

Margate Parish News

ST AUSTIN AND ST GREGORY, MARGATE, WITH ST ANNE, CLIFTONVILLE

Patronal Feast of St Gregory (Sunday 23^e)

4 September 2016

Learning from our Holy Patron, Saint Gregory

We venerate the saints to give glory to God for His wonderful works in them, to ask for their assistance, and to imitate their virtues. St Gregory was one of the great Fathers and Doctors of the Church, a teacher whose writings are of perennial value.

He put his natural gifts at the service of the Church, being a wise and unimpeachable leader who taught others how to exercise authority and pastoral care. He was drawn to the contemplative life in the monastery and, although God called Him away from this life, he continued to write spiritual works for others to lead them in the path of prayer.



St Gregory is often pictured with a dove speaking into his ear, representing the Holy Spirit. He combined an effective practical apostolate with an experiential knowledge of the journey of the soul in its relationship with God through prayer and charity.

He is also renowned for helping to give shape to the sacred liturgy of both East and West, and for promoting the music of the Church which is in continuity with the sacred music of the Jewish people that was known and used in prayer by Jesus Christ Himself. Our celebration of Mass today owes much to St Gregory's care and reverence for the form of our worship.

As we celebrate the feast of our holy patron, we ask for his prayers for our parish, that we may learn from him in our worship and in our evangelisation. In our own prayers, we ask for the wisdom and perseverance that he showed by his own teaching and example.

St Gregory Our Patron Saint

St Gregory the Great lived from about 540 to 604 and was Pope from 590. The son of a senator, and prefect of Rome, his political experience served him well at a difficult time for the Church.

He was called to serve God as a monk and encouraged the worthy celebration of the sacred Liturgy, especially the Church's music which came to be known after him.

He sent St Augustine to England to evangelise the Saxons, hence their joint patronage of our Church in Margate and St Gregory's title "Apostle of the English."



SCS GREGORIUS MAGNUS

Harvest Festival Sunday 25 September

At Harvest, we pray for those who work to provide the food that we eat, giving humble thanks for the relative prosperity that we enjoy. We also try to do something practical for those who are less fortunate. For us in Margate and Cliftonville, it is always a good opportunity to renew our commitment to the food parcels scheme. Please bring in some extra items over the next few weeks. (Please limit yourself to items that are listed overleaf or on the food parcels notice.)

Family Fast Day for ACN

Looking further afield, we also support the work of *Aid to the Church in Need* which is more necessary than ever in our troubled times.

There are envelopes available at the back of the Church to use for your donation for our Family Fast Day which we will observe on Friday 23 September. On that day, please make an act of penance by denying yourself some food, and make a donation so that our prayer is combined with fasting and almsgiving.

For more information about *Aid to the Church in Need*, see the special notice-board or visit www.acn.org.uk

Missio ("APF") Red Boxes

Rosemarie Jarman, our Missio organiser, will collect Red Boxes after Masses on the weekend of 10/11 September at St Austin & St Gregory, and after Mass on Sunday 18 September at St Anne's.

If you would like to have a Red Box at home to collect for the Missions, please ask Rosemarie.

Rosary at QEQM

Deacon Jed Watkins and Sister Maria will be reciting the rosary on Wednesday 7 September in the chapel at QEQM hospital at 12.15pm, for the welfare of patients and staff. They would very much welcome parishioners to join them in this prayer.

News and Events

Michael Clayton RIP

The Funeral service will be held at Thanet Crematorium on Monday 11 September at 1.20pm

Maintenance

At St Austin's, the high-level lamps in the Church, many of which had come to the end of their life, will all be replaced with longer-lasting and more energy efficient lamps. (This completion of this



