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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*'Jesus went to Capernaum so that what was
spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.'*



As the Assisted Suicide Bill reaches a critical stage in the Scottish Parliament, many people are deeply concerned about its consequences for the most vulnerable in our society.

Assisted Suicide Bill

Across Scotland, parishes have been taking time to inform and support parishioners, encouraging prayer and thoughtful engagement on this issue.

There is growing recognition that this Bill would fundamentally change how our society treats those who are elderly, disabled, seriously ill, or approaching the end of life.

Now is the moment for voices to be heard.

The Care Not Killing campaign provides clear information on the dangers of assisted suicide and makes it simple to contact your local MSP with a message urging them to vote against this Bill.

➡ Take action today:

Visit <https://carenotkilling.scot/>

You can use their online tool to write directly to your MSP in just a few minutes.

Please consider taking this step and encouraging others to do the same. Decisions made at Holyrood in the coming weeks will have lasting consequences for the protection of life in Scotland.



PROJECT WELLSPRING PASTORAL RENEWAL FORUM

TUESDAY, 27TH JANUARY 2026 AT 7.00PM
ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH HALL, BLANTYRE



YOUR WEEKLY

CATHOLIC NEWS

SCOTLAND

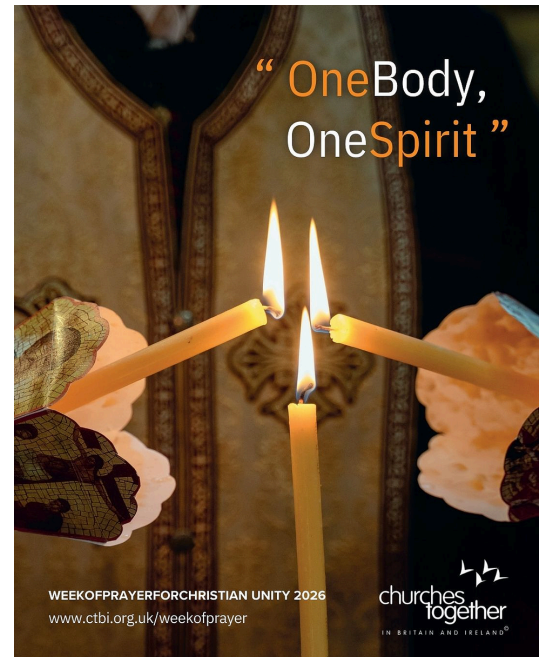
CHRISTIAN UNITY WEEK 2026

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity invites Christians across Scotland to pause, pray, and reflect on Christ's call to unity among His followers. Christian unity Week is observed from 18 to 25 January. This week invites Christians to reflect prayerfully on Christ's call to unity and to place this intention before Him. Reflecting on the theme One Body, One Spirit, Archbishop Leo reminds us:

"In Scotland we are blessed to share friendships with Christians of other traditions, friendships rooted not in convenience but in a genuine desire to follow Christ more faithfully. The Catholic Church in Scotland has officially acknowledged friendship with the Scottish Episcopal Church; The St Ninian Declaration reminds us of our shared witness, charity and service.

The St Margaret Declaration, meanwhile, encourages honest and warm dialogue grounded in truth with our friends in the Church of Scotland. These commitments do not gloss over sincerely held differences of the past or the present. Rather, we endeavour to see in each other a fellow disciple of Jesus of Nazareth and to grow together in charity as brothers and sisters in Christ.

We acknowledge real differences between our Churches, and we do so without fear, because friendship among Christians is not a threat to faith but a fruit of it. So we pray for unity by placing ourselves before Christ, asking that He deepen our love for His Church, strengthen our respect for one another, and lead us, in His time and by His grace, closer to the unity He desires."



VATICAN

POPE APPROVES DECREES FOR 2 NEW BLESSED AND 4 VENERABLES

On Thursday, Pope Leo XIV held an audience with Cardinal Marcello Semeraro, Prefect of the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints, and authorized him to promulgate decrees related to two people who will be beatified and four new Venerables.

