

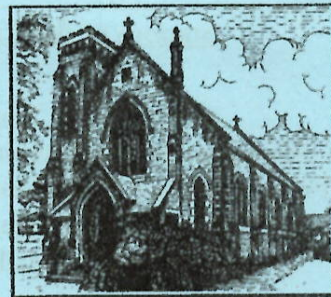


PARISH NEWSLETTER

Sunday 8th March 2020 2nd Sundays of Lent (A) Weeks II 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 7th Mar
Sunday 8th Mar

Mon 9th Mar
Tues 10th Mar

Wed 11th Mar
Thurs 12th Mar

Fri 13th Mar
Sat 14th Mar

First Mass of Sunday

Saturday 14th Mar
Sunday 15th Mar

SA 6.30pm Ernest & Ellen Hesketh
SA 9.30am Beryl Emmett
ST 11.20am James and Maud Smith
SA 9.15am Eucharistic Service
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SA 6.30pm Elizabeth Moffatt
SA 9.30am James Hendey
ST 11.20am Gerry Hill

Reflection

Lent is a Season of preparation for the whole Paschal Triduum Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday: not just a time to reflect on the Cross. Often our Lenten devotions can focus exclusively on the Cross, and the idea of Baptism can be lost. This is why the Church invites us to join the disciples in looking beyond the cross this Sunday: we see the glory of Easter, the glory of the resurrection and the glory of the baptised. We see all this in the Transfiguration: we are invited to recognise who Jesus is. It is the glorified Jesus, whom we will celebrate at Easter, who calls us to journey through Lent, just as God called Abram to journey far from his home. So the readings lead to us acknowledge that Lent is a very special calling, to follow the Lord of glory to the renewal of baptismal purity.



His face shone like the Sun

Sacrament of Reconciliation
(Confessions)
SATURDAY
Also immediately after
Morning Mass
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
on Saturday
14th March 2020
at 6.30pm.

Parish Giving

£594

Many Thanks for your
generosity towards all our
collections and raffles

There will be a
collection each month
towards the
Maintenance of the
Church

THIS WEEK
7th/8th March
SVP RAFFLE

DURING LENT
LENTEN ALMS
Place your Gift Aid
Envelopes on the
Collection Plates

Any of Your Other
Offerings May be
placed in the
Box Provided

St. Austin's Church, Heath St, Thatto Heath, St. Helens. WA9 5NN
Fr. Martin C. Kershaw Parish Priest. Telephone 01744 812115
E Mail: staustins.sthelens@rcaolp.co.uk
Parish Deacon Kevin Taylor 07880 555 315

Stations of the Cross during Lent will take place after the Mass or Service
on Friday Morning at about 9.45am.

"Building Community, Nurturing Belonging"

We are now reflecting on our Fourth and Final Synod Theme until Sunday 15th March.

The Prayer Station is 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. There are proposal forms and leaflets for this theme 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 to make the calligrapher's journey economical.

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 all our courses are available from the Sacristy.

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

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.

This weekend 29th/1st the children will be presented with their copies of 'The Our Father'

Our next family meeting will be on Tuesday March 24th at 4.45pm in the Parish Centre

Our Parish First Communion Celebration will be on Sunday 14th June 2020 at 2.00pm

'WITH YOU ALWAYS' PROGRAMME 2020-2021 (Parish based)

For Parents and Guardians of all children in year three, (including also those who preferred to defer First Holy Communion this year) who live or worship in our parish, a reminder that we will be starting the next programme of instruction in September 2020.

If you wish for them to make First Holy Communion, please personally pick up an application form for your child, from the Sacristy, at one of the weekend Masses and return it as soon as you can before Easter Sunday (April 12th) to enable us to estimate the required resources needed.

Dates for Your Diary

SYNOD Talks

The venue for the Synod talks has changed. These are taking place now at LACE, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool L17 1AA. The next talk is on Monday 9th March 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

Ladies Group Easter Bingo: Wednesday 1st April at 8.00pm

St Austin's Quiz Night will be on Friday 17th April starts at 7.30pm (Doors open at 7.00pm)

Tickets priced at £5 are now on sale from the Repository

Events to be held at The Irenaeus Project

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

Pantomime Time Cinderella

Sunday December 6th Tickets are £20 including travel by coach.

Please sign the list in the Porch of the Church.

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