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## Ss Austin & Gregory with St Anne, Margate

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### Sunday 8th December 2024

#### Second Sunday of Advent

#### Ss Austin & Gregory 9.00am

Intention: Gratitude for God's blessings on the Family, and Dedication of baby Uchenna Giovanni Onuoha  
- Mr Harold and Mrs Mina Onuoha

#### St Anne's 11.00am Mass

Intention: Juliette and Victor Ikochukwu and baby Chikamso  
- Sister Angela Cronin OSU

### Monday 9th December

#### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity

#### Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Blessings and Protection for Annie Rajive  
- The Family

### Tuesday 10th December

#### Tuesday of Week 2 in Advent

**NO MASS OR SERVICES TODAY**

### Wednesday 11th December

#### Wednesday of Week 2 in Advent

#### Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: For all those preparing for the Carol Service

### Thursday 12th December

#### Thursday of Week 2 in Advent

#### Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Holy Souls

### Friday 13th December

#### Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial

#### St Anne's 10.00am Mass

Intention: Shane Kempster (+)  
- Marjorie McGeown

#### Ss Austin & Gregory 5.30pm Mass

Intention: The People of the Parish

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

### Saturday 14th December

#### Saint John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor of the Church

#### Ss Austin & Gregory: 5.00pm Mass

Intention: William Tobin (Bill) GE  
- Patrick Tobin

This second week of Advent, the Lord, through his prophet Baruch, asks us to, 'take off the garment of your sorrow and affliction...and put on for ever the beauty of the glory from God. Put on the robe of righteousness from God, put on your head the crown of the glory of the Everlasting. For God will show splendour everywhere under heaven...For God will lead...with joy in the light of his glory, with the mercy and righteousness that come from him' (cf. Baruch 5:1-9).

Beloved People of God, as we, through prayer, prepare the way of the Lord, in joyful hope, we incorporate gratitude as a major component of the instruments that we need on our journey in life, as pilgrims on earth, particularly, this season of Advent. We ought to be thanking God, joyfully, as we remember each other in all our prayers. This is because, while we are waiting in hope for the glorious return of our Saviour, we can re-echo with the Psalmist, 'what great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed. We are glad'. Through our baptism, through our adoption as God's children, our salvation has been assured. It has been accomplished. We are, therefore, marching on a victorious ground. The Lord has already freed us from slavery to sin. He has brought us back from our exile. Our mouth ought to be filled with laughter and on our tongues, songs of joy, (cf. Ps

As God has done for the people of old, he will do for us. He who began a good work in us will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ, May our love, therefore, abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment. May we harken to the voice of the one crying in the wilderness: 'prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight... Thus shall all flesh see the salvation of God' (cf. Lk 3:1-6)

Fr. Ted

Preparing in joyful Hope and in thanksgiving

All to Jesus – Through Mary our Mother

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**8th DECEMBER 2024**

**CAROL SERVICE - THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – 6.00pm – St ANNE’S CHURCH**  
**With pupils from St Gregory’s School, St Joseph’s and the Ursuline College**

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**ADVENT PREPARATION - MONDAYS OF ADVENT**

**6.00pm to 7.00/7.15pm at Ss Austin & Gregory, Margate**

There will be six Chapters from St Luke’s Gospel to be read on each evening. Please sign on the list at the back of the church if you wish to volunteer.

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**PENITENTIAL SERVICE – WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**

**6.30pm – Individual Confession**

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, Wesley John Whatford,  
Cathy Simmons, Teresa Skillington and  
Breda Leavesley

*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*

**CANON LUKE SMITH –  
OUR FORMER PARISH PRIEST**

Our prayers continue for our former Parish Priest, Canon Luke. He is doing so well and sends his gratitude for all the prayers.

**Cash Collection Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024**

St Anne’s		Ss Austin & Gregory
Loose Plate	£146.01	£194.36
Gift Aid	<u>£ 68.00</u>	<u>£ 59.00</u>
	<b>£214.01</b>	<b>£253.36</b>

The above totals do not include the total received by Standing Order.  
Thank you for your continued support of the Parish.

**MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE  
PARISH PRAYER FAMILY**

**Meetings every Thursday evening**

(NO MEETING THIS WEEK 12<sup>th</sup> – CAROL SERVICE)

Alternate two weeks at St Anne’s Church Hall  
and Ss Austin & Gregory Church Hall.

**Next Meeting – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December**  
**St Anne Austin & Gregory Church Hall**  
**at 7.00pm**

**MISSO RED BOXES**  
**The Red Box collection**  
**TODAY - SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER**

**MASS TIMES FOR CHRISTMAS**

**CHRISTMAS EVE – VIGIL MASS**

**6.00pm at ST ANNE’S**

**9.00pm at Ss AUSTIN & GREGORY**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**9.00am Ss AUSTIN & GREGORY**

**11.00am ST ANNE’S**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

In Luke 1:28 the angel Gabriel, speaking on God’s behalf, addresses Mary as “full of grace” or “highly favoured”. In that context, this phrase means that Mary is receiving all the special divine help necessary for the task ahead. However, the Church grows in understanding with the help of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit led the Church, especially non-theologians, to the insight that Mary had to be the most perfect work of God next to the Incarnation. Or rather, Mary’s intimate association with the Incarnation called for the special involvement of God in Mary’s whole life. The logic of piety helped God’s people to believe that Mary was full of grace and free of sin from the first moment of her existence. Moreover, this great privilege of Mary is the highlight of all that God has done in Jesus. Rightly understood, the incomparable holiness of Mary shows forth the incomparable goodness of God.

Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul. Cast your care upon God for you are His and He will not forget you. Do not think that He is leaving you alone, for that would be to wrong Him.

*Saint John of the Cross*

**For information regarding the hire of the Hall at St Anne’s, please contact**

**Marjorie McGeown 07739 389142**

**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