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SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

'He was speaking about the temple of his body.'



Over many years our parish has become known for its generosity to many needy causes. In recent times the Outreach Programme has assisted a large number of people through the actions of the Peoples' Pantry, alongside the Furniture and Clothing Projects.

At this time of the year our focus turns towards the St Augustine's Christmas Toy Appeal. Through partnership working with various local agencies (schools, the local social work department and health personnel) and parents/guardians, last year we were able to ensure the spirit of Christmas was available to children in our area.

- In total, our parish assisted 1,238 children to celebrate the joy of Christmas.
- 784 children were referred from the various agencies, an increase of 323 children, or 34%, on the previous year, as many public sector grants are no longer available
- 184 individual parents/guardians, representing a further 454 children, requested assistance
- A total of 3,683 gifts were given to children, resulting in an average of 3 gifts per child.

Clearly there is a need for this work, and the success of the St Augustine's Christmas Toy Appeal depends on the generosity of parishioners, local enterprises and companies. In this current economic climate and through no fault of their own, for many, the true meaning of Christmas can be viewed as an additional financial burden.

Hopefully through the contributions of this project, families will experience the full joy and blessings of Christmas.

To donate to this cause, please use the:
 QR code on this bulletin
 QR code on the TV screens at the back of the church
 QR code on the TV screens in the cafe
 Use the envelopes available at the back of the church
 Use the envelopes available in the cafe

If you have any questions, please contact:
toyappeal@saintaugustines.org.uk





THE PARISH OF
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Parish Advent Schedule

Starting Monday, 1st December

Early Morning Mass

Monday-Friday throughout Advent at 7.00am

Advent Devotions

Each Sunday of Advent at 6.00pm
Adoration and Benediction

Confessions

Every Saturday 9.00am – 9.55am.
18th December 6.30pm–8.00pm ***with visiting Priests***

Rorate Mass

Monday, 8th December at 7.00pm

Carol Concert & Singalong

Wednesday, 3rd December 7.00pm

CONFESSION
Saturday: 9.00am – 9.50am

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

The next Medjugorje Evening takes place **Monday, 24th November**

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 last weekend is as follows:

- Plate collection: £2,035
- Gift Aid: £1,475
- Tax Reclaimed: £363
- Total: £3,873

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

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER

For the prevention of suicide.

Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care and love they need in their community and be open to the beauty of life.



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



Newcastle Christmas Markets

The parish is organising a special pre-Christmas overnight trip to Newcastle by coach led by Fr Kane and Fr Towey

11th - 12th December

£99 per person based on two people sharing

Included:

- Celebration of Holy Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Newcastle
- Return coach travel
- Dinner, bed & breakfast
- Free time to explore the Christmas Markets and Metro Centre

Please note:

- Limited availability – only 25 twin rooms!

To book or enquire, email: pilgrimage@saintaugustines.org.uk
List available in the Sacristy and Parish Shop

Winter Coat Appeal



Coats and care packs will be available to collect for FREE from the church railings each weekend throughout winter.

All coats will be labelled by size and come with a care pack which includes socks, gloves, hat and scarf. Simply take what you need!

If you have good condition warm coats you wish to donate, please label as winter coat appeal when handing in.

New Children's Choir

We're excited to announce the launch of the new St. Augustine's Kids Choir!



All children in Primary 5-7 are invited to join and help lead the singing at the Family Mass on the last Sunday of the month (30th November) at 10am.

Our first rehearsals will take place in St. Augustine's Parish Centre (upstairs hall) on **27th November from 6:00 to 6:30pm**. Come along, bring your friends, and be part of something joyful!

Parish Social Events

All events take place in the Parish Centre

Friday, 5th December at 7.00pm

Family Pantomime: Cinderella

Tickets £7.50 each

Friday, 27th February at 7.00pm

Evening with Peter Grant

Tickets £20 each

Too book your place, please visit

www.saintaugustines.org.uk/events or scan the QR code.



DIOCESE NOTICES



Annual Memorial Service Coltswood Cemetery

A time to pray for our loved ones who have been laid to rest in
Coltswood Cemetery.

Sunday, 23rd November at 2pm in Coltswood Cemetery, Coatbridg



This is an opportunity not only to celebrate the gift of music but also to
recognise the service of those who bring beauty and joy to the liturgy
week after week.

Sunday, 23rd November at 7pm in St Francis Xavier's Church, Carfin

For all Extraordinary Ministers of the Parish

Dear Extraordinary Ministers,

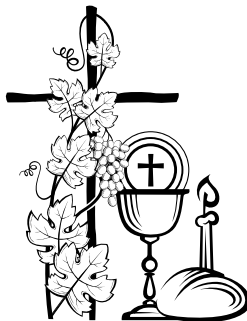
I would like to invite you to a time of prayer before the Blessed
Sacrament, followed by a short conversation about how we can best
support you in your ministry.

The Diocese of arranging an opportunity for us to pray together, reflect
on the work you do, and share ideas for future events or resources that
would be helpful.

Wednesday, 26th November
7.00pm – 8.00pm
Sacred Heart Church, Bellshill

I would be very grateful if you could attend.

God Bless,
Fr Kane



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.saintaugustines.org.uk/300-club
Thank you to all who already take part!



