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**Second Collection next weekend,
6/7th September will be for Ecclesiastical Students**

TWENTY SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

'Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.'





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PARISH PILGRIMAGE



TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY

OF ORDINARY TIME REFLECTION



The **First Reading** is taken from the Book of Sirach 3:17-18, 20:28-29. In today's reading we have a few more of the words of wisdom on humility from this saintly man who spent his life meditating on the law of God revealed to the Chosen People.

The **Second Reading** is from St. Paul to the Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24, in which he contrasts two scenes. One is the giving of the Old Covenant, and the other is the assembly of those justified by the New Covenant. The reason why the Church has selected these verses is the same reason that St. Paul had when he wrote them. He wanted to impress on the Jewish converts the superiority of the Christian religion over that of the Old Testament, which they had practiced until their conversion.

The **Gospel** is from St. Luke 14:1, 7-14, in which Jesus had been invited to dine in the house of a leading Pharisee. The Pharisees were so convinced of their own perfect knowledge and observance of the law, that they thought nobody else could possibly know it or observe it as perfectly as they did. In a very simple parable, Jesus told them where their pride would lead them.

A proud Christian, that is, a proud follower of the humble Christ, is a contradiction in terms. Christ, the Son of God, lowered himself to our level when He took our human nature. He was born in a stable, reared in the obscure village of Nazareth, earned his meager meals as a country carpenter, died on a cross as a malefactor with two thieves as companions and was buried in a God's banquet. Thank God, there are few whose pride leads them to these extremes, but there are far too many who set themselves up as judges over their neighbour and appoint themselves as the models to be imitated by all others.

There is a little demon of pride in each one of us. There is a natural inclination in each one to esteem ourselves a little better in most ways, if not in all, than our neighbour. We must keep this demon in check and not let him grow in us. Any gifts of mind or body that we have are from God—our duty is to use them properly and to thank God for the loan of them. If He gave greater gifts to another, I thank God for it. That other was able to make better use of them than I would. I have enough gifts to go on. I shall not be judged on the use or abuse of gifts which I did not receive.

If I use all the gifts which God gave me, to help my neighbor, the spiritually poor, the lame and blind, to heaven, instead of keeping myself aloof from them as the Pharisees did, then my judgment will be easy. I shall be "repaid in the resurrection of the just."

The proud Christian sets himself up as a critic of God's wisdom. He muses: God forgives sinners too easily. God doesn't know them as well as I do. That conversion cannot be trusted, it will not last, he says. The "sinners" prosper, they are blessed with good health, a happy family, more than their share of the world's goods, and here am I who never failed God, who always did what was right and even more, and I am neglected by God. God doesn't know his real friends!

These are the questionings of a proud soul. Such Christians raise themselves above their neighbours in their own minds. They choose the first places, and from their self-appointed heights they look down on their fellow guests at stranger's grave. Could He have done more to induce us to listen to his counsel when He said: "Learn of me, for I am humble of heart?"

Yet, there are Christians who are proud. Like the Pharisees of old, they thank God that they are not like the rest of men. They shun any contact with sinners. They cover their ears when any scandal is mentioned. Yet they never miss the gossip and are always ready to condemn offhand the unfortunate giver of scandal, without knowing the extenuating circumstances.

—Excerpted from The Sunday Readings Cycle C, 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.

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.
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UPCOMING SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

The following are the dates for special collections in 2025

6/7th September: Ecclesiastical Students

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 2025.

Function Suite Hire from £80



KAIRO'S CAFE

Please support your parish café which is open Monday – Friday from 10.00am - 2.00pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Can you spare a couple of hours a week to help in our café? Kairos Café is looking for some new volunteers. Please email: staugustine@rcdom.org.uk.

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.

St Augustine's Parish Centre

Looking for the perfect space to host your next event? Our Parish Centre is available for hire!

- Ideal for: family celebrations, christenings, birthdays, funeral breakfasts, and community groups.
- Facilities: modern kitchen, spacious hall, accessible facilities, and ample parking.
- Flexible bookings: mornings, afternoons, and evenings available.

We still have dates available for 2025 and can now take bookings for 2026.

Contact us on:

staugustine@rcdom.org.uk

KAIROS
CAFÉ

OPEN MONDAY–FRIDAY, 10AM–2PM

Come along to our warm and welcoming Kairos Café, right here in the Parish Centre.

- Freshly made teas, coffees, and light bites.
- A place to meet friends, enjoy a chat, or take a quiet break.
- Our team of volunteers ready to welcome you

Pop in and make the cafe a part of your week!

