Ss Austin & Gregory with St Anne, Margate

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 29th November
First Sunday of Advent (B)
9.00am Mass - Deceased Ursuline Sisters (+) Sister Angela Cronin (OSU)
Ifeanyi Hilary Okwuosa (+) The Chukwuma Family
Shane Kempster (+) – Valerie and Arnold Kempster
God's Blesssings on my Driving Test -Anonymous
Birthday Blessings – William Bonfim –
Tina Souza and Family

11.00am Mass – Holy Souls

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Monday 30th November
Saint Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland, Feast
Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass
Intention: Success of our Advent Preparations

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Wednesday 2nd December
Wednesday of the First Week of Advent
Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass
Intention: The Intentions of the Mother of Divine Grace - Parish Prayer Family

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Thursday 3rd December
Saint Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial
Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass
Intention: Joseph Hobley – Birthday Blessings (18th) – The Family

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Friday 4th December
Friday of the First Week of Advent
St Anne's 10.00am Mass
Intention: The Sick

Ss Austin & Gregory 5.30pm Mass
Intention: Holy Souls
Exposition 4.00pm, Confessions 4.30 – 5.00pm, Rosary 5.00pm

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Saturday 5th December
Saturday of the First Week in Advent
Ss Austin & Gregory: 5.00pm Mass
Intention: The People of the Parish

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Sunday 6th December
Second Sunday of Advent (B)
9.00am Mass – Successful Marriage – Herbest Nazeba - Ikemsinachi David Ugwu – 1st Birthday Blessings And Thanksgiving – Mr Anthony and Mrs Chidimma Ugwu

11.00am Mass – People of the Parish

STAY AWAKE: RECURRENT MESSAGE OF ADVENT

In this part of the Gospel according to St Mark we read, 'At that time, Jesus said to his disciples: Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come…Therefore stay awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or in the midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning – lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. And what I say to you, I say to all: Stay awake' (Mk 13:33-37)

Beloved people of God, stay awake is one of the recurrent messages of Advent. It is not about literally and passively refusing to sleep, doing nothing. It is not about grudgingly being awake. It is about purposefully and intentionally engaging in acts that indicate a consciousness that one is awaiting the return of the master who 'like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake'. It is a command given to one and all. In Advent, we wait for the Lord's coming by making a positive act of the will to stay awake because the Lord is coming at an hour, we do not know. Yet we are ready to welcome him with praiseworthy and admirable results from the work he has assigned to each of us his servants while 'leaving on a journey' as the scripture describes it. An extra command was given to the doorkeeper to stay awake. Scripture does not waste words.

This Advent, let us pray more for one another. Let us pray even much more for the various doorkeepers that we can recall – anyone who has been assigned the responsibility to keep others safe by their special duty of opening or keeping the door closed. May no doorkeeper fall asleep on duty nor open the door to wolves, thieves or bad influencers. May the Lord strengthen all doorkeepers. May He endow every doorkeeper with wisdom, discernment and diligence.

FR. TED

All to Jesus – Through Mary our Mother

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

ADVENT PREPARATIONS
Monday 30th November – 6.30pm – St Anne's.
Monday 7th December – 6.30pm – St Anne's
Monday 14th December – 6.30pm – St Austin & Gregory
Monday 21st December – 6.30pm – St Austin & Gregory.

Penitential Service – St Austin & Gregory
Wednesday 23rd December – 6.30pm

Parish Carol Concert: Wed 9th Dec 6pm - St Anne's Church
United with the choirs of St Gregory's and St Joseph's primary schools.
Followed by refreshments at the back of the church.
Please bring a small plate of child friendly food if possible (please, no nuts).

Christmas Food Parcels

We are in need of festive items to include in the food parcels over the Christmas period. Suggested items are:

Individual Christmas puddings, mince pies, custard, rice pudding, jam, tinned fruit, chocolate biscuits/cookies, cakes.

Thank you for your support and generosity towards our local community.

FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

Daily Reflection for Advent: As an aid to personal prayer during Advent, the Spirituality Commission have produced a helpful daily reflection based on the readings for the day. Each is short, practical and calls us to action. All who register will receive an email each morning directly to their inbox! To sign up - here is the link.

http://eepurl.com/dcNmsv

or you can take a look at their website

www.southwarkdsc.org.uk

and click on the box marked

ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Rt. Rev. Paul Hendricks
Auxiliary Bishop, Kent Area
RC Archdiocese of Southwark

Vigil and Christmas Day Masses

St Anne's 6.30pm – Vigil Mass
St Austin and Gregory Vigil Mass 8.30pm

St Austin and Gregory – 9.00am
St Anne's – 10.30am

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Red Boxes will be collected on Sunday 6th DECEMBER. Please bring them to Mass with you.

Thank you for your continued support.

"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."

Pope Benedict XVI

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT INFORMATION – All NatWest Account
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 Account Margate. Account Number 52026353 Sort Code 60-14-05