Of your charity,
pray for the repose of the soul of

Michael Clayton

who died recently.
Requiescat in pace

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING WEEK

SS Austin & Gregory, Margate

Saturday 3 Sep

5.00 pm Gordon Barrett Anniv

Sunday 4 Sep

9.30 am -

11.30 am Pro populo

Monday 5 Sep

7.30 pm Anthea Craigmyle RIP

Tuesday 6 Sep

9.00 am Holy souls

Wednesday 7 Sep

12.00 pm Private intention

Thursday 8 Sep

9.00 am Private intention

Friday 9 Sep

6.30 pm -

Saturday 10 Sep

9.00 am -

5.00 pm Maggie Webb RIP

Sunday 11 Sep

9.30 am Bridie Mullarkey RIP

11.30 am Pro populo

St Anne, Cliftonville

Sunday 4 Sep

10.00 am -

Monday 5 Sep

10.00 am Muriel Grinsted RIP

Wednesday 7 Sep

10.00 am -

Friday 9 Sep

10.00 am -

Sunday 11 Sep

10.00 am Cassie O'Brien Anniv

Booking Mass intentions

Please use the envelopes provided, write the name(s) clearly and indicate whether the Mass is for someone who has died or for the welfare of someone who is living. The following standard abbreviations are used in the newsletter:

RIP: for the repose of the soul of ... **Anniv:**

anniversary of death of ... **GE:** for the good estate

(welfare) of ... **TG:** Thanksgiving for ...

FM: Foundation Mass. **DRF:** Deceased relatives and friends.

work has been delayed in order to obtain suitable lamps that will fit the existing tracking.) During the summer, the drain from the Hall was investigated and cleared.

At St Anne's, we will soon be undertaking work on a new sound system for the Church.

Please remember that the only source of income for the maintenance of the Church is you, the parishioners, and that our main income comes from the Offering collection at Mass on Sunday.

Catholic patients in hospital

Fr Finigan and other volunteers regularly visit Catholic patients at QEQM hospital. If a Catholic is in hospital and would like a visit, please notify Fr Finigan, giving their name and, if possible, the ward they are in.

Please note: we do not receive information from the hospital about the admission of Catholic patients, so we rely on relatives and friends letting us know.

Walsingham Pro-Life Pilgrimage

Sunday 18 September

A Pilgrimage of reparation and prayer for the sanctity of life, led by Bishop Alan Williams. There will be a coach running from Herne Bay (7am) and from Whitstable (7.15am). To book, contact Althea Walker on 07862 276100. See the noticeboard in the Hall for further details and full programme.

Food Parcels scheme

Items needed

Each week, we give out over 50 food parcels for the poor and needy. Many thanks for all your donations. To guide you in giving the things that are most needed, please consider adding one or more of the following items to your shopping and then putting it in the food parcels box at the back of the Church.

- ❖ Soups - tins or packets
- ❖ Tins: spaghetti, spaghetti Bolognese, baked beans
- ❖ Tins of any kind of meat products
- ❖ Tins of sardines or tuna
- ❖ Cereals

Remember the words of our Blessed Lord: "*As often as you did this for the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it for me.*" (Matt 25:40)

Pugin Week

St Augustine's Ramsgate

The annual festivities celebrating Augustus Pugin, the Catholic who designed "Big Ben" takes place from 7-14 September. There is a concert, talks, music workshop, children's activities, sung Vespers and more. All welcome to join the celebrations. Pick up a leaflet, see the noticeboard in the Hall, or visit www.augustinefriends.co.uk

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST AUSTIN & ST GREGORY, MARGATE, WITH ST ANNE, CLIFTONVILLE

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Rev Ambrose Tuckell

St Austin & St Gregory, Margate

Sunday Masses: 5pm (Saturday) 9.30am,
11.30am (Latin)

Weekday Masses: Mon 7.30pm (Latin); Tue
9am; Wed 12noon; Thur 9am; Fri 6.30pm;
Sat 9am

Confessions: Fri 7.15pm (after 6.30pm Mass and Benediction); Sat 9.45-10.15am; 4-4.45pm

Devotions: Wednesday 11.30am: Rosary (Stations during Lent); Friday after 6.30pm Mass: Benediction; Saturday after 9am Mass: Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour.

St Anne, Cliftonville

Sunday Mass: 10am

Weekday Masses: Mon, Wed, Fri 10am

Confessions: 9.30am Friday; 9.30am Sunday

Eucharistic Adoration: Mon, Wed, Fri 9.30am

Schools

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