

St. Austin's Thatto Heath



PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd November 2019 31st Sunday (C) Week 3 in the Psalter



Let us remind others of our commitment to make Poverty History.



In Jesus name St. Austin's Parish aims to be a united welcoming Community.

First Mass of Sunday			
Saturday	2 nd Nov	SA 6.30pm	James Lee
Sunday	3 rd Nov	SA 9.30am	Aileen McArdle
		ST 11.20am	Jim Beech
Mon	4 th Nov	SA 9.15am	Private Intention (JH)
Tues	5 th Nov	SA 9.15am	Eucharistic Service
		ST 9.15am	Jim Beech
Wed	6 th Nov	SA 9.15am	Pious List
	Funeral Service	SA 11.00am	Vera Bailey
Thurs	7 th Nov	SA 9.15am	Eucharistic Service
		ST 9.15am	Margaret Glover (Nee Cooke)
Fri	8 th Nov	SA 9.15am	Stephen Prescott
	Reeve Court	11.45am	In Thanksgiving (DL)
Sat	9 th Nov	SA 9.30am	Vera Canning
First Mass of Sunday			
Saturday	9 th Nov	SA 6.30pm	Parishioners
Sunday	10 th Nov	SA 9.30am	For the Fallen in Conflict
		ST 11.20am	For all those who have died

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
SATURDAY
 On Request Only
 5.45-6-16pm

Morning Prayer of the Church
 Mon- Sat 8.45am

Rosary after weekday Masses or Services

PLEASE NOTE
 The next Signed Masses here at St. Austin's will be on Saturday, 16th November at 6.30pm.

Parish Giving

£501

Maintenance
£249

Many Thanks for your generosity towards all our collections and raffles

There will be a collection each month towards the Maintenance of the Church

Next Collections

16th /17th November
Christmas Quiz
On Sale £1

23rd /24th November
Animate Youth

30th Nov/1st Dec
Parish Raffle
Towards Maintenance Funds

Reflection

The Son of Man has come to seek out and save what was lost.

There is a subversive humour in today's Gospel which turns upside down the conventions of everyday life: we see a senior tax official climbing up a tree for a glimpse of Jesus, and the faintly ridiculous scene where Jesus stops, looks into the branches of the sycamore and says, "Zacchaeus, come down!" Did Zacchaeus worry about what people thought? The rest of the story shows that he did not. It would be easy to laugh at little Zacchaeus and people in the town probably did, in between muttering about his extortionate taxes. And yet he has understood the message of God more clearly than others: he reveals the meaning of the first reading, since he understands that God is gentle, merciful and loving. Jesus corrects him, 'little by little' so that he may abstain from evil and trust in the Lord.



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Anointing of the sick during Mass will take place this Friday 8th November during 9.15am Mass

Reeve Court Mass is this Friday 8th at 11.45am

The Synod process of reflection, listening and discernment has begun and the First Theme, "ALL called and gifted by GOD", is what we are asked to think about and provide proposals for. You will see the PRAYER STATION set out by the Lady Chapel. It is intended for you to make your prayers to the Holy Spirit there, asking for his guidance and wisdom to discern ways that we may live out the chosen theme and use all our God-given talents to help us to become the Church God wants us to be. You all have a chance to shape the future of the Church in this Archdiocese. I beg you don't waste it!

This Thursday 7th November at 7.15 pm, in Church, we will have a short meeting. It will be a time for prayer, listening and discernment for all who have not yet put forward a proposal at the prayer station.

NOVEMBER is the MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

Envelopes are still available at the back of Church to include any of your intentions for our Pious List.

Book of Remembrance forms are available from the Sacristy.

If you wish to have a permanent reminder of loved ones, entered into the book, it is £10 for one entry or two entries for £18

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

This is every Wednesday, from 8.00am until the end of Morning Prayer (~ 9am)
Please come and become part of a praying Church Community. Let us pray for Peace.

Baptism Preparation Courses for Parents Living in the Parish

Application forms for our courses are available from the Sacristy.

Our next course starts on November 10th with presentations at the 9.30am Mass followed by Session one in the Sacristy afterwards at 10.45am. Please note Baptisms here will now take place after 9.30am Mass at St Austin's on the first and third Sundays of the month.

WITH YOU ALWAYS' PROGRAMME 2019-2020 (Parish based)

The children intending to receive first Holy Communion should now be attending Weekly MASS in order to pick up homework sheets from the Sacristy that will help them prepare for the next year.
The next Family meeting will be on Tuesday 12th November at 4.45pm in the Parish Centre.

Garden Maintenance

We would still welcome some help tending the gardens. If you can spare some time let us know.

Events to be held at The Irenaeus Project, 32 Great Georges Road, Waterloo, L22 1RD.

1. 'FOLLOW THE STAR', A WOMENS WEEKEND, led by Sr. Moira Meegan
on 29th November - 1st December 2019.
2. 'PREPARE YE A WAY FOR THE LORD', Advent mornings of reflection led by Sr. Moira Meegan...
on Thursdays 5th & 12th December 10.30a.m. - 12 noon

Dates for Your Diary

Christmas Quiz in aid of Garden fund, 16/17th November. Quiz Sheets on sale £1, plus a free colouring competition for Children. (All to be returned by 15th December.
Please place your entries in the post-box provided at the back of Church)

**Wednesday November 20th at 8pm St Austin's Ladies' Group Christmas Bingo in the Parish Centre.
All are welcome**

Over the weekend 30th November - 1st December is St Austin's Christmas Fair in the Parish Centre.
Please put your name down on the list if you are willing to help at this event.
(A box will be provided at the back of Church to receive any gifts you may wish to donate)

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