

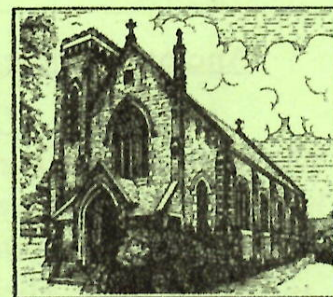


PARISH NEWSLETTER

1st Sundays of Lent (A) Weeks I 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 29th Feb
Sunday 1st Mar

SA 6.30pm Parishioners
SA 9.30am George Lea
ST 11.20am Frank Lees

Mon 2nd Mar
Tues 3rd Mar

SA 9.15am Parishioners
SA 9.15am Eucharistic Service
ST 9.15am Stasia Rodaway

Funeral Mass

Wed 4th Mar
Thurs 5th Feb

ST 12.00noon Ken Southward
SA 9.15am Ann Southward
SA 9.15am Eucharistic Service
ST 9.15am Edie Adams

Fri 6th Mar
Sat 7th Mar

REEVE COURT 11.45am
SA 9.30am Vincent Woodward

First Mass of Sunday

Saturday 7th Mar
Sunday 8th Mar

SA 6.30pm Ernest & Ellen Hesketh
SA 9.30am Beryl Emmett
ST 11.20am James and Maud Smith

Reflection

Jesus fasted for forty days and was tempted

In the Cycle of Sunday Readings, the oldest are those of Year A in Lent, these Gospels have accompanied the Church for many centuries.

We must realise why: Lent was originally the time of immediate preparation of candidates for Baptism at Easter (something which has been reintroduced to the Church by RCIA): those already baptised used it as a time to prepare for the renewal of Baptismal promises. This is why so much of the Scripture in Lent is about Baptism, New Life and Salvation. What is the new life of Baptism? What are we set free from? What is sin? We begin Lent by hearing about sin and temptation; the Gospel will tell us of Jesus' own temptations, something he shares with us, though he did not sin. The other Scripture readings prepare us for the Gospel, in which Jesus, the new Adam, triumphs over temptation.



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
on Saturday
14th March 2020
at 6.30pm

Parish Giving

£540

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 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

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E Mail: staustins.sthelens@rcaolp.co.uk
Parish Deacon Kevin Taylor 07880 555 315

Anointing of the sick will take place during 9.15am Mass on Friday 6th March

"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 Communions 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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