The decrees recognized the martyrdom of Fr. Augusto Rafael Ramírez Monasterio, a priest of the Order of Friars Minor, and a miracle attributed to the intercession of Sr. Maria Ignazia Isacchi, founder of the Congregation of the Ursulines of the Sacred Heart of Jesus of Asola. Both will therefore be proclaimed Blessed. He also recognized the heroic virtues of Nerino Cobiانchi, a layman, and Srs. Crocifissa Militerni, Maria Giselda Villela, and Maria Tecla Antonia Relucenti, who have been proclaimed Venerable.

Augusto Rafael Ramírez Monasterio was born in Guatemala City on November 5, 1937, into a large and devout Catholic family. Having discerned a religious vocation, he began his Franciscan novitiate in Jumilla, Spain, where, after completing studies in philosophy and theology, he was ordained a priest on June 18, 1967. In 1978, he served as guardian and parish priest of San Francisco el Grande in Antigua, Guatemala, dedicating himself to the parish's pastoral life and to the poor and

defenseless, while the country was being torn apart by civil war. Arrested on June 2, 1983, he was tortured and then released, but was placed under special surveillance and received numerous death threats. On November 7, 1983, he was seized again by soldiers and killed during a transfer to the outskirts of the city. The decree recognizes that he was killed in hatred of the faith.

Maria Ignazia Isacchi—born Angela Caterina and known as "Ancilla"—was born on May 8, 1857, in Stezzano, in the Italian province of Bergamo, and entered the Ursuline Sisters of Somasca at just over the age of twenty. Elected Superior General, she transferred the motherhouse to Asola and continued to direct the institute there until 1924, when, for reasons of health, she was forced to resign; she nonetheless received the title "Superior General for life ad honorem."

She died on August 19, 1934, in Seriate, and in 2022 she was declared Venerable.

Attributed to her intercession is the miraculous healing, in 1950, of Sister Maria Assunta Zappella, who suffered severe abdominal pain due to "enterocolitis of probable tubercular nature."



On the last day of a novena, the sister suddenly felt better; the next day, a chest X-ray showed regression of the illness, and the treating physicians noted an unexpected and sudden improvement, with rapid progress and complete healing a few days later.

CONFESSION
Saturday: 9.00am – 9.50am

MONTHLY MEDJUGORJE EVENING

The next Medjugorje Evening takes place **Monday, 26th January**

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:

- Collection: £2,260
- Gift Aid: £1,475
- Tax Reclaimed: £343
- Total: £4,070

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

POPE LEO'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.



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

Vocations Information Evening

Considering a Call to the Priesthood?

The Diocese is hosting an evening for men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood.

- Sunday, 1 February
- 7.30pm
- Cathedral House, Motherwell

This is an opportunity to reflect, ask questions, and explore what it might mean to respond to God's call. Those who feel they are being called towards the priesthood are encouraged to come along.

Please keep this gathering in your prayers and share it with anyone who may be discerning their vocation.

P6 & P7 Grandparents Mass

P6 & P7 Grandparents' Invitation to Holy Mass

This weekend, 25th January at 10.00am, our P6 and P7 children warmly invite their grandparents to join them at Holy Mass.

It's a lovely opportunity for families to come together in prayer and for our young people to share this special moment of faith with their grandparents.

We look forward to welcoming you!

Kairos Cafe Volunteers

Our Kairos Café is a much-loved space where parishioners and locals can enjoy good food, friendship, and a warm welcome — but we need your help to keep it going!

We are looking for volunteers to help:

 During the week in Kairos Café

 At Sunday Brunch after the 10.00am Mass

If you can spare a couple of hours, whether weekly or occasionally, your time and kindness would make a real difference to our parish community.

 Interested?

Email: staugustines@rcdom.org.uk



PARISH NOTICES

Wellspring Pastoral Forum This Tuesday

A reminder that Bishop Toal invites parishes to the Wellspring Pastoral Forum, taking place this Tuesday, 27th January at 7pm, in St Joseph's Parish Hall, Blantyre.

