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Ss Austin & Gregory with St Anne, Margate

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 15th February 2026

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ss Austin & Gregory 9.00am

Intention: God's mercy and Blessings on
Claton and Carol Dixon –
Christopher and Charmaine Devine - Jones

Intention: Thanksgiving to God for Blessings
- Yvonne Murphy

St Anne's 11.00am Mass

Intention: Alan and Chavisma Vacaro – 10th Wedding
Anniversary – Renewal of Vows

Monday 16th February

Monday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Andy Anderson – Wellbeing
- Cathy Anderson

Tuesday 17th February

Tuesday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

NO MASS OR SERVICE TODAY

Wednesday 18th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00 Mass

Intention: Grace for the Season of Lent

Saint Anne's 7.00pm Mass

Intention : Grace for the Season of Lent

Thursday 19th February

Thursday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: The Sick in our Parish Community

Friday 20th February

Friday of the Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

St Anne's Mass 10.00am

Intention: Monsignor Matthew Dickens - Welfare
by Deacon Neville and Anne Gascoigne

Ss Austin & Gregory 5.30pm Mass

Intention: Holy Souls

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

Saturday 21st February

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle, Feast

Ss Austin & Gregory: 5.00pm Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

SECRET AND HIDDEN WISDOM OF GOD

Our Blessed Lord does not always go with popular opinions. He will often teach in ways that challenge the status quo. He goes beyond the social paradigms, concepts and theories. His teaching on murder, adultery, divorce and taking of oaths are typical examples of his determination to invite his follows, God's children to reject mediocrity and lukewarmness. He teaches fidelity to the laws and the prophets. Hence he says to his disciples, 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfil them...' (cf. Mt 5:17-37). The Lord expects more from his disciples, socially, morally, spiritually. While his teaching is not popular, it matters that it is the right one. Such wisdom is only made manifest to the mature. It does not accept half measures. Wisdom reveals itself in its actions. It produces results that last. He is both the Incarnate Wisdom and the Wisdom incarnate. He is Wisdom per excellence.

Beloved People of God, we ought to desire the secret and hidden wisdom of God. This type of wisdom can only be revealed to the those with childlike disposition. It is not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age who are doomed to pass away. The scripture goes further to tell us that the 'wisdom of this world' is foolishness before God.

We know that the said wisdom comes from keeping God's commandments. We have also read that God's commandments are not impossible. Scripture says, 'if you desire, you will keep the commandments and to act faithfully is a matter of choice. He has placed before you fire and water: stretch out your hand for whichever you wish. Life and death are in front of people, and whichever one chooses will be given to him. In union with the word of God, we pray, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, you have revealed the secrets of the kingdom to little children'.

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16th FEBRUARY 2026**

**LENT 2026
UNITED DECADES**

The family that prays together, stays together. This Lenten season, our Parish will be praying together as family and as individuals. We have chosen United Decades to guide our way of saying the rosary. Families or individuals will choose a decade of the rosary to say every day of Lent. In this way, we shall be united in prayer, in praise and good works.

There is a list at the back of the Church with Mysteries of the Rosary. Kindly sign and indicate your preferred Mystery of the Rosary to be prayed each day.

Fr. Ted

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2026

will take place on Sunday 7th June

The preparation course will begin on

Saturday 7th 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, Roger Todd, Katherine O'Shea
Sussana King, Andy Anderson

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

There will be a second collection **THIS** Weekend for

CLERGY SUPPORT FUND

This Fund enables the Archdiocese of Southwark to care for clergy in their retirements, old age, and at their time of ill health, after their time and devotion to Christ and his people. Donations ensure a dignified retirement for all of our priests.

ASH WEDNESDAY

18th February

Mass and distribution of Ashes

**Fr Joseph Owusu-Ansah the Parish Priest of
the Holy Family, Birchington**

**will be celebrating Mass and distributing
Ashes at QEQM.**

Time: 11.30am

Venue: Hospital Chapel

**He will be available after Mass for the
distribution of Ashes till 1.30pm**

Rejuvenating Holiday

Once more, I thank God for the safe and rejuvenating holiday. I also thank you, beloved People of God, for your heartfelt prayers that accompanied me all through the happy holiday. With you, I express gratitude to Mgr Philip for standing in and for taking good care of everyone while I was away.

May God bless and reward all for every kind thought, word and deed, for every sacrifice that keeps this parish community going strong and joyful.

We look forward to another great year of working and worshipping together, praising God, serving and loving one another in the Lord's vineyard.

Fr. Ted

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