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RORATE MASS

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, 8th December | 7.00pm

Join us at St Augustine's on **Monday, 8th December at 7pm** for a beautifully atmospheric Rorate Mass as we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. This candlelit liturgy, offered in honour of Our Lady, takes place before sunrise in many parts of the world, symbolising the coming of Christ, the Light who breaks into our darkness. Although ours will be in the evening, the same sense of quiet expectation and Marian devotion fills the church as we gather on this feast with reverence and hope.

The Rorate Mass takes its name from the opening words of the Introit, "Rorate caeli desuper" – "Drop down dew, ye heavens, from above." It is a cherished Advent tradition in which the faithful join Mary in awaiting the birth of her Son. Celebrated by candlelight, the gentle glow reflects the humility and purity of Our Lady, inviting us into a moment of stillness in the midst of December's busyness. All are warmly welcome to come and honour Our Blessed Mother and prepare your hearts for the Lord's coming.



SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION *in Preparation for Christmas*

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

THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER

6.30PM - 8.00PM

WITH VISITING PRIESTS

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

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: £2,052
- Gift Aid: £1,475
- Tax Reclaimed: £363
- Total: £3,890

*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



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! Coats will be on the railings from Saturday, 6th December.

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

Christmas Toy Appeal Support

If you or someone you know needs a little extra help this Christmas, our Toy Appeal is here for you. Please visit www.saintaugustines.org.uk/toy-appeal-referral to request support.

All referrals are treated with complete confidentiality — we're here to help, with kindness and no questions asked.



St Augustine's Christmas Mass Bouquets



Christmas Mass bouquets from the parish shop are now available.

This unique design can only be found at Saint Augustine's. Names from Mass Bouquets can appear in the weekly bulletin next weekend. Please state whether you wish this to be included.

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.



DIOCESE NOTICES



RCIA Leaders Meeting



Monday, 8th December | 7pm | St. Brides Hall, Motherwell

Andrew Cassidy, Pastoral Associate at Sacred Heart Church, Edinburgh, will share a reflection on the importance of prayer in the RCIA journey, drawing from his own experience and offering practical insights to support and strengthen parish RCIA teams. The evening will also include guided moments of prayer to help deepen your own practice and enrich your ministry.

Register via email: ineilson@rcdom.org.uk.

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 8, 2025 07:45 PM

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.



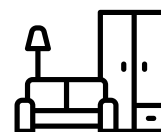
CLOTHING BANK

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

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)

RORATE MASS FOR FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Monday, 8th December, 7.00pm



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; 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; Betty McNamee; Alex Dowdalls

RECENTLY DECEASED

Robina Kennedy; Margaret Constable; Catherine Burke; Teresa Russell; Natalie Franceschi; Maeve Mulrooney; Catherine McCartin; Louise Breslin; Sam Clarke (St. Aloysius)

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Susan & Peter McGlade; Carole Devlin; Mary Fagan; Mary McInally; Margaret & James Lochran; Peter McSorley; John McSorley; Annie Rafferty; Eleonor Traynor; George Ferguson; Betty O'Hagan; John & Margaret Donnelly

BAPTISMS

Athena Maria Garifalow; Louie James Currens; Ivy Isabella Maxwell

*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, 7 December <i>Second Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass <i>with the new children's choir!</i> Ignite Club family day in the downstairs hall of Parish Centre for all children Sunday brunch served after 10.00am Mass in the Parish Centre 12.00 noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass 6.00pm: Advent Devotions 6.00pm: St Lourdes Meeting (<i>Parish Centre</i>)
Monday, 8 December <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	7.00am: Early Morning Mass for Advent 9.10am: Holy Mass in School for P6 & P7 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 6.00pm - 7.30pm: People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>) 7.00pm: Rorate Mass
Tuesday, 9 December <i>Second 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 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (<i>Parish Centre</i>)
Wednesday, 10 December <i>Second Week of Advent</i>	7.00am: Early Morning Mass for Advent 9.10am: Holy Mass in School for P2 & P3 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 1.30pm - 3.00pm: Primary School Confessions 7.30pm: ALMA Club (<i>upstairs of Parish Centre</i>)
Thursday, 11 December <i>Second Week of Advent</i>	7.00am: Early Morning Mass for Advent 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 11.00am: Coach leaves for Parish overnight to Newcastle 12 noon - 3.00pm: The People's Pantry (<i>Blairgrove Shopping Precinct</i>) 6.45pm: Choir Practice 7.00pm: RCIA (<i>Parish Centre</i>)
Friday, 12 December <i>Second Week of Advent</i>	7.00am: Early Morning Mass for Advent 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (<i>Church</i>) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe (<i>Parish Centre</i>) 11.00am - 7.00pm: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet 10.00pm: Coach returns from Parish overnight to Newcastle
Saturday, 13 December <i>Saint Lucy</i>	9.00am - 9.50am: Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (<i>Vigil</i>)
Sunday, 14 December <i>Third Sunday of Advent</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass <i>with the new children's choir!</i> 12.00 noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass 6.00pm: Advent Devotions

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.

PARISH COMMUNICATIONS

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Saint Augustine's Church, Coatbridge

Christmas Eve

4.00pm

with carols from 3.30pm

7.00pm

with carols from 6.30pm

Midnight

with carols from 11.30pm

Christmas Day

10.00am

12noon