

Mass Times

Sunday Masses

Sat 5.30 pm Vigil Mass
 Sun 8.00 am
 9.30 am Family Mass
 11.15 am Sung Mass
 5.45 pm

Weekday Masses

Mon, Tues, Thurs 7.30 & 10.00 am
 Wed 7.30 am, 12.30 pm,
 7.30 pm Extraordinary Form
 (1st Wed monthly ONLY)
 4.30 pm Burrswood
 (2nd Wed monthly ONLY)
 Fri 7.30, 10.00 am & 7.30 pm
 Sat: 8.00 and 10.00 am

Reconciliation

Sat 10.30-11.30 am. 4.30 - 5.15 pm
 Also by appointment.

Monday - Friday the church is usually open from 6.30am until at least 8.00pm.

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Prayer

Stations of the Cross.

Sunday 4.00pm and Wednesday at 7.00pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Monday - 6.30 am - 8.00 pm
 Tuesday and Thursday 6.30 am - 1.00 pm
 Friday 6.30am - 9.00pm

Morning Prayers

Monday- Friday 7.00am, Saturday 7.40am

Rosary

Mon - Tues & Thurs - Fri after 10.00 am Mass

ROSARY INTENTION

For the spiritual enrichment of the Candidates for the Sacraments.

Prayer Groups

Cenacolo Thurs, 2.30 pm -
 Blessed Sacrament
 Charismatic Christian Tues, 8.00 pm - Church
 Tues, 2.15 pm- MR3
 Meditation
 Mothers Tues, 10.45 am- Meet Room 3
 Prayers

HOSPITAL VISITS

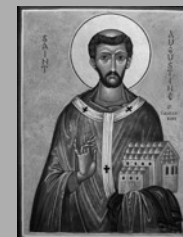
If you are going into hospital or you know someone who is and would like a priest to visit during the stay. **It is essential that you let one of the priests or the office know.** Tunbridge Wells hospital and many other hospitals do not inform us when Catholic patients are admitted.

Please note the latest items can be accepted is 4pm on Monday in any given week, although inclusion for the coming weekend can't be guaranteed. Contributions to:
newsdesk@st-augustine.co.uk or office.

Newsletter can also be printed off the website -
<http://www.st-augustine.co.uk/newsletters.php>

ST AUGUSTINE'S NEWS

10th March



TEMPTATION AND SIN by Fr Josaphat Ezenwa



Temptation and sin are daily realities which no psychology can dismiss or diminish. It will be naïve to sweep under the carpet the battle we wage between good and evil in our daily lives. Sin is wilfully turning away or breaking that beautiful love-relationship, otherwise known as grace, with God.

We are tempted daily not to live up to the ideal of love-relationship with God as we should. Our beautiful relationship with God is often ruined by our repeated failures of not doing the good things we should do daily. St. Paul put it nicely, "The good I want to do, I never do, the evil things I do not want – that is what I do" Rm. 7:19. This indifference makes our love-relationship stale and non vibrant.

Our first parents lived in friendship with God. This friendship can be compared with sound health which is often taken for granted; not appreciated until it is lost. Their disobedience of God's word brought with it the collapse of their harmonious relationship with Nature itself, introducing evil and suffering and ecological devastation into the world (Gen. 3:7.) God's love however has no bounds. He restored the friendship through his son Jesus Christ.

Our spiritual life is always a challenge. People commit the oldest sin in new kinds of ways. We struggle to keep away from selfishness, pride, jealousy, greed, fraud, indecency, hatred, lying and so on. The Lord's temptation in the wilderness will help us to take a realistic look at our struggles with our marriage, relationships with people, friends, children etc through whom God approaches us. Jesus has given us an example and so we should not substitute self-interest for God's or worldly attractions for the will of God.



During Lent there will be Stations of the Cross on Sunday at 4.00pm and on Wednesday at 7.00pm.

