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

FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT (Year B)

Sunday 24th December 2017

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday	23rd Dec.	9.30 a.m. Mass (<i>in Latin</i>) 5.15 p.m. Confessions (<i>until 5.45 p.m.</i>) 6.00 p.m. Mass (<i>Int. Leslie & Iris Hyde RIP</i>)
Sunday	24th Dec.	8.30 a.m. Mass (<i>Int. David Walker RIP</i>) 10.30 a.m. Mass (<i>Int. The Medlin family</i>) 11.30 p.m. Carols & Midnight Mass (<i>Int. The Parish</i>)
Christmas Day	25th Dec.	8.30 a.m. Christmas Mass (<i>Homeless & St. Petroc's</i>) 10.30 a.m. Christmas Mass (<i>Nicholas Medlin RIP</i>)
Tuesday	26th Dec.	10.30 a.m. Mass - Feast of St Stephen (<i>Int. John Wallace RIP</i>)
Wednesday	27th Dec.	10.30 a.m. Mass - St John, Apostle & Evangelist (<i>Int. Fr Michael Moss</i>) 11.00 a.m. Exposition followed by the Angelus
Thursday	28th Dec.	12 noon The Angelus 12.05 p.m. Mass - Holy Innocents (<i>Int. Mr. L. Bowe</i>)
Friday	29th Dec.	10.30 a.m. Mass - St Thomas Becket (<i>Int. Mr. O. Byrne</i>)
Saturday	30th Dec.	9.30 a.m. Mass (<i>in Latin</i>) 5.15 p.m. Confessions (<i>until 5.45 p.m.</i>) 6.00 p.m. Mass (<i>Int. Paul Hyland RIP</i>)
Sunday	31st Dec.	8.30 a.m. Mass (<i>Int. Deceased members of the Booth & Walker families</i>) 10.30 a.m. Mass (<i>Int. The Parish</i>)



POPE FRANCIS' DECEMBER INTENTION

The Elderly: That the elderly, sustained by families and Christians, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 23rd Dec - Leslie & Iris Hyde RIP (Gloria Hocking's intention). Sun 24th Dec, 8.30am - David Walker RIP (Christina Walker's intention). 10.30am - The Medlin family (Andrea Gray's intention). Mon 25th Dec, 8.30am - The Homeless and St. Petroc's Society staff (J & P group's int). 10.30am - Nicholas Medlin RIP (Andrea Gray's intention). Tues 26th Dec - John Wallace RIP (Teresa Wallace's intention). Wed 27th Dec - Fr Michael Moss (Sue Dugmore's intention). Thurs 28th Dec - L. Bowe (Brendan Bowe's intention). Fri 29th Dec - O. Byrne (Brendan Bowe's intention). Sat 30th Dec - Paul Hyland RIP (Angela Hyland's intention). Sun 31st Dec, 8.30am - Deceased members of the Booth & Walker families (Doreen Walker's intention).

REQUIEM IN PACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr Roy Dunstan who died last Sunday at the great age of 101yrs. Many of you will remember Fr Roy with great affection and will mourn his passing from this world.

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.

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Christmas Eve: Midnight Mass preceded by Carols & Readings at 11.30 p.m.

Christmas Day: Masses at 8.30 a.m. & 10.30 a.m.

Boxing Day, the Feast of St Stephen: Mass at 10.30 a.m.

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.

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.



MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & READERS

The new rotas for the New Year are now available for collection from the letter rack in the Porch. Thank you very much.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

The first meeting of the New Year will be held on **Wednesday 3rd January at 6.00pm** in Cuthbert Mayne room.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2018

The 2018 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.

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.

MAGNIFICAT

The January issue of Magnificat is now available in the Narthex, price £4.

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.

THANK YOU

Tony and Mavis Shortall would like to express their gratitude for all the cards and Christmas greetings they have received during the past few weeks. It has meant a great deal to them to know they continue to be surrounded by the love and prayers of their many friends at St Augustine's.

Fr Robert Draper would also like to express his grateful thanks to all those who have sent him kind Christmas greetings and cards again this year. He very much appreciates the fact that he is still remembered with such warmth by the parishioners of St Augustine's.

CITIZENS ADVICE CORNWALL

The future of the Citizens Advice Cornwall charity is under threat because Cornwall Council propose to cut its grant from £356k to £153k. A cut of 53%. This would mean the closure of 7 of the 9 offices in Cornwall. These offices are needed! 19,000 desperate people used them last year and with the introduction of Universal Credit, with all its problems, the need will become even greater. Cornwall Council is under pressure to make savings, but they should not be at the expense of the most vulnerable. We have until the end of the month to get them to think again. So please visit www.change.org and sign the online petition Save Citizens Advice Cornwall. Thank you. (Parish J&P group)



CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - message from Bishop Mark O'Toole

Do you support Catholic schools and the right of Catholics to send their children to them? Then it is important to make your voice heard. The Government is making a critical decision on whether to overturn the admissions cap which prevents Catholic schools from allowing all Catholic pupils to attend. They have acknowledged that this policy discriminates against Catholics and have promised to abandon it. It is now necessary to tell them not to u-turn on their promise to Catholics. Visit <http://catholicnews.org.uk/education-cap> or search for 'Catholic Education' in your search engine to write to the Government and urge them to drop their policy which bans new Catholic schools. Thank you for your cooperation.

COLLECTIONS Thank you

The parish collection total below does not include Standing Orders which average at £327 per week. Cheques should be made payable to: PRC DTR St. Austell Parish.
Parish Collection: £717.50 Candles: £24.55; Connect 2 Ethiopia: £18.64;
Coffee: £15.00; Parish Maintenance Box: £5.35; Flowers: £5.82; Donation from Mount Charles School: £46.01.

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 Delaney, Mary Dineen, Sue Dugmore, Helen Gibson, Pat Giles, Elaine Gladwin, Florence Godolphin, Teresita Hill, Cynthia Longthorp, Elizabeth McKie, Carmen Matthews, Sarah Mitchell, Valerie Parkinson, June Parsons, Pamela Platt, Edwina Porter-Duncan, Tony Shortall, Amanda Stickney, Katie Symes, Paddy Wellington, Pauline Whitford, Sally Wilson.*

COGITAMENTA

“We desire to be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas-time, not in a cold manger of our heart, but in a heart full of love and humility, in a heart so pure, so immaculate, so warm with love for one another.” *St Teresa of Calcutta*

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.



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