The Forum will bring together clergy and parish representatives from across the Diocese to share experiences of evangelisation and mission, to encourage one another, and to explore how parishes can make use of the many diocesan resources available. Bishop Toal asks that every parish be represented, and warmly encourages parish Wellspring representatives and parish teams to attend.

ST PATRICKS DAY CELEBRATION

Friday, 13th of March 2026 in St Augustine's Parish Centre

Expect a night packed with live music, dancing, laughs and stories, with a special guest appearance from Scotland and Celtic legend Murdo MacLeod. From the first tune to the last dance, it's shaping up to be an evening full of energy, atmosphere and great craic.

Tickets:

£15 per ticket

£125 for a table of 10

VIP: £30 per ticket

VIP: £250 for a table of 10

**VIP packages include early access, digital photo with Murdo and a signed print*

Parish Social Events

All events take place in the Parish Centre

Friday, 27th February at 7.00pm

Evening with Peter Grant
Tickets £20 each

Friday, 13th March at 7.00pm

St Patrick's Night with special guest Murdo MacLeod
Tickets from £15 each

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



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Thurs 12.00pm - 3.00pm**

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We have also linked with the local Citizens Advice Bureau who offer advocacy services via our Pantry.

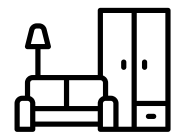


CLOTHING BANK

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



S1 Lourdes Trip 2026

This April, the St Augustine's Youth will travel to Lourdes on pilgrimage, joining thousands of pilgrims from around the world who come seeking faith, hope, and renewal.

Over the course of the pilgrimage, our young people will learn about the life of St Bernadette, visiting the places where she lived and grew up, and spending time at the Grotto of Massabielle, where Our Lady appeared to Bernadette in 1858.

Since the apparitions of 1858, millions have travelled to Lourdes each year to pray at the Grotto, take part in the candlelight procession, and draw water from the spring. It is a place where young people often discover a stronger sense of compassion, service, and belonging within the Church.

To help make this pilgrimage possible, we are grateful for the parish's support through our fundraising events. So far, we are delighted to confirm our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea, returning on Saturday, 14th March and Sunday 15th March.

By attending and supporting these events, you are directly helping our young people take part in this pilgrimage. Your encouragement, prayers, and practical support truly make a difference as they prepare to journey to Lourdes this April.

Mother's Day

Afternoon Tea

£20 per ticket with prosecco
£15 per ticket without prosecco
12.00pm – 3.00pm
St. Augustine's Parish Centre

Book your tickets now.
There are two dates; please check the day you have selected to attend when booking;
Saturday, 14th March and
Sunday, 15th March



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 3. 26th October 4. 16th November 5. 7th December 6. 11th January 7. 1st February 8. 1st March (Family Day: Pilgrims of Hope) 9. 8th March	1. 14th September 2. 5th October 3. 2nd November 4. 23rd November 5. 7th December 6. 18th January 7. 8th February 8. 1st March (Family Day: Pilgrims of Hope) 9. 15th March	1. 21st September 2. 5th October 3. 9th November 4. 30th November 5. 7th December 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

Jim Allan; Billy Bannan; Patricia Bannan; Susie Bannan; Veronica Bannan; Florine Bark; Marie Boswell; Bill Bothwell; Billy & Molly Bothwell; John O'Brien; Maureen O'Brien; Catherine Brown; Craig Cameron; John Caufield; Allan Clark; Anne Clarke; Desmond Coyle; Mary Coyle; Irene Crawley; John Currie; Louie James Currens; Caroline Dawson; Anne Donnelly; Frank Donnelly; Teresa Donnelly; Rosy Dovey; Sharon Dunn; Catherine Graham; Christine Hamilton; Eddie Heron; Simon Howard; Stephen Jamison; Eileen O'Kane; Andy Kelly; Hugh Kelly; Morag & Rowan Lennen; Sophia Loughran; Sophia MacCallum; Madge Mallon; Barbara Martin; Frank Martin; Josephine Martin; Paul McCormack; Ann McDonald; Jim McDonald; Mhairi McGlone; Andre McGuinness; Joe McLaughlin; Margaret McLelland; Marianne McMillan; Betty McNamee; Anna McPherson; Ann McShane; John McShane; Yvonne Meina; Caroline Mitchell; Marion Moran; Margaret More; Luke Morton; Paul Morton; Sadie Parr; Mary Paton; Sue Rawlings; Bernd Reimann; Anne Roche; Susan Robb; Thomas Robertson; Aileen Scott; Helen Sloan; Pat Sludden; Ian Smillie; Brian Sneddon; Raymond Sneddon; Tony Stafford; Betty Stillie; Linda Tayler; James Trower; Francis Wardhugh; Helen Watmore; Alison Wilson; Bobby Winslow; Kathleen Wynn