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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.

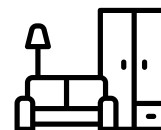


CLOTHING BANK

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 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.



EARLY MORNING MASS EVERY WEDNESDAY FOR WORKERS

Early Morning Mass every Wednesday at 7.00am, here in St Augustine's.

This quiet, prayerful start is a beautiful way to begin the day — placing all that lies ahead into God's hands.

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.

BAPTISM

PREPARATION CLASSES

The meeting takes place on the last Tuesday of every month at 7pm in the Parish Centre. 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 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



KAIROS 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.



ADVENT WREATH MAKING FAMILY CRAFT DAY SUNDAY, 7TH DECEMBER AFTER 10AM FAMILY MASS

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

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; 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; Aileen Scott; Linda Tayler; Kathleen Wynn; Sadie Parr; Teresa Donnelly; Desmond Coyle; Billy Bannan; Sam Clarke; Morag & Rowan Lennen; Anna McPherson; Bill Bothwell; John Caufield; Ruairdh McKinmon; Peter McPake; Anne Donnelly; Frank Donnelly; Helen Watmore; Sophia MacCallum; Allan Clark; Eileen Kelly; Sue Rawlings; Rosy Dovey; Helen Sloan; Ian Smillie; Yvonne Meina; Bobby Winslow; Christine Hamilton; Sharon Dollan

RECENTLY DECEASED

Brian Smith; Agnes McKeown; James Clarke; Annie Ralston; Morag Mitchell; Rena Kennedy

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

John Keating; Daniel McAuley; Rena Henderson; Ian Jackson; James & Margaret Loughran; Annie & David Trower (Snr); David Trower (Jnr); Theresa McCann; Alexander McAuley

BAPTISMS

Nico James O'Rourke; Freddie Paul Gallagher; Grayson-James Mushet

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Frank & Maureen Reynolds – Golden Wedding

FUNERALS

Margaret Constable RIP

Vigil Reception: Thursday, 27th November at 5.00pm.

Requiem Mass: Friday, 28th November at 10.00am

Rena Kennedy RIP

Vigil Reception: Tuesday, 25th November at 6.00pm.

Requiem Mass: Wednesday, 26th November at 10.00am

*We kindly ask that all notices for the bulletin are handed into the Parish Office by Wednesday at 12noon.
Please write all notices clearly.*

PARISH DIARY

Sunday, 23 November <i>Christ the King</i>	10.00am: Grandparents Mass with Primary 4 and 5 <i>Ignite Club in the upstairs hall of Parish Centre for P4 children</i> Light buffet served after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Centre 12.00 noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 24 November <i>Saints Andrew Dũng-Lạc and his Companions</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 10.30am - 12.00pm: Church Cleaning 12.00pm - 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm - 7.30pm: People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>) 7.30pm: Medjugorje Mass (Holy Rosary begins at 7.00pm)
Tuesday, 25 November <i>Thirty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Holy Mass After Mass: Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 11.00am - 5.30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 6.00pm: Vigil Reception of Rena Kennedy 7.00pm: Baptism Meeting for Parents and Godparents (<i>Parish Centre</i>)
Wednesday, 26 November <i>Thirty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	7.00am: Early Morning Mass for Workers 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Rena Kennedy 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 11.00am - 5.30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm: Lectio Divina Prayer Group (<i>Church</i>) 7.30pm: ALMA Club (<i>upstairs of Parish Centre</i>)
Thursday, 27 November <i>Thirty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 11.00am - 4.30pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 12 noon - 3.00pm: The People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>) 5.00pm: Vigil Reception of Margaret Constable 6.00pm: Children's Choir Practice (<i>Upstairs Hall</i>) 6.45pm: Choir Practice (<i>Upstairs Hall</i>) 7.00pm: RCIA (<i>Parish Centre</i>)
Friday, 28 November <i>Thirty-Fourth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Margaret Constable 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 11.00am: St Andrew's Celebration Day Mass (<i>Primary School</i>) 11.00am - 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday, 29 November <i>Votive Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9.00am - 9.50am: Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (<i>Vigil</i>)
Sunday, 30 November <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass with the new children's choir! <i>Ignite Club in the upstairs hall of Parish Centre for P7 children</i> Sunday brunch served after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Centre 12.00 noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass

**Adoration is subject to change due to ongoing maintenance.*

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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.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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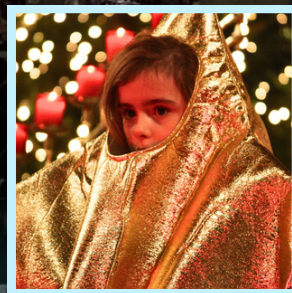
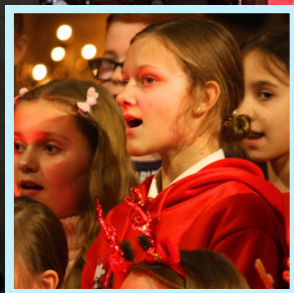
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SAINT AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, COATBRIDGE
WEDNESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER AT 7.00PM

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TEA/COFFEE AND MINCE PIES SERVED IN THE PARISH CENTRE AFTERWARDS