Looking to volunteer in the cafe? Contact us today:

staugustine@rcdom.org.uk

IGNITE SACRAMENTAL CATECHESIS PROGRAMME 2025/26

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

First Reconciliation (P3)	First Holy Communion (P4)	Confirmation (P7)
1. 7th September 2. 5th October (Family Day: Rosary) 3. 26th October 4. 16th November 5. 7th December (Family Day: Christmas Wreath) 6. 11th January 7. 1st February 8. 1st March (Family Day: Pilgrims of Hope) 9. 8th March	1. 14th September 2. 5th October (Family Day: Rosary) 3. 2nd November 4. 23rd November 5. 7th December (Family Day: Christmas Wreath) 6. 18th January 7. 8th February 8. 1st March (Family Day: Pilgrims of Hope) 9. 15th March	1. 21st September 2. 5th October (Family Day: Rosary) 3. 9th November 4. 30th November 5. 7th December (Family Day: Christmas Wreath) 6. 25th January 7. 22nd February 8. 1st March (Family Day: Pilgrims of Hope) 9. 22nd March

Parents/guardians of any children receiving a sacrament this year are invited to a pre-sacramental meeting on **Tuesday, 16th September, at 6.30pm in St Augustine's Church.**

Children do not need to attend.

CONFESSION
Saturday: 9.00am – 9.50am

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

The next Medjugorje Evening takes place **Monday, 29th 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.



WALK THE CROSS TALK

After the 10.00am Mass on Thursday 11th September, Dr Christine Mugridge, who lives in Medjugorje and is closely involved in Walk the Cross, will give a talk in the church.

Her topic will be:

“This Moment in Salvation History – with special reference to the Two Hearts, the Triumph and the Flame of Love.”

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR SEPTEMBER

For our relationship with all of creation

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



PEACE HOUR OF PRAYER

Every day throughout the week we will dedicate the hours of 2pm-3pm to pray for peace in our world. Come along at this time and pray before the Blessed Sacrament to pray for peace in our world, seeking God's guidance and healing for those affected by conflict and division. All are welcome.

PARISH NOTICES

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Our parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) programme will be starting up soon. This is the journey the Church offers to adults who are preparing to become Catholic.

If you, or someone you know, is interested, please speak to one of the clergy or contact us at staugustine@rcdom.org.uk.

Vocations Mass

The annual Vocations Mass will take place on Tuesday, 16th September at 7.00pm in Motherwell Cathedral. We give thanks for the recent ordination of Fr. Chris Fumage, and we continue to pray that more young men will hear the call to the priesthood and that women will be drawn to the joy of religious life. All are warmly invited to take part.

Handmade Rosaries

We are delighted to welcome Joanna back to our parish with her beautiful hand-made rosary beads and devotional items. Joanna will be with us after all weekend Masses on Saturday, 27th and Sunday, 28th September, and also at the Medjugorje Mass on Monday, 29th September.

This is a wonderful opportunity to purchase a rosary or a gift for family and friends, while also supporting Joanna's work. Please take a moment to visit her stall and browse the items on offer.

300 CLUB

The 300 Club is one of the ways we raise vital funds to help with the upkeep of our church buildings and grounds.

It's £5 per week, and every month there are five cash prizes, including a first prize of £700. The draw takes place on the last day of each month.

By joining, you're not only in with a chance to win — you're helping to look after our parish for the whole community.

To sign up or find out more, visit:

 www.santaugustines.org.uk/300-club

Thank you to all who already take part!

Mass for the Sick

Our next Mass for the Sick with Holy Anointing will take place on **Saturday 13th September at 11.00am**. Please let any family, friends and neighbours know who may wish to come along to this.

Please note that there will be no 10.00am Mass that day.

March for Life 2025

Saturday, 6th September 2025

The March for Life UK will take place on Saturday, 6th September 2025, in central London. The day begins at 10 a.m. at the Emmanuel Centre, featuring a Pro-life Human Rights Summit, stalls, music, talks, testimonies, and family activities. The march sets off at 1:30 p.m., processing through central London and concluding with a rally in Parliament Square, where keynote speakers will address the crowd. Organisers expect this to be the largest March for Life yet, with thousands gathering for a vibrant and peaceful witness to the dignity of every human life.

Parish Social Events

All events take place in the Parish Centre

Friday, 24th October at 7.00pm

Evening with Charlie Mulgrew
Tickets £20 each

Friday, 7th November at 7.00pm

Evening with Peter Grant
Tickets £20 each

Friday, 14th November at 7.00pm

Neil Diamond Tribute
Tickets £12.50 each

Friday, 5th December at 7.00pm

Family Pantomime: Cinderella
Tickets £7.50 each

*Too book your place, please visit
www.saintaugustines.org.uk/events
or scan the QR code.*



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.