RECENTLY DECEASED

Jacqueline Brady; George Lane; John Towey; Patricia Laird; Kathleen Campbell; Ricky Agnew; Cathy Skelly; Anthony Hughes; Sarah-Jane Quinn; Jose Alberto Pitach (Spain); Susan Innes; Eddie Mears; David Hughes; Irene Lannigan

ANNIVERSARIES / MONTHS MINDS / BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES

Joanne Gravell; Siobhan O'Neill; Joe Grogan; Joe Connelly; Alice Grogan; Billy Davidson; Gerald Joseph Murphy; John Parker

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Joan Drummond and Family; John McNealis and Family; Margaret Morton

FUNERALS

Jacqueline Patricia Brady RIP
Vigil Reception on Wednesday, 28th January at 6pm
Requiem Mass: Thursday, 29th January at 10am

*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, 25 January <i>Third Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass <i>After 10.00am Mass Ignite for Primary 7 children (upstairs hall)</i> <i>Sunday Brunch served in the lower hall after 10.00am Mass</i> 12.00 noon: Holy Mass 5.00pm: Holy Mass
Monday, 26 January <i>Saints Timothy and Titus</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 10.30am - 12.00pm: Church Cleaning 6.00pm - 7.30pm: People's Pantry (Blairgrove Shopping Precinct) 7.30pm: Medjugorje Mass (Holy Rosary begins at 7.00pm)
Tuesday, 27 January <i>Third Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass <i>Devotion to Holy Face of Jesus after 10.00am Mass</i> 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 7.00pm: Pastoral Wellspring Forum (St Josephs Church Hall, Blantyre)
Wednesday, 28 January <i>Saint Thomas Aquinas</i>	No 7.00am Mass 9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 7.00pm: Lectio Divina 6.00pm: Vigil Reception of Jacqueline Patricia Brady RIP
Thursday, 29 January <i>Third Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Requiem Mass for the Repose of the Soul of Jacqueline Patricia Brady 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 10.30am - 12.30pm: Clothing Bank 12noon - 3.00pm: People's Pantry (Blairgrove Shopping Precinct) 7.00pm: RCIA (Parish Centre)
Friday, 30 January <i>Third Week of Ordinary Time</i>	9.30am: The Holy Rosary (Church) 10.00am: Holy Mass 10.00am - 2.00pm: Kairos Cafe 7.00pm: Divine Mercy Chaplet
Saturday, 31 January <i>Saint John Bosco</i>	9.00am - 9.50am: Confession 10.00am: Holy Mass 4.00pm: Holy Mass (Vigil)
Sunday, 1 February <i>Fourth Week of Ordinary Time</i>	10.00am: Holy Mass <i>After 10.00am Mass Ignite for Primary 3 children (upstairs hall)</i> <i>Sunday Brunch served in the lower hall after 10.00am Mass</i> 12.00 noon: Holy Mass 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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SIGN UP TODAY

By signing up, the Sunday readings will be delivered to your inbox every Thursday, giving you time to pray with them before coming to Mass. You can sign up by scanning

the QR code or go to
saintaugustines.org.uk/sundaygospel



This Sunday we celebrate Word of God Sunday, a reminder of the central place that Sacred Scripture holds in the life of the Church.

I would like to encourage you to prepare for Mass each week by praying with the Sunday readings in advance. Taking a little time beforehand to read and reflect on the Word of God can help us listen more attentively and allow the Scriptures to speak more deeply into our lives.

God bless,
Fr Kane