First Sunday of Lent
Year C Ps Wk 1
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 153
Preface: from page 70

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW AND UNDERSTAND YOUR BIBLE?

A rare opportunity to participate in an eight week journey in discovering the greatness of the Bible. Each week will cover one of the major periods in Salvation History from Genesis to the Resurrection of Jesus. The journey aims at providing an integral understanding of the whole Bible in all its richness for the strengthening of our faith and spiritual development.



To be led by our resident seminarian Matthew and assisted by one of our priests.

When: Each week for eight weeks on a Monday evening and repeated on a Wednesday afternoon

Dates : Mondays to April 15th and Wednesdays to April 17th.

Time: Monday evenings at 8pm repeated Wednesday afternoon at 1.30pm

Place: St Augustine's Church Hall.

15th MARCH SOUP LUNCH

If you are able to provide a soup and/or help serve at the tables please contact Daniele in the office or email her on daniele@viner.plus.com

EASTER LILIES

We are again offering lilies, in remembrance of your loved ones, at Easter. These will be £3 each. Please leave money in the Parish Office, along with the names of those you are remembering, if you wish.



Bread & Soup Lunch



Family Fast Friday 15th March Served between 12.00-2.00pm

There will be a simple lunch served in the Church Hall. A variety of tasty meat-free soups with good bread will be served.

All are invited - donations will go to CAFOD.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The Holy Father has said many times: it is true that Jesus always goes before us and waits for us with open arms. But it is up to us also to move towards Him! Jesus died on the cross, with arms outstretched towards all: He died begging the Father's forgiveness for us. Who can do this but only God Himself? How can we not recognize him?..."

-- Cardinal Robert Sarah

PRAYER FOR LENT

You were a man of suffering acquainted with grief, loved and despised in equal measure. You understand humanity, know our failings, love us despite the people that we are. When we, like Peter, deny you by word or action, **forgive us.**

When we, like Judas, are tempted to follow a different path, **forgive us.**

When we, like those in the crowd allow you to be crucified, **forgive us.**

Bring us to the foot of the Cross to stand next to the one who, looking into your eyes declared **'Surely this is the Son of God'**

http://www.faithandworship.com/prayers_Lent.htm#ixzz5hJnDWMat
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CATHOLIC HISTORY WALKS IN LONDON

If you are interested in Catholic history, please see the poster in the narthex or visit catholichistorywalks.com for details of walks in London this Spring.

OFFERTORY

Offertory	£2,204.40
Outreach Poor Parishes	£487.12
CAFOD --	£42
Mitapeeap	£37.18

Thank you for your generosity.

THIS WEEK

SUNDAY 10th First Sunday of Lent Yr C Ps Wk 1

9.30am Scout Groups Parade at Mass

6.45pm Confirmation Class - Hall

OUTREACH -SmileTrain which is an international charity whose object is to provide free cleft lip surgery and comprehensive cleft care throughout the world. For more information, please see <https://smiletrain.org.uk>

MONDAY 11th

7.30pm Evangelisation Team - Howell Room

8.00pm Understanding Your Bible Wk 3 - Hall

TUESDAY 12th

4.15pm First Holy Communion Class -Hall

7.30pm Baptism Preparation Team -Howell Room

WEDNESDAY 13th

1.30pm Understanding Your Bible Wk 3 -Hall (repeat of Monday's talk)

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

FRIDAY 15th

Noon Justice & Peace Group Soup Lunch - Hall

SATURDAY 16th

8.45am First Holy Communion Class -Hall

4.00pm First Holy Communion Class -Hall

SUNDAY 17th Second Sunday of Lent Yr C, Ps Wk 2

6.45pm Confirmation Class -Hall

OUTREACH CAFOD Fast Day Today our contributions are welcomed as part of our Lenten Fast. They are a way of sharing a meal with the hundreds of millions of hungry people in our world today. Please put your donation in a Fast Day envelope.