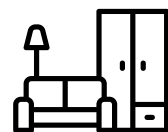


CLOTHING BANK

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. **Please donate clothing only.**

Thank you for your continued support to the clothing bank. It is greatly appreciated.



FURNITURE PROJECT

If you or someone you know is in need of furniture or household essentials, our parish Furniture Project is here to help. We provide good-quality items to anyone needing support. If you need support or know someone who does, please get in touch—we're here to help!



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

PARISH NOTICES

SICK

Hugh Kelly; James Trower; Francis Wardhugh; Billy & Molly Bothwell; Patricia Bannan; Veronica Bannan; Pat Sludden; John McShane; Ann McShane; 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; Alison Wilson; John O'Brien; Maureen O'Brien; Jim Allan; Betty Stillie; Stephen Jamison; Frank Martin; John Currie; Thomas Robertson; Catherine Graham; Ann McDonald; Mary Coyle; Marie Boswell; Mary Paton; Jim McDonald; Eddie Heron; Sophia Loughran; Susie Bannan; Ellen Brown; Aileen Scott; Linda Tayler; Kathleen Wynn; Sadie Parr; Teresa Donnelly; Desmond Coyle; Billy Bannan; John King; Julie Ratcliffe; Teresa Lennon; Brian Meina; Sam Clarke; Morag & Rowan Lennen; Anna McPherson; Bill Bothwell; John Caufield; Ruairdh McKinmon; Peter McPake; Anne Donnelly; Frank Donnelly; Helen Watmore

RECENTLY DECEASED

Elizabeth Hunter; Mary Cunningham; Owen McDonach; Norah Bonner

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Helen Mearns; Annie & David Trower (SNR); David Trower (JNR); Bridget & James MacKay (SNR); James MacKay (JNR); John & Annie Oates; The Green Family; Mr.&Mrs. Charlie Green; Ann Green; Bill McPake; Jessie Cleary

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Mr. & Mrs. John Myles (Golden Wedding), John Green, Tony Green, Pat Green



Mass for the Sick
with Holy Anointing
Saturday, 13 September 2025
11.00am
Saint Augustine's Parish Church, Coatbridge
Light buffet in the Parish Centre afterwards
"IF ONLY I CAN TOUCH THE HEM OF HIS GARMENT, I SHALL BE HEALED."

PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 31 August <i>Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Family Mass Sunday Brunch served in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass 12.00noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 1 September <i>Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (Parish Centre) 10.30am - 1.00pm: Church Cleaning 1.00pm - 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm - 7.30pm: People's Pantry
Tuesday, 2 September <i>Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass After Mass: Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (Parish Centre) 10.30am- 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Wednesday, 3 September <i>Saint Gregory the Great</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (Parish Centre) 10.30am- 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.30pm: Ordination Rev. Christopher Igwe (<i>Motherwell Cathedral</i>) 7.00pm: Lectio Divina Prayer Group (<i>Church</i>) 7.30pm: ALMA Club (<i>upstairs of Parish Centre</i>)
Thursday, 4 September <i>Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass <i>with Primary School</i> 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (Parish Centre) 10.30am- 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - 3.00pm: The People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>)
Friday, 5 September <i>Twenty Second Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (Parish Centre) 10.30am- 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Saturday, 6 September <i>Votive Mass to the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00am - 9.50am: Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (<i>Vigil</i>)
Sunday, 7 September <i>Twenty Third Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Family Mass <i>with Children's Liturgy</i> Sunday Brunch served in the Parish Centre after 10.00am Mass <i>Ignite Club for First Reconciliation Children (P3) upstairs hall</i> 12.00noon: Holy Mass 3.00pm: National Pilgrimage Mass at Carfin Grotto 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. 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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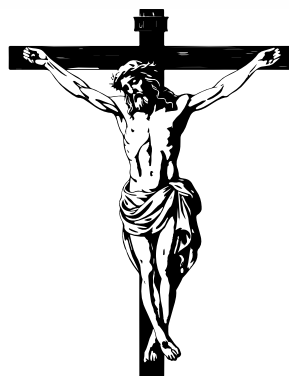
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HOLY MASS FOR THE
TENTH ANNIVERSARY OF
CANON JIM FOLEY

Former Parish Priest of Saint Augustine's Parish

Tuesday, 23rd September
7.00pm

All are welcome as we pray for Canon Foley's eternal rest