

PARISH OF SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

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The parish secretary is usually in the parish office to receive calls on weekday mornings.

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT (Year A)

Sunday 18th December 2016 - Expectant Mothers

Weekday Readings: Third Week of Advent A: Week 4

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday	17th Dec.	9.30 a.m. Mass (Latin)
		10.15 a.m. Confessions (Fr. Robbie Low) (until 11.15 a.m.)
		5.15 p.m. Confessions (until 5.45 p.m.)
		6.00 p.m. Mass (Int. Michael Kelly RIP)
Sunday	18th Dec.	8.30 a.m. Mass (Int. The Parish)
		10.30 a.m. Mass (Int. Joy Abraham - Month Mind)
Tuesday	20th Dec.	7.00 p.m. Mass (Int. Mandy Abraham RIP)
Wednesday	21st Dec	10.30 a.m. Mass (Int. Sean Whitmore RIP)
		11.00 a.m. Exposition
		12 noon The Angelus
Thursday	22nd Dec.	12 noon The Angelus
		12.05 p.m. Mass (Int. Davit Wilson)
Friday	23rd Dec.	10.00 a.m. Rosary
		10.30 a.m. Mass (Int. Sheila Alleyn RIP)
Christmas Eve	24th Dec.	4.00 p.m. Christingle Service (for infants)
		11.30 p.m. Carols & Midnight Mass (Int. The Parish)
Christmas Day	25th Dec.	8.30 a.m. Mass (Int. Homeless people & the staff of St Petroc's)
		10.30 a.m. Mass (Int. Deceased parishioners)

ORDINARIATE MASSES: Sunday 5.30 p.m. & Wednesday 7.00 p.m.



POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTIONS

Universal: That the scandal of child-soldiers may be eliminated the world over.

Evangelisation: That the peoples of Europe may rediscover the beauty, goodness and truth of the Gospel which gives joy and hope to life.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 17th Dec - Michael Kelly RIP (Mollie Cundy's intention). Sun 18th Dec, 10.30am - Joy Abraham RIP (Month Mind Mass). Tues 20th Dec - Mandy Abraham RIP (Fred Abraham's intention). Wed 21st Dec - Sean Whitmore RIP (Sarah Down's intention). Thurs 22nd Dec - Davit Wilson (Patrick McNicholas' intention).

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 or Deacon John before Mass.

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 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.

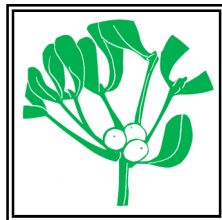
EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS

I would be very grateful if Ministers of Holy Communion and Readers who are available over Christmas and New Year would sign the lists in the Porch. The new rotas for the New Year are now available for collection from the letter rack in the Porch. Thank you very much.

Rosemary Jeffery

ADVENT GIVING TREE

The Advent Giving Tree will be taken down after the 10.30am Mass this **Sunday 18th December**. All gifts and donations need to be placed below the tree or in the wooden collection box by then so that they be distributed before Christmas.



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 beside the Crib, next to the mosaic of St Augustine.

WEEKEND MASSES

Please note that there will be no 9.30 a.m. Latin Mass or 6.00pm Mass next Saturday, Christmas Eve.

PLEASE HELP COLLECT USED POSTAGE STAMPS

This ongoing Church project collects used postage stamps of the *Leprosy Mission*. Please save stamps (UK or foreign) from your mail, ensuring that they are not damaged, with at least a ¼ inch (5mm) border around each edge and place them in the box in the Porch. Thank you for your support.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2017

The 2017 issue of the Diocesan Year book is now available in the Narthex, price £4.00. Please place your money in the wall box in the Porch. Thank you.

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Catalogues for CAFOD 'World Gifts' are available in the Porch. For those wishing to give a gift through the 'Cornish Christmas Giving' please let Sarah have your email address and she will forward it on to you.

DEVON AND CORNWALL REFUGEE SUPPORT

The trustees of DCRS would like to thank the parishioners of St Augustine's for the recent donations of food which are very much appreciated. The work at DCRS continues at a great pace, with more complex cases for the staff to deal with each day. They are very grateful for our continuing support of their work.

RETREAT IN THE HOLY LAND

Bishop Emeritus Christopher is leading a retreat focussed on Jerusalem in February 2017. Full details are available from 5th Gospel Retreats (Torquay) Tel: 01803 314868, email: info@5gr.org.

CAFOD

CAFOD are looking for School Volunteers to join their vibrant team, sharing the inspirational work of CAFOD in schools throughout the Diocese. No experience is necessary - full training and expenses will be given. If you are confident speaking in front of groups and enthusiastic about the work of CAFOD, please get in touch with Simon Giarchi: 01752 268 768 or email: plymouth@cafod.org.uk.

HELP US TO HELP THEM

Each year HCPT Group 507 Joint Services take veterans with disabilities to Lourdes to participate in the International Military Pilgrimage. Without volunteers to help them these ex-service personnel would not be able to make the Pilgrimage. If you would like to help or would like further information please contact Richard: 01752 787 697.

COLLECTIONS - Thank you

The parish collection total below does not include Standing Orders which average at £314 per week. Cheques should be made payable to: PRCDTR St. Austell Parish.

Parish collection: £578.70; Candles: £31.24; Coffee: £9.52; Flowers: £5.35; Parish Maintenance Box: £29.48; Connect 2 Ethiopia: £8.15; CAFOD: £6.46; APF: £9.03; Autumn Fayre: £10.00; Companions of St Monica: £78.00.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Please remember in your prayers those in the parish who are sick or housebound especially *Pauline Abdey, Fred Abraham, Sylvia Austin, Maura Bennett, Brendan Bowe, Teiaia Bradbury, James & Margaret Clapp, Maureen Coles, Mary Coupe, Milena Danielli, Trevona Delany, Mary Dineen, Sue Dugmore, Helen Gibson, Florence Godolphin, Teresita Hill, John Jones, Cynthia Longthorp, Carmen Matthews, Sarah Mitchell, Mary O'Brien, Valerie Parkinson, June Parsons, Pamela Platt, Connie Pope, Edwina Porter-Duncan, Tony Shortall, Amanda Stickney, Paddy Wellington, Pauline Whitford, Sally Wilson.*

COGITAMENTA

'God did not come to explain suffering, He came to fill it with His presence.'
Paul Claudel

(Paul Claudel was a French poet, dramatist and diplomat, and the younger brother of the sculptor Camille Claudel. He was most famous for his verse dramas, which often conveyed his devout Catholicism)

'Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.'

Isaiah 43: 1-3



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