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FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT (Year A)

Sunday 1st December 2013

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday	30th Nov.	6.00 p.m.	<i>(Eleanor Maurer RIP)</i>
Sunday	1st Dec.	8.30 a.m.	
		10.30 a.m.	<i>(Arthur Pallett RIP)</i>
Tuesday	3rd Dec.	7.00 p.m.	St. Francis Xavier
Wednesday	4th Dec.	10.30 a.m.	<i>(James Rafferty RIP - Month Mind)</i>
Thursday	5th Dec.	12.05 p.m.	
		7.00 p.m.	Advent Penitential Service with Exposition and Benediction
Friday	6th Dec.	10.30 a.m.	
Saturday	7th Dec.	10.00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		6.00 p.m.	<i>(Agnes & Donald Campbell RIP)</i>
Sunday	8th Dec.	8.30 a.m.	<i>(For justice & peace in the world)</i>
		10.30 a.m.	<i>(Pauline Pallett - private intention)</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.15 p.m.- 5.45 p.m.

EXPOSITION

Wednesday after Mass until noon

ROSARY

Friday 10.00 a.m.

ORDINARIATE MASSES

Sunday 5.30 p.m. & Wednesday 7.00 p.m.



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 30th Dec - Eleanor Maurer RIP (Lyn Whittington's intention). Sun 1st Dec, 10.20am - Arthur Pallett RIP (Pauline Pallett's intention). Wed 4th Dec - James Rafferty RIP (Month Mind Mass). Sat 7th Dec - Agnes & Donald Campbell RIP (Miriam Harwood's intention). Sun 8th Dec, 8.30am - For justice & peace in the world (Justice & Peace Group's intention). Sun 8th Dec, 10.30am - Pauline Pallett (Private intention).

FAREWELL GIFT TO BISHOP CHRISTOPHER

As a token of our appreciation for all Bishop Christopher has done over 27yrs of loving service in and for the Diocese of Plymouth, we are invited to contribute to a farewell gift from the lay faithful of all the parishes within the diocese. A collection box will be available in the Narthex in which to place your donation from this weekend **30th Nov/1st Dec** until the weekend of **14th/15th Dec**. This will enable our donations to be sent to St. Boniface House and a gift sent to Bishop Christopher before Christmas.

QUESTIONNAIRE ON FAMILY LIFE

Ahead of the Extraordinary Synod of Bishops which takes place in Rome in 2014 on the pastoral challenges facing the family today, all are invited to complete a questionnaire on marriage and family life, the responses from which will be used in the preparation for the Synod. This can be completed online at: www.surveymonkey.com/s/FamilySynod2014 You do not need to give answers to all the questions.

FR. PETER'S ADVENT LETTER

Fr. Peter's Advent letter will be ready for distribution this weekend, **30th November/ 1st December**. May those of you who kindly and willingly serve the parish by delivering them each year please collect the letters after mass this weekend. We would be grateful if you would all take time to look through the envelopes for your area and, if possible, deliver as many as you can. Thank you.

PLANNED GIVING

If you have recently moved to the parish and would like to know more about the ways you can give regularly to St. Augustine's, the parish treasurer, Tom Regan will be available after all masses this weekend to answer your questions and to give helpful advice on giving by Standing Order or by the Envelope Scheme and how to Gift Aid your donation if you are a tax payer and wish to do so.

MAGNIFICAT

December's issue of Magnificat is available in the Narthex, price £4.

KEEP FIT GROUP

Meeting this *Monday 2nd December at 11.00pm* in the Narthex.

CHILDREN'S CATECHISM

Catechism finishes this *Wednesday 4th December* with a Christmas Party. The Spring term starts on *Wednesday 15th January at 4.30pm*.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Meeting on *Wednesday 4th December at 6.00pm* in St. Monica's Room.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a *Non-Sacramental* Penitential Service with Benediction and Exposition here at St. Augustine's this *Thursday 5th December at 7.00pm*, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits in the Narthex.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Fr. David Mead will be available to hear confessions on the morning of *Saturday 7th December from 10.00am until 11.00am*

Fr. Robbie Low will be available to hear confessions on the morning of *Saturday 14th December from 10.00am until 11.00am*.

During this past Year of Faith we have been encouraged to take every opportunity to renew our faith. One way in which we are enabled to deepen our relationship with Christ and his Church is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



VIGIL IN SUPPORT OF THE HOMELESS

St. Petroc's Society, together with FOSTAH (Friends of St. Austell Homeless) will be holding their annual Vigil in support of homeless people here at St. Augustine's from 10.00pm until midnight this coming *Friday 6th December*, following their Carol Service in Truro Cathedral at 7.00pm. All are invited to drop in for some or all of the time. Bishop Christopher, who is Vice-President of St. Petroc's, will be at the Carol service in Truro for the final time as Bishop of Plymouth.

PAR DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER

This year Fr. Peter will be leading the meditation at Par District Churches Together annual *Advent Meditation* this *Sunday 1st December at 6pm* in the Church of St. Blaise, St. Blazey. All are most welcome.

TAKE AND READ

Please note that there will be no Take and Read in either December or January. The group will resume meeting in February. Details of the new series will be in the Newsletter in the New Year.

AUTUMN FAYRE

We were blessed with beautiful sunshine which was reflected in the wonderful day we enjoyed - a coming together of the people of our parish to share in a warm and friendly atmosphere and to feel the love of God in a very tangible way, amid the storms and rainbows of our lives. We would like to thank everyone for their time, hard work and generosity, with a special thank you to friends outside the parish who came to share in our day. We hope you all went home with a bargain or two! As well as being a joyful celebration of our Christian family at St. Augustine's, the Fayre raised a brilliant £2524.46 for parish funds. God bless you always. Mollie Cundy & Beryl Blackwell

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Throughout Advent our Giving Tree will be in the Narthex. By choosing a card or envelope from the tree you can bring a cash donation or a gift for local homeless people this Christmas (gifts should be new and a label from the tree should be attached to your present). The charities that will benefit this year are *St. Petroc's Society* (helping single homeless people in Cornwall), *STAK* (providing hot meals for the homeless and disadvantaged of St. Austell) and the *Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support Council*. This is the one time a year that we specifically collect for our local homeless. Please be as generous as you are able Thank you

COLLECTIONS

The parish collection total below does not include Standing Orders which average at £338 per week. All cheques should be made payable to 'PRCDTR St. Austell Parish'.

Parish Collection: £544.70; Candles: £19.70; Coffee: £15.37; Donation from Mevaggissey Male Choir: £188.00; Autumn Fayre: £2,524.46.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please remember in your prayers all those in the parish who are sick or housebound, especially *Pauline Abdey, Joy & Fred Abraham, Sheila Alleyn, Sylvia Austin, Marcella Beer, Paul Chasteauneuf, James Clapp, Mary Coupe, Trevor Crump, Milena Danielli, Mary Dineen, Eileen Drury, Sue Dugmore, Mark Eustice, Helen Gibson, Teresita Hill, Joan Insley, Paul & Cynthia Longthorp, Carmen Matthews, Mary Maguire, Maria Consuelo Martyn, Eve Moore, Ian Parkinson, Valerie Parkinson, Pamela Platt, Edwina Porter-Duncan, Nora Skerry, Jenny Stears, Amanda Stickney, Pat Thompson, Pauline Whitford, Sally Wilson.*

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*“You have made us for yourself,
O Lord, and our hearts
are restless until they rest in you.”*

(St Augustine of Hippo)

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