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## Ss Austin & Gregory with St Anne, Margate

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### **Third Sunday of Advent – Gaudete Sunday Ss Austin & Gregory 9.00am**

Intention: Elsie Whatford (+)  
- Diane Whatford

- Mr & Mrs Arinze Opara & Family  
Gratitude for 6th Wedding Anniversary

#### **St Anne's 11.00am Mass**

Intention: God's Blessing on all who helped  
with the Parish Carol Service

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Monday of Week 3 in Advent**

#### **Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass**

Intention: Thanksgiving to the Parishioners for  
prayers for Andy Anderson  
- Cathy and Andy Anderson

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December

**NO MASS OR SERVICES TODAY**

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Wednesday of Week 3 in Advent**

#### **Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass**

Intention: Isobel Jenkins + (Anni)  
- Rosemarie Jarman

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Thursday of Week 3 in Advent**

#### **Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass**

Intention: Holy Souls

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Friday of Week 3 in Advent**

#### **St Anne's 10.00am Mass**

Intention: Lydia H.A. (+)  
- Annie H.A.

#### **Ss Austin & Gregory 5.30pm Mass**

Intention: The People of the Parish  
Exposition 4.00pm, Confessions 4.30 – 5.00pm Rosary 5.00pm

### Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> December

#### **Saturday of Week 3 in Advent**

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

Intention: Shane Kempster (+)  
God's Consolation of Parents  
- Pat and John James

## Christmas mood EXTOLLED

On this Gaudete Sunday, traditionally, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent, the Church encourages her children to rejoice and exult, through the prophet

Zephaniah. We are told to 'sing aloud... rejoice and exult with all your heart... The Lord has taken away the judgements against you; he has cleared away your enemies... fear not... let not your hands grow weak. The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save, he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will quiet you by his love, he will exult over you with loud singing...' (Zeph 3:14-18a). Furthermore, St Paul writing to the Philippians, as to us in this present moment, exhorts and emphasises, 'rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice...' (cf. Phil 4:4-7). The gospel extols the proper mood of Christmas when we read of John's answer to the crowds asking, 'What, then, shall we do?' And he answered them, 'whoever has two tunics is to share with him who has none, and whoever has food is to do likewise' (cf Lk 3:19-18).

Beloved People of God, we know of the many moods associated with Christmas – joy, happiness, rejoicing, gladness, exultation, gratitude - these are some of the moods that are captured in the readings of this third Sunday of Advent. We must not lose sight of the mood of 'giving' or 'sharing'. It seems to be the proper and the exceptional mood of Christmas. Hence John's response or answer to the crowds stands out. It reminds us that the Lord in his generosity has given us the privileged opportunity to share in his divinity by becoming one of us.

We pray that when the Lord comes in glory, we shall all be found in the proper mood, ready and prepared to attain the joys of so great a salvation and to be willing and eager to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing.

Fr.

Ted

All to Jesus – Through Mary our Mother

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**15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2024**

**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.

**PENITENTIAL SERVICE – WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER – Ss Austin & Gregory, Margate**  
**6.00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**6.30pm – Individual Confession**

**Gratitude and God's Blessing on everyone who helped with the Parish Carol Service .....**

to the Social Committee, to Jennifer, Ed and our Parish Organist, Michael; the parish choir; the staff and pupils from St Gregory's and St Joseph's Catholic schools and the Ursuline College, who sang so well; our parishioners who provided refreshments to follow the Service, and who set up and cleared up afterwards. It was a wonderful preparation for the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**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*

**OUR FORMER PARISH PRIEST, Canon Luke sends his Christmas prayers and good wishes. He will offer Mass over the Christmas period for our intentions. Our prayers continue for him.**

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

St Anne's		Ss Austin & Gregory	
Loose Plate	£146.01		£194.36
Gift Aid	£ 68.00		£ 59.00
	<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.

**THE PARISH WEBSITE**

[www.margatecatholic.org](http://www.margatecatholic.org)

has recently been updated. Please do take a look. It contains a great deal of information including the current Newsletter, Fr Ted's Reflections and much more.

**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**

**Pope Francis's Words of Wisdom**

In his 2014 Gaudete Sunday homily, Pope Francis said that Gaudete Sunday is known as the "Sunday of joy" and that instead of fretting about "all they still haven't done" to prepare for Christmas, people should "think of all the good things life has given you."

**MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE  
PARISH PRAYER FAMILY**

**Meetings every Thursday evening**

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

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

**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