction

CONFESSIONS

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.55am

Tuesday, 17th December 6.30pm - 8.00pm

(Tuesday, 17th with visiting Priests)

CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG

Monday, 9th December 7.00pm



CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

24 December 2024

4.00pm

(Carols begin at 3.30pm)

7.00pm

(Carols begin at 6.30pm)

Midnight

(Carols begin at 11.30pm)

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

25 December 2024

10.00am

12noon



SAINT AUGUSTINE'S PARISH

PARISH CLERGY



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Tea/coffee and mince pies/cakes in the Parish Centre afterwards.

All welcome. Free entry.

