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Ss Austin & Gregory with St Anne, Margate

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 21st December 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory 9.00am

Intention: Thanksgiving for blessings received
- Yvonne Murphy
Maria Brooks Gaut and Mcama
- God's Will – Mother-in-Law

St Anne's 11.00am Mass

Intention: Tony Traveller (+)
Sister Angela Cronin OSU

Monday 22nd December

Monday of the Week 4 of Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Marianne and Eddie Yeo(+)
- Suzanne Philips

Wednesday 24th December

Christmas Eve Vigil Masses

St Anne's 6.00pm Mass

Intention: People of the Parish

Ss Austin & Gregory 8.00pm

Intention: Raymond Wilson (+)
Patricia Finigan (+)
- Peter Wilson

Thursday 25th December

The Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity

Ss Austin & Gregory 9.00am Mass

Intention: Maria Brooks Gaut and Mcama
God's Will – Mother-in-Law
- Terry and Ramona Braganza
Happy and Peaceful Christmas –
Tess Tapster & Basil Ronan

St Anne's 10.00am Mass

Intention: Sister Teresa Ronan (Wellbeing)
Basil Ronan and Tess Tapster

Friday 26th December

Saint Stephen, Deacon, the First Martyr

St Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Maria Brooks Gaut and Mcama
God's Will – Mother-in-Law
- Peter Wilson – Birthday Blessings – Basil Ronan
Safe Travels and God's Protection for Fr Ted
and all the family - Anonymous

Saturday 27th December

Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist, Feast

Ss Austin & Gregory: 5.00pm Mass

Intention: Peter Mulvihill (+)
Sheila Mulvihill

LEARNING FROM ST JOSEPH

This fourth Sunday of Advent, we turn our gaze on St Joseph the foster father of the Infant King, Emmanuel, *God with us!* From the account of St Matthew the Evangelist, we read that, '...the birth of Jesus Christ took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. And her husband Joseph, being a just man and unwilling to put her to shame, resolved to send her away quietly. But as he considered these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, 'Joseph, son of David, do not fear to take Mary as your wife, for that which is conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit... When Joseph woke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him. He took his wife' (cf Mt 1:18-24)

Beloved people of God, as we reflect on the history of our lives, as individuals and as families, may we never forget the place and the role of God. His part in the wellbeing of each of us as a family cannot be over emphasised. Most of the time, it needs the co-operation of a listening guardian, or parent in the family to facilitate an admirable upbringing of the family or to maintain the unity and bond of the family unit.

We pray for ears that listen – the type of listening that entails obedience. Obedience to God brings about fulfilment of his will in our lives. It ensures the realisation of the purpose for which we are created. Like St Paul who was called to be an Apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, we too are called to belong to Jesus Christ (cf Rm 1:1-7). May his will alone be done in our lives.

Fr. Ted

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025
VIGIL MASS WEDNESDAY 24th DECEMBER
6.00pm ST ANNE'S ~ 8.00pm MARGATE
CHRISTMAS DAY –
9.00am MARGATE ~ 10.00am CLIFTONVILLE

Once more, Christmas is here. All through the year, I have enjoyed your love, kindness, support and friendship. I say a big thank you to everyone for the various ways and times that your sacrifices have uplifted, sustained and kept me going. May God bless and reward you all.

May I use this opportunity therefore to wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and AN AMAZING NEW YEAR.

Fr Ted

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

Saint Stephen -Feast Day – 26th December

Saint Stephen died as Jesus did: falsely accused, brought to unjust condemnation because he spoke the truth fearlessly. He died with his eyes trustfully fixed on God, and with a prayer of forgiveness on his lips. A "happy" death is one that finds us in the same spirit, whether our dying is as quiet as Joseph's or as violent as Stephen's: dying with courage, total trust and forgiving love.

PLEASE NOTE :

TIMES OF SERVICES IN JANUARY 2026 ONLY

**SATURDAY – 5.00pm – Vigil Mass for Sunday –
St Austin & Gregory**

SUNDAY – 9.00am Mass – St Austin & Gregory
11.00am Mass – St Anne's, Cliftonville

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.

**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"

22nd December at St Anne's

Cash Collection Sunday 23rd November 2025

	St Anne's	Ss Austin & Gregory
Loose Plate	£ 62.15	£193.14
Gift Aid	<u>£ 93.25</u>	<u>£135.00</u>
	£155.40	£328.14

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

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