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Ss Austin & Gregory with St Anne, Margate

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 29th March 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Ss Austin & Gregory 9.00am

Intention: - Sonia and Mitch Magbanua
19th Wedding Anniversary

St Anne's 11.00am Mass

Intention: Noreen Egan (+)
Christine Gardner

Monday 30th March

Monday of Holy Week

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: - Sylvia Todd (+)
Roger Todd

Intention: - Charlotte Anne Neeson
Rosemarie Jarman

PENITENTIAL SERVICE 6.30pm

Tuesday 31st March

Tuesday of Holy Week

NO MASS OR SERVICE TODAY

Wednesday 1st April

Wednesday of Holy Week

Stations of the Cross 9.30am

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00 Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday

MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER

Ss AUSTIN & GREGORY 7.00pm

Intention: Priests all over the World and People of the Parish

Friday 3rd April

Friday of The Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Day of Fasting and Abstinence

St Anne's Church, Cliftonville

3.00pm

Saturday 4th April

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil

St Anne's Church, Cliftonville

7.00pm

SILENCE – PRAYER – REFLECTION - RESOLUTION

The prophet Isaiah presents a disposition that can be very useful and helpful for the Holy Week. This he introduces in the words, 'The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious...' (cf Is 50:4-7). The words, 'Morning by morning he awakens my ear to hear...' point to the need for a silence that listens actively and attentively. Speaking can be done but not until one has listened properly and understood as one who is taught. The Lord God engages the two ears first so that every word that is spoken is meaningful, purposeful and edifying. It needs constancy and consistency. It needs persistence.

Beloved People of God, in the life of every Christian, and especially during the Holy Week, every word ought to sustain and build up and not destroy. Silence is therefore encouraged when words can be frivolous, useless and aimless. A silence that among other things, helps us to enter deeper into prayer, meaningful reflection and positive resolutions ought to be treasured - resolutions that build us up into the very person that God our Creator intends us to be.

As we enter this solemn week – Holy Week, may we open our heart to the treasures of silence, prayer and reflection. May our resolutions therefrom better our life as God's children that He loves. In the quiet silence of our heart, may we appreciate the sacrifice made by Jesus our Lord and Saviour for our salvation. May we learn how to humbly reciprocate this sacrifice in the love that we bear one another.

I wish you a fruitful Holy Week and a Happy Easter

Fr. Ted

HOLY WEEK 2026

PENITENTIAL SERVICE - MONDAY 30th MARCH - Ss AUSTIN AND GREGORY 6.30pm

**MAUNDY THURSDAY – 2nd APRIL - MASS OF THE LAST SUPPER
Ss AUSTIN & GREGORY 7.00pm**

GOOD FRIDAY – 3rd APRIL – ST ANNE’S CHURCH - 3.00pm

HOLY SATURDAY – 4th APRIL - EASTER VIGIL - ST ANNE’S CHURCH – 7.00pm

**EASTER SUNDAY – 5th APRIL - 9.00am MASS Ss AUSTIN & GREGORY, MARGATE
11.00am MASS ST ANNE’S CHURCH, CLIFTONVILLE**

OUR EASTER OFFERING

For Catholic priests in England, the Easter collection is significant both practically and pastorally.

Practically, it helps sustain parish life. With many parishes relying on a small group of regular givers, income can be limited. The larger Easter congregations provide a vital boost to support the Church’s buildings, ministry, and outreach.

Pastorally, it reflects a renewed connection. Many who return at Easter contribute, and their offering becomes a simple expression of belonging and support.

For priests, it is not just about money, but shared responsibility. It is a reminder that the life of the Church depends on the generosity of its people.

Fr Ted relies heavily upon our generosity at Christmas and Easter. It is the major source of his income for the year. Let us show him how much we love him.

Thank you

George Keating
Parish Council Chair

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.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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***

**PLEASE NOTE – NO FURTHER
MEETINGS UNTIL 16th APRIL**

at SS Austin & Gregory, Margate

**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**