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There is usually someone in the parish office to receive calls on weekday mornings.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Yr C)

Sunday 20th December 2015 - Expectant Mothers

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday	19th Dec.	10.00 a.m.	Confessions (Fr. Robbie Low)
		6.00 p.m.	<i>(Iris & Leslie Hyde RIP)</i>
Sunday	20th Dec.	8.30 a.m.	<i>(Arthur Pallett RIP)</i>
		10.30 a.m.	<i>(The Parish)</i>
Tuesday	22th Dec.	7.00 p.m.	<i>(Florence Scully RIP)</i>
Wednesday	23rd Dec.	10.30 a.m.	<i>(David Walker RIP)</i>
Christmas Eve	24th Dec.	9.30 a.m.	<i>(Patrick Dowding RIP)</i>
		4.00 p.m.	Christingle Service (for infants)
		11.30 p.m.	Carols & Midnight Mass
			<i>(The Parish)</i>
Christmas Day	25th Dec.	8.30 a.m.	<i>(Homeless people & the staff of St. Peter's)</i>
		10.30 a.m.	<i>(Deceased Parishioners)</i>
Saturday	26th Dec.	10.00 a.m.	St. Stephen
		6.00 p.m.	<i>(Lyn Whittington - special intention)</i>
Sunday	27th Dec.	8.30 a.m.	<i>(Gracie & Francis Weight RIP and Alan Walker RIP)</i>
		10.30 a.m.	<i>(The Parish)</i>

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

EXPOSITION

Wednesday after Mass until noon

ORDINARIATE MASSES

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



POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS

Universal: That all may experience the mercy of God, who never tires of forgiving.

Evangelisation: That families, especially those who suffer, may find in the birth of Jesus a sign of certain hope.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 19th Dec - Iris & Leslie Hyde RIP (Gloria Hocking's intention). Sun 20th Dec, 8.30am - Arthur Pallett RIP (Pauline Pallett's intention). Tues 22nd Dec - (Florence Scully RIP (Ken & Doreen Walker's intention). Wed 23rd Dec - David Walker RIP (Christina Walker's intention). Thurs 24th Dec, 9.30am - Patrick Dowding RIP (Anne Bulford's intention). Sat 26th Dec - Lyn Whittington (Special intention). Sun 27th Dec, 8.30am - Gracie & Francis Weight RIP and Alan Walker RIP (Helen Gardner's intention).

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please note that there will be Mass at **9.30am on Thursday 24th December.**

BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS

During all Masses this weekend, **4th Sunday of Advent**, there will be an opportunity for expectant mothers to receive a blessing. If you would like to avail yourself of this blessing please make yourself known to Fr. Peter before Mass next weekend.

FRIDAY ABSTINENCE FROM MEAT

Catholics in England and Wales are obliged to abstain from eating meat on Fridays as an act of penitential observance. However, this does not apply to certain feast days when they fall on a Friday. Christmas Day and New Year's Day (The Feast of Mary, the Mother of God) are among these feasts and so the usual obligation to abstain from meat on these days does not apply.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas Offerings go direct to the Parish Priest. If you pay tax or give by standing order and would like to gift aid your offering (£10 or over), please place your donation in one of the bright blue 'Gift Aid' envelopes available in the Narthex. Those of you who regularly use envelopes can use the Christmas Offering envelope included in the pack you use for your weekly donation. Thank you.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Advent Giving Tree will be taken down after the 10.30am Mass this **Sunday 20th December.** All gifts and donations need to be placed in the basket below the tree or in the wooden collection box by then so that they can be distributed before Christmas. Thank you.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED

Thank you to all who gave to the appeal for 'Aid to the Church in Need' an international charity that helps persecuted and oppressed Christians around the world. Thanks to your generosity £342.40 was raised to support this vital work.

CRIB OFFERING

The Crib Offering this year will, as is customary, go to support the work of the Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth). If you wish to make a donation during the Season of Christmas you may place it in the wooden collection box which will be placed in the Lady Chapel.

FR. PETER'S ADVENT LETTER

If you have not received a copy of Fr. Peter's letter please let the Parish Office have details of your name and address (yellow forms are available in the Narthex) so that one can be sent to you and you do not miss out next time! If you have moved house in the past twelve months and have not yet informed the Parish Office, please let Sarah know as soon as possible. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Tony and Mavis Shortall would like to wish all their friends at St. Augustine's a happy, healthy and holy Christmas and New Year.

PARISH LUNCH - date for your diaries!

The Kingswood Restaurant has now been booked for St Augustine's annual Parish Lunch which will take place on *Sunday 7th February*. A list for you to sign up for the lunch with details of menu and price will be up on the notice board in the porch early in the New Year.

LIVING FAITH

The January to March edition of Living Faith is now available in the Narthex, price 80p. Please place your purchase money in the wall box in the porch.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2016

The 2016 issue of the Diocesan Year book is now available in the Narthex, price £3.60. Please place your money in the wall box in the Porch. Thank you.

GUIDE FOR READERS

The January to March issue is now available in the Server's sacristy. If you are a Reader at the weekend Masses please help yourself to a copy.

CORNWALL CATHOLIC CHOIR CONCERT

The Cornwall Catholic Choir are giving a concert of Cornish Carols, with readings and some audience participation, here at St. Augustine's on *Sunday 3rd January at 7.30pm* If you are able to come to the concert, the choir would greatly welcome your support.



'CHILDREN FIRST'

The Catholic Children's Society (Plymouth) newsletter, 'Children First' is available in the Narthex. Please help yourself to a copy. The CCSP would like to thank St. Augustine's parishioners for their support in 2015.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please remember in your prayers those in the parish who are sick or housebound, especially: *Pauline Abdey, Joy & Fred Abraham, Sheila Alleyn, Sylvia Austin, Marcella Beer, Maura Bennett, James & Margaret Clapp, Mary Coupe, Milena Danielli, Trevona Delany, Mary Dineen, Sue Dugmore, Mark Eustice, Helen Gibson, Teresita Hill, Joan Insley, John Jones, Cynthia Longthorp, Carmen Matthews, Sarah McGivern, Sarah Mitchell, Mary O'Brien, Ian Parkinson, Valerie Parkinson, June Parsons, Pamela Platt, Connie Pope, Edwina Porter-Duncan, Tony Shortall, Jenny Stears, Amanda Stickney, Pauline Whitford, Sally Wilson.*

COLLECTIONS - Thank you

The parish collection total below does not include Standing Orders which average at £333 per week. Cheques should be made payable to: PRCDTR St. Austell Parish.

Parish Collection: £639.50; Candles: £31.92; Flowers: £4.20; Coffee: £11.61; CAFOD Jar: £7.62; Parish Breakfast: £10.21; Autumn Fayre Donation: £10.00.

Fr. Peter, Deacon John and the parishioners of St. Augustine's extend a warm welcome to all visitors to our parish during this season of Christmas. We wish you a holy, joyful and blessed Christmas.



Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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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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