



HEARTBEAT

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S PARISH MAGAZINE

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

'Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?'



**TO REGISTER FOR THE TOY APPEAL, PLEASE COMPLETE THE
SELF-REFERRAL FORM VIA:
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THEN SIMPLY TURN UP ON ONE OF THE FOLLOWING DAYS**

17 DEC

11.00AM - 2.30PM & 3.30PM - 6.30PM

18 DEC

11.00AM - 2.30PM & 3.30PM - 6.30PM

19 DEC

11.00AM - 4.00PM

SAINT AUGUSTINE'S PARISH CENTRE

12 Dundyvan Road, Coatbridge, ML5 1DQ



Third Sunday of Advent



The **First Reading** is from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11. Isaiah's words of consolation and promise are addressed in the first place to the exiles, but they were fully and truly realised only when Christ the Messiah came. Christ applied the first two verses of this text to himself when he first preached in the synagogue of Nazareth (Lk 4:18-19). This morning, let us thank God from our hearts for the "good tidings" of our redemption and exaltation, brought to us by Christ the Son of God and our loving Brother.

The **Second Reading** is from the First Book of the Thessalonians 5:16-24. Living a truly Christian life is not a merely human activity.

God has a part in it; in fact, God has the principal part to play in it.

What St. Paul told the Thessalonians, he tells us too: "God is faithful." God will do his part, the greater part, of the work of our salvation. So it matters not how many opponents we have. It makes no difference how many machinations they invent to impede us on our journey. Our "God is faithful," and our God is with us, helping us every step of the way. Rejoice then, nay, exult in joy! Thank God from your heart for the gift of the true faith. Thank him for everything he sends in life. The rough, as well as the smooth, has a part in God's plan for making us worthy of sharing his kingdom.

The **Gospel** is from John 1:6-8, 19-28.

Last Sunday we had St. Mark's account of the Baptist's activity at the Jordan as he prepared the people for the public mission of Jesus. John was the last of the great line of prophets, and he was the greatest of them all. It was his privilege to point out to his audience the Son of God in human nature, the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world," and also to hear God's voice from heaven proclaiming Christ to be his "beloved Son." He was surely a man sent from God. Let us listen to the call of John the Baptist, and from our hearts repent of our sins. Let us prepare for Christmas, the anniversary of Christ's human appearance on earth, by cleansing ourselves of all sinful attachments and making a firm resolution to follow the Lamb through life.

PARISH ADVENT SCHEDULE

EXTRA EARLY MORNING MASS

Monday - Friday of Advent at 7.00am

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Each Sunday of Advent - 6.00pm

Adoration and Benediction

CONFESSIONS

Each Saturday 9.00am - 9.55am

Thursday, 18th December 6.30pm - 8.00pm

(Tuesday, 17th with visiting Priests)



CONFESSION
Saturday: 9.00am – 9.50am

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

The next Medjugorje Evening takes place **Monday, 29th 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 last weekend is as follows:

- Plate collection: £1,912
- Gift Aid: £1,475
- Tax Reclaimed: £363
- Total: £3,750

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

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR DECEMBER

For Christians in areas of conflict
Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation, and hope.



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



Come home this Christmas

As we enter the Third Week of Advent, I invite you to use this time to encourage others to return to the Church as we prepare for Christmas. I also encourage you to continue praying for those close to you, family members, friends, and loved ones, who may be distant from the Church at this time, asking that they may rediscover the joy and peace found in Christ and in the life of the parish.

Please consider extending a personal and heartfelt invitation to your own family members and friends to join us for Christmas Mass. The Christmas Mass times can be found in the leaflet attached to this bulletin, and I hope many will take up this invitation and share in the joy of celebrating the birth of Christ with us. Please take additional leaflets from the porch to pass to family, friends and neighbours to let them know of our Christmas Mass times

With my prayers and best wishes as we continue our Advent journey together.

God bless,
Fr. Kane

Christmas Remembrances

For anyone wishing to add a name of a loved one to our Christmas Remembrance list, please hand this in to the Parish house no later than Wednesday at 12noon.

Any names can be posted through the letterbox and marked "Christmas Remembrance" on the envelope. These names will be included in the bulletin next weekend for Christmas.

Christmas Mass Bouquets cards are also available on the Parish Shop.



Parish Social Events

All events take place in the Parish Centre

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.



Church Christmas Decorations

On Monday, 22nd December after the 10am Mass, I am hoping to begin to get the Church prepared for Christmas. This includes putting up the Christmas trees, altar garlands, and the crib.

If you're available, it would be greatly appreciated if you can stay behind after Mass to support this.



The group will be directly after the 10am Mass.
God bless, Fr Kane



DIOCESE NOTICES

Mass for the Dedication of Motherwell Cathedral

You are warmly invited to Holy Mass for the Dedication of Motherwell Cathedral on **Monday, 15th December, at 7.00pm in the Cathedral.**

This solemn celebration marks the anniversary of the dedication of our mother church.

All are welcome to join.



