

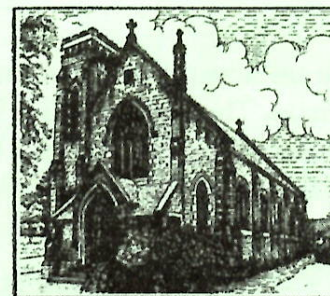


PARISH NEWSLETTER

9th February 2020 5th Sunday (A) Week 1 in the Psalter



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



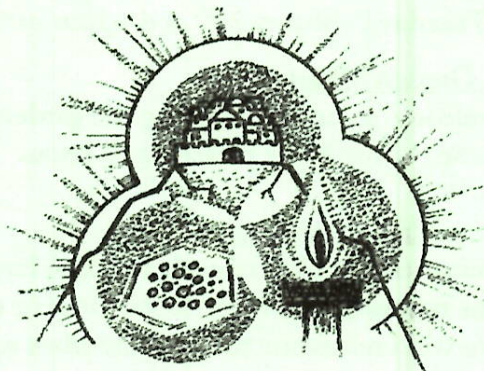
In Jesus name St. Austin's Parish aims to be a united welcoming Community.

First Mass of Sunday

Saturday	8 th Feb	SA	6.30pm	Barbara Connaughton
Sunday	9 th Feb	SA	9.30am	Jack Garvey
		ST	11.20am	Winifred Kirby Coughlin
Mon	10 th Feb	SA	9.15am	Alan & Mary Kershaw
Tues	11 th Feb	SA	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
		ST	9.15am	Edith Adams
Wed	12 th Feb	SA	9.15am	Alex Worth
Thurs	13 th Feb	SA	9.15am	Eucharistic Service
		ST	9.15am	Michael James BURKE
Fri	14 th Feb Funeral	SA	9.15am	John Kearns
Sat	15 th Feb	SA	9.30am	Susan McCall
First Mass of Sunday				
Saturday	15 th Feb	SA	6.30pm	Tony McGauley
Sunday	16 th Feb	SA	9.30am	Angela Stevenson
		ST	11.20am	Parishioners

Reflection

"You are the light of the world."



While the world may seem to be very indifferent to Christianity most of the time, it can be very critical of Christians who do not seem to be following the most basic tenet of their faith, to be a people of good deeds, as Jesus teaches in today's portion of the Sermon on the Mount. While we may sometimes feel indignant about the world's criticism of our faults, we have to remember that we are in a vital relationship with 'the word' we are to be its light. This means that we should welcome the world's gaze and scrutiny of our actions and beliefs and we should, in a sense, be accountable to the world for the way we live. We should never be salt that loses its taste. This openness to the gaze of all is not for our own glory, however: it is so that others may find what we have found, their way to the Father.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

SATURDAY
On Request Only
5.45-6.15pm

Morning Prayer of the Church
Mon- Sat 8.45am

Rosary after weekday Masses or Services

PLEASE NOTE

The next Signed Mass here at St. Austin's will be this coming Saturday 15th February 2020 at 6.30pm

Parish Giving

£667

Crib Offerings

£474

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

Next Week Church

Maintenance

15th /16th February

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"HOW WE PRAY TOGETHER"

We are now reflecting on our Third Synod Theme until this coming Saturday/Sunday 15th/16th February. The Prayer Station has again been made available for you to pray to the Holy Spirit, to help you make a proposal to be put before the Synod, or you may wish to reflect on the theme above further at home and decide there. Perhaps we can also have more than the 8 people who responded to the last Theme. There are still leaflets and proposal forms available to help if required. Please use them!

Our Book of Remembrance forms are available from the Sacristy.

If you wish to have a permanent reminder, of loved ones who have died, entered into the book, it is £10 for one entry or two entries for £18. We need about 25 names and have only 13 at present.

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 begins this Sunday February 9th at 9.30am Mass with the presentation of the Children before Mass followed by Session One in the Sacristy after Mass at 10.45am.

Session Two will be at 6pm in the Sacristy on Thursday 13th February

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. See our poster for other dates.

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.

Our next family meeting is on Tuesday February 25th at 4.45pm in the Parish Centre

Garden Maintenance

We would still welcome some help tending the gardens.

If you have some time to spare please let us know.

Mass Intentions

Owing to a number of unavoidable circumstances like funerals and also having two Parishes to care for, the Celebration of Mass Intentions requested for a particular time or date at St Austin's, may have to be moved to another date. We will endeavour to celebrate Mass as close to the requested time/date but your patience is requested in this matter.

Dates for Your Diary

SYNOD Talks

Please note that the venue for the Synod talks has changed. These will all take place now at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA.

The next talk is on Monday 17th February at 7.30pm (7pm for tea and coffee), and ends at 8.45pm with optional Night Prayer at 9pm.

There will be a Craft Stall and Raffle held on the weekend of 28th-29th March

St Austin's Quiz Night will be on Friday 17th April

Events to be held at The Irenaeus Project

See The current IRENAEUS NEWSLETTER FOR A LIST OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS.