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## Ss Austin & Gregory with St Anne, Margate

## PARISH NEWSLETTER

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### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December

#### **Monday of the Week 4 of Advent**

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

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

### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> December

#### **Saint Stephen, Deacon, the First Martyr**

#### **Ss 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

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**CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2025**  
**VIGIL MASS WEDNESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> 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

**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.*

**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**

**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"**

**22<sup>nd</sup> December at St Anne's**

**Cash Collection Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2025**

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

*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**