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Ss Austin & Gregory with St Anne, Margate

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 14th December 2025

Third Sunday of Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory 9.00am

Intention: Elsie Whatford (+)
- Diane Whatford

St Anne's 11.00am Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

Monday 15th December

Monday of the Third Week of Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Alex Able (+)
- Hume-Almeida Family

Tuesday 16th December

Tuesday of Week 3 in Advent

- No Mass or Service today -

Wednesday 17th December

Wednesday of Week 3 in Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Maria Brooks Gaut and Mcama

God's Will – Mother-in-Law

Sister Alice Montgomery OSU – Birthday Blessings

Sister Angela OSU

Thursday 18th December

Thursday of Week 3 in Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Thanksgiving for God's Blessings in 2025
- Mr and Mrs Damian Obilor and Family

Friday 19th December

Friday of Week 3 in Advent

St Anne's 10.00am Mass

Intention: Maria Brooks Gaut and Mcama

God's Will – Mother-in-Law

Ss Austin & Gregory 5.30pm Mass

Intention: Kemlyn Donaldson and Junior - Stovell
Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving and prayers for
more blessed years

Saturday 20th December

Saturday of Week 3 in Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory: 5.00pm Mass

Intention: William (Bill) Tobin (+) Anniv (4th)

- Patrick Tobin

Shane Kempster (+)

- Arnold and Valerie Kempster

REJOICING, JOYS, AND GLADNESS

The 'Collect' this weekend, among other things prays that we '...attain the joys of so great a salvation and to celebrate them always with solemn worship and glad rejoicing...' The prophet Isaiah in the first reading says, '...the desert shall rejoice and blossom abundantly and rejoice with joy...and the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Sion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away' (cf Is 35:1-6a, 10). When these words do not seem to apply to your own peculiar situation, St James recommends patience. 'You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand...as an example of suffering and patience, brothers and sisters, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord' (cf Js 5:7-10).

Beloved people of God, rejoicing, joys, celebrations and gladness are the common characteristics of the season of Christmas which we anticipate. From the 'entrance antiphon' to the 'Collect' through the readings of this 'Gaudete Sunday', the Church reminds us that we should rejoice. We ought not only find joy and gladness in the midst of gloom and darkness, we should be the joy, happiness, gladness, love and more to others this season. This is possible because we know that Christ our Saviour comes with hope and light. Following in the footsteps of Christ, we too become the 'reason for this season'.

As we reach this joyous-mid point in our Advent journey, we pray for a steadfast spirit. We ask for a heart that loves till the end, enduring patiently and consistently. May what the Lord does, particularly in the lives of others and currently not in ours not confound us to the point of questioning his love for us. Instead, may we be among those who the words of the Lord himself apply to, '...And blessed is the one who is not offended by me' (cf Mt 11:2_11

Fr. Ted

ADVENT 2025

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

WEDNESDAY 17th DECEMBER – 6.30pm Ss AUSTIN & GREGORY, MARGATE

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

VIGIL MASS WEDNESDAY 24th DECEMBER

6.00pm ST ANNE'S ~ 8.00pm MARGATE

CHRISTMAS DAY – 9.00am MARGATE ~ 10.00am CLIFTONVILLE

**COLLECTIONS ON CHRISTMAS
DAY**

The collections taken on Christmas Day are important as they help to support Fr Ted in his daily ministry and the many unseen ways he cares for his parish family. It's a simple but heartfelt way for the Community to thank him for his presence, guidance, and dedication throughout the year. Please be generous. Thank you

**OUR PARISH ADVENT PREPARATION
WITH ARCHBISHOP FULTON SHEEN**

6.30pm on Mondays

**Exposition and Adoration of the Eucharist
Readings and Reflection from "Advent and
Christmas with
Archbishop Fulton Sheen"**

15th and 22nd December at St Anne's

Please be part of the Advent Preparation!

Cash Collection Sunday 16th November 2025

	St Anne's	Ss Austin & Gregory
Loose Plate	£339.28	£184.87
Gift Aid	<u>£152.00</u>	<u>£ 64.50</u>
	£491.28	£249.37

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

WHERE LOVE REIGNS...

Beloved People of God,

These most beautiful things that take place, the magical moments we treasure in this parish Community can only be explained by the fact that the Love of Christ urges us on, for where Christ rules, is where love reigns. Where love reigns, goodwill comes easy. People are at their best and indeed great things, lovely things, praiseworthy things, noble things, miraculous things happen.

I thank the members of the Social Committee, and indeed everyone who has helped to organise this year's Christmas Carol Service in our parish. Thank you all. May the Love of Christ urge us on.

May God who sees and knows all that we have put in from thoughts, plans, words, deeds, gifts, donations, of time, talent and treasure reward you in ways and times best known to Him.

Fr. Ted

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.

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