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Ss Austin & Gregory with St Anne, Margate

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 8th March 2026

Third Sunday of Lent

Ss Austin & Gregory 9.00am

Intention: - Wesley John Whatford (+)
Diane, Lee and Niki Whatford

- Beatrice Lobo (+) (Two Years)

St Anne's 11.00am Mass

Intention: Mathew Thomas (+) Anniv
Tom Thomas

Alan and Charisma Vacaro – 10th Wedding Anniv
Renewal of Vows

Monday 9th March

Monday of the Third Week of Lent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Birthday Blessing
Kosisochuicwu Arinze-Oparq

Tuesday 10th March

Tuesday of the Third Week of Lent

NO MASS OR SERVICE TODAY

Wednesday 11th March

Wednesday of the Third Week of Lent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00 Mass

Intention: Donald Browne (+)

Thursday 12th March

Thursday of the Third Week in Lent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intentions of the Mother of Divine Grace
Parish Prayer Family

Friday 13th March

Friday of the Third Week in Lent

St Anne's Mass 10.00am

Intention: Mgr Matthew Dickens – Wellbeing
The Parish

Ss Austin & Gregory 5.30pm Mass

Intention: Hilda Postelli (+)
Suzanne Phillips

Exposition 4.00pm, Confessions 4.30 – 5.00pm
Rosary 5.00pm

Saturday 14th March

Saturday of the Third Week in Lent

Ss Austin & Gregory: 5.00pm Mass

Intention: Katherine O'Shea – Health and Wellbeing
Steve and Debbie O'Shea

TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE...!

In today's gospel, Our Blessed Lord draws the Samaritan woman to the mystery of faith, reveals and acknowledges himself as Messiah and gently turns the woman into a missionary whose testimony draws the whole community to faith. St John writes that, '...the woman said to him 'I know that Messiah is coming - he who is called Christ. When he comes, he will tell us all things.' Jesus said to her, 'I who speak to you, am he.' Many Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony.... They said to the woman, '...we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is indeed the Saviour of the world' (cf Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26a, 40-42). Imagine how the Samaritan woman must have felt at the words of Jesus, "I who speak to you, am he"

Beloved People of God, the most amazing realities of faith are often made manifest in ordinary ways, things and events of life. To many, this is too good to be true. The Mystery of Faith, as the Church calls and describes them, ought to strengthen and not weaken our belief. We believe because they have been taught and given by Our Blessed Lord, Jesus Christ, who is Messiah. He does not lie. God reaches out to us through the ordinary. When we respond in love, in faith and trust, we discover the extraordinary. Ourselves and those we help to put their faith in him will never be disappointed. Jesus never fails.

May his grace strengthen our faith in his love and providence. May we neither murmur nor grumble against God. (cf Ex 17:3-7). May we never harden our hearts today as we hear his voice. Instead, may we always remember that through Jesus Christ, we stand in grace and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. This hope does not shame us because of the love of God that has been poured into hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Fr. Ted

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LENT 2026
STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Before Mass on Wednesdays at Margate and on Fridays before the 10.00am Mass at Cliftonville

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Sunday, 12th July – Parish Day

Mass at St Anne's at 11.00am

Christmas Carol Service

Wednesday 9th December

Sunday 6th September

Fr Ted's Silver Jubilee Celebration

Mass at St Anne's at 11.00am

6.30pm at St Anne's

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

will take place on **Sunday 7th June**

The preparation course began yesterday, 7th June.
If you were not able to attend, please come on

Saturday 14th March at 11.00am

at Ss Austin & Gregory Church. Please return the completed application form (available at the back of the Church) together with the Baptismal certificate.

We commend to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, all those in our parish who are unwell, or who are in nursing and care homes, in hospitals and the housebound, remembering especially:

Clare Hastings, Molly Dunne, Cathy Simmons,
Breda Leavesley, Katherine O'Shea

Sussana King, Andy Anderson, Patricia James

Please note that for Data Protection reasons, individuals must explicitly agree to their names to be mentioned in our Newsletter. Please let the parish office know in writing if either your name or the names of your relatives and friends should appear on our sick list. Thank you.

CAKE SALE – BRING & BUY
SUNDAY 15th MARCH
FOLOWING THE
9.00am and 11.00am MASSES

RED MISSION BOXES
will be collected TODAY
Sunday 8th March

PROPOSED DAY RETREAT TO AYLESFORD

PRIORY: SAT 27th JUNE 2026

Please remember to indicate your interest in the above trip by this weekend (8th March).

Full details are on the note of interest sheet at the back of each church.

SUNDAY 22ND MARCH - PARISH WALK

Departing from St. Anne's 12.15pm.

FRIDAY 15th MAY 2026

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT & RAFFLE

St Anne's Hall, 7.00pm Prompt Start (max 6 per team) Entry £5 per head

Mother of Divine Grace

Parish Prayer Family

Next meeting – Thursday 12th March

7.00pm – 8.00pm

St Anne's Church Hall

All welcome

GIFT AID BOXES

The new Gift Aid boxes are available at the back of the Church.

Please collect yours as you leave today.

Thank you

COLLECTION FOR EASTER
FLOWERS
SUNDAY 15th MARCH

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION – All NatWest Accounts

St Austin & Gregory, Margate. Account Name: RCAS Margate, Account Number 52026388, Sort Code 60-14-05

St Anne's, Cliftonville. Bank: Account Name: RCAS Cliftonville, Account Number 09872213, Sort Code 60-06-01

St Austin & Gregory Poor Fund Account. Account Name: Poor Fund Account Margate. Account Number 52026353 Sort Code 60-14-05