Holy Rosary during Advent for Pro-Life Intentions

Please join us every Monday in Advent at 7:45pm to pray for unborn children, their mothers, and all pro-life intentions.

Each session is on Zoom and lasts about 30 minutes.

Following the Rosary there is a short reflection from a guest speaker.

Dec 15, 2025 07:45 PM

Dec 22, 2025 07:45 PM

Register at bit.ly/rosary25



Every year in Advent there is an opportunity for people to write to the prisoners of conscience throughout the world. This is a real lifeline to those unjustly suffering in jail.

If you would like to offer some hope to those prisoners this Christmas, you can collect the details from the porch in the church.



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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.

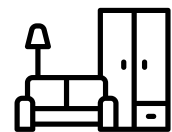


CLOTHING BANK

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



OUTREACH OPENING TIMES OVER CHRISTMAS

The People's Pantry

CLOSED

Thursday, 25th December

Thursday, 1st January

OPEN

Monday, 22nd December 4.00pm - 7.00pm

Monday, 29th December 4.00pm - 7.00pm



Winter Coat Appeal

Coats and jackets along with winter care packs will be available every weekend throughout the winter months. These will be available from the railings

Clothing Bank

CLOSED

Thursday, 18th December

Thursday, 25th December

Thursday, 1st January

OPEN

Thursday, 8th January 2026



Toy Appeal Collection

For anyone seeking help, please ensure you have submitted a referral via:

www.santaugustines.org.uk/toy-appeal-referral

You will be notified directly with collection days.

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 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

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.

To sign up or find out more, visit:
www.saintaugustines.org.uk/300-club

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.

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; Morag & Rowan Lennen; Anna McPherson; Bill Bothwell; John Caufield; 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; Betty McNamee; Alex Dowdalls; Irene Lannigan;

RECENTLY DECEASED

Ella McGivern; Margaret O'Brien; Mark Shields; Stephen Reilly; Mary Grant; Sam Clarke; Jim Cummings

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

William McAleaney; Sadie Bannan; Robert Bannan; Annmarie McCoy; William Cairns (Snr); Margaret Cairns; Michael McDade; John McGraw; Jackie & Anna Kiernan; Mary Theresa McIlroy; Helen MacDonald

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Victoria and Alex McKimmon

FUNERALS

Ella McGivern RIP

Vigil Reception: Thursday, 18th December at 5.00pm
Requiem Mass: Friday, 19th December at 10.00am Mass

Jim Cummings RIP

Requiem Mass: Thursday, 18th December at 12noon

*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, 14 December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass 12.00 noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass 6.00pm: Advent Devotions
Monday, 15 December <i>Saint John of the Cross</i>	7.00am: Early Morning Mass for Advent 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.30am - 12.00pm: Church Cleaning 6.00pm - 7.30pm: People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>)
Tuesday, 16 December <i>Third Week of Advent</i>	7.00am: Early Morning Mass for Advent 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Holy Mass After Mass: Devotion to the Holy Face of Jesus 1.30pm-3.00pm: Primary School Confession (<i>school</i>)
Wednesday, 17 December	7.00am: Early Morning Mass for Advent 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Holy Mass 1.30pm-3.00pm: Primary School Confession (<i>school</i>) 7.30pm: ALMA Club (<i>upstairs of Parish Centre</i>)
Thursday, 18 December	7.00am: Early Morning Mass for Advent 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: End of Term School Mass (<i>church</i>) 12noon: Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Jim Cummings 12 noon - 3.00pm: The People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>) 2.00pm: Holy Mass at Woodside and Millbrae Care Hoke 3.30pm: Holy Mass at Deanston Care Home 5.00pm: Vigil Reception of Ella McGivern 6.30pm - 8.00pm: Confession with Visiting Priests 6.45pm: Choir Practice
Friday, 19 December	7.00am: Early Morning Mass for Advent 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Ella McGivern 11.00am - 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday, 20 December	9.00am - 9.50am: Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (<i>Vigil</i>)
Sunday, 21 December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass 12.00 noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass 6.00pm: Advent Devotions

- **KAIROS CAFE IS CLOSED FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS. IT WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, 5TH JANUARY**
- **DUE TO ON GOING MAINTENANCE, THERE WILL BE NO EUCHARISTIC ADORATION DURING THE DAY**

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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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SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

WITH VISITING PRIESTS



In preparation for Christmas,
the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered on:

THURSDAY, 18TH DECEMBER

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH, COATBRIDGE | 6.30PM-8.00PM



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"Confess your sins and acknowledge them readily, repenting of them abundantly. And through this confession of the heart and contrition of the soul, you will find cleanliness. ..."

– St. Angela of Foligno



Support the Toy Appeal

**Supporting families across Coatbridge & Airdrie to
provide their children with the Christmas they deserve**

Visit our website to support the Christmas Toy Appeal today:

WWW.SAINTAUGUSTINES.ORG.UK/TOY-APPEAL

For more information contact:

TOYAPPEAL@SAINTAUGUSTINES.ORG.UK

