

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 welfare of the victims of Cyclone Idai.

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

7th April 2019



LENT AT ST GREGORY'S SCHOOL by Jane Ireland, School Chaplain

In recent weeks students at St Gregory's Catholic School have been taking part in Reconciliation Services.

They have had the opportunity to engage in prayer stations helping them reflect on where they need to say sorry and where they may need to forgive others, as well as the opportunity to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation.

I am often struck when running these services for students and young people of the deep need to unburden themselves to someone, or the need to share the burden of guilt or shame, or hurt and heartbreak.



One station involved the young people writing on a mirror an affirming phrase or word, something encouraging, and so many struggled to do this, many found it deeply moving. It made me think of how all of us need to sometimes hear words of love and mercy, to share our burdens and to feel the deep love which comes with that, yet we can be so reluctant to seek it.

It is truly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation that we encounter those words of love and mercy. We encounter a God who wants and desires to unburden us, to help shoulder the deepest wounds of our heart, whether created by ourselves or others, so that we no longer need to be weighed down, but can truly be who we were meant to be. We are made to be in relationship and love with God, and in reconciliation the mirror of our souls is wiped clean of dirt so God can write words of love and mercy upon it.

St Augustine's Church
Parish Reconciliation Service
Sunday, 14th April at 7.15pm.

Many parishioners come to this service because there will be several priests, so you can choose someone you don't know, and doesn't know you! You needn't worry about remembering the right prayers or formula either because you will be guided through. It will be lovely if you can come and join us.

**Fifth Sunday of Lent
Year C Ps Wk 1
PARISH MASS BOOK
Readings: from page 176
Preface: from page 70**

AGE 15-25 WANT TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

If you want to help others, gain life skills and possibly enhance your career prospects, then here's your chance!

This can be done on your own, or as a helper on a Diocesan, HCPT Pilgrimage, or a project overseas organized by others.

You could do with some financial support ?

THEN the CATENIAN BURSARY FUND could help.

For more detail as to how to apply visit <https://catenianbursary.com/about/> or contact Mike Tyrer (01892 863930) the local Catenian representative, or through the Parish office

LET'S SEND A MESSAGE TO PRISONERS OF FAITH FOR EASTER

There will be a session of letters/cards writing for Easter on

Saturday 13th April

in the hall after the 10 am Mass.

Materials provided and help if needed. Refreshments will be served.

EVERYONE WELCOME

EASTER WORKSHOP AT ST. ANSELM'S

10-11:30 on Saturday 20th April.

A range of craft activities for all ages. Workshop is free but children are asked to bring a small pot plant for the Easter garden. Contact Hayley Tomlinson for more details.

Tel 0778 885 5646 or hayley_woodhouse@hotmail.com

HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW AND UNDERSTAND YOUR BIBLE?

The journey continues,

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

Place: St Augustine's Church Hall.

See posters in Narthex for full details.

+++ BRITISH RED CROSS IN KENT +++ FIRST AID PROGRAMME

British Red Cross in Kent is offering the parish free training in basic first aid through its Everyday First Aid Programme.

The purpose of this course is to increase confidence and willingness to act in a first aid emergency.

The course will be tailored to the needs of the attendees and will take approx 2 hours. It will run (in the Church hall) on 4 separate dates between 6th and 11th May. If you would like to attend, please add your name and contact details to the appropriate list on the table in the narthex before Thursday 11th April.

The Parish Council

VOLUNTEER ADMIN SUPPORT NEEDED

To assist Stroke survivor in Langton Green, one morning per week to give support to the West Kent Different Strokes support group.

Tasks include: record-keeping, diary management. For more information about the group, please refer to:

<https://differentstrokes.co.uk/groups/west-kent/>

if interested, please contact

Lisa Beaumont by email on westkent@differentstrokes.co.uk

CHRISM MASS

On Wednesday of Holy Week (17th April), all our clergy will be going to the CHRISM MASS at St George's Cathedral and bring back the Holy Oils. Some parishioners go up every year. If you would like to go but are a bit unsure re train and location, ask Daniele or Sue in the office, and join a group. Mass as usual at 7.30 am and Matthew Donnelly will celebrate a Communion Service at 12.30 pm on that day.

THE BIBLE STUDY GROUP

After the 8 weeks of talks on the Bible we are re starting on May 1st 2019.

The group meets once a fortnight on Wednesday afternoon 2.30-3.30pm in Meeting Room 3.

We are now reading Isaiah - Everyone is most welcome - for more information please ring Tessa Bibby 01892 517343

Job Vacancy - Headteacher at St Mary's Catholic Primary School Crowborough

We are seeking a head-teacher who is a practising Catholic. More information on the school website at: www.stmarysrc-e-sussex.sch.uk or Anita Dean or Tracy Shields, email: office@stmarysrc-e-sussex.sch.uk, by phone: 01892 655291. Closing date for applications is Friday 26 April 2019.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

What is it you want to change?

Your hair, your face, your body? Why?

For God is in love with all those things and He might weep when they are gone. Identify things about your body you would like to change; then say a blessing for them just as they are.

St Catherine of Sienna

THIS WEEK

**SUNDAY 7th 5th Sunday of Lent
Year C Ps Wk 1**

4.00 pm Stations of the Cross

OUTREACH Cyclone Idai Appeal. The Disasters Emergency Committee is appealing for donations to help the victims of the recent cyclone that swept through Malawi, Mozambique and Zimbabwe leaving behind a trail of destruction. <https://www.dec.org.uk> In the meantime Fr Peter has sent £1000 to Cafod on our behalf

MONDAY 8th April

8.00 pm Understanding Your Bible Wk 7

8.00 pm Parish Council - Howell Room

WEDNESDAY 10th

**1.30 pm Understanding Your Bible Wk 7
(repeat of Monday's talk)**

4.30 pm Mass at Burrswood

7.00 pm Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY 13th

**Extended reconciliation times from
from 10 30 am to 1 pm and 4 to 5 pm
10.30 am Writing letters/cards for
Prisoners of Faith - Hall**

**SUNDAY 14th PALM SUNDAY OF THE
PASSION OF THE LORD**

6th Sunday of Lent Yr C Ps Wk 2

CAR PARK CLOSED after 8am Mass

**to allow for the procession of palms at the
9.30am Mass (weather permitting). The late
morning Mass will begin at 11.30am.**

4.00 pm Stations of the Cross

7.15 pm Parish Reconciliation Service

OUTREACH Victim Support which is a charity providing support to anyone affected by crime: victims, their families and friends and witnesses. Because Victim Support is independent, it will not contact the Police unless asked or unless it considers that someone is at risk. For more information, see <https://www.victimsupport.org.uk>

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