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Ss Austin & Gregory with St Anne, Margate

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 30th March 2025

Fourth Sunday of Lent (Laetare Sunday)

Ss Austin & Gregory 9.00am

Intention: Luisa Dias (+)
Joseph Alex Dias (+)
- Anselmo Dias

St Anne's 11.00am Mass

Intention: For all Mothers on Mothers' Day

Monday 31st March

Monday of the Fourth Week in Lent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Wesley John Whatford (+)
- Rosemarie Jarman

Tuesday 1st April

Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Lent

NO MASSES OR SERVICES TODAY

Wednesday 2nd April

Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Lent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Funeral Mass for
Anne Bridget Coughlan (+)

Sylvia Todd (+)

- Roger Todd

Thursday 3rd April

Thursday of the Fourth Week in Lent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: The People of the Parish

Friday 4th April

Friday of the Fourth Week in Lent

St Anne's 10.00am Mass

Intention: Thanksgiving for many happy years of
Marriage (60th)

- Peter and Jill

Ss Austin & Gregory 5.30pm Mass

Intention: Peter Wilson
and all the sick in the Parish

- The Parish

Exposition 4.00pm, Confessions 4.30 – 5.00pm

Rosary 5.00pm

Saturday 5th April

Saturday of the Fourth Week in Lent

Ss Austin & Gregory: 5.00pm Mass

Intention: Shane Kempster (+)

- Arnold and Valerie Kempster

RECONCILIATION: IT IS NOT AS HARD

Today we read that the Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' (cf. Js 5:9a, 10-12). St. Paul writes this in his second letter to the Corinthians: 'Brothers and sisters...All this is from God who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God' (2 Cor5:17-21). The story of the prodigal son in today's gospel according to Saint Luke 15:1-3. 11-32, is all about God's willing readiness to forgive and reconcile us to himself and restore us to the rich heritage of his love and mercy.

Beloved People of God, reconciliation is not as hard if we give it both a deep thought and a sincere consideration. No doubt, reconciliation is easier with God than with fellow human beings. From of old, God has shown us how much he loves us and wants us to experience mercy and forgiveness. We need to acknowledge and accept that, in Christ, we have been reconciled with God. The difficulty, the challenge lies in recognising that we have been entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation. The one who has been forgiven ought to do well, forgiving others.

We have all benefitted and still benefit from God's love, mercy and forgiveness, namely reconciliation. We pray to be people who can willingly, readily and genuinely forgive and reconcile as we have been forgiven. Christ suffered for love of us and has left us an example. This Lent season, may we follow in his steps.

Fr. Ted

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30th March 2025**

MOTHERING SUNDAY

Heavenly Father, we lift up to you today our mothers, biological and spiritual. Bless them with strength to continue to care for their families, with the same bold, selflessness that Mary manifested in her family of Jesus and Joseph. Help all mothers to feel our gratitude and truly know their impact in the world. Grant eternal rest to the dead.

GIFT AID

Gift Aid Envelopes for the new Tax Year are now available. Please collect your box from the back of the church. Thank you for your continued support.

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 9th MAY at ST ANNE'S CHURCH HALL

6.45pm for 7.00pm

Cash Collection Sunday 2nd March 2025

St Anne's		Ss Austin & Gregory
Loose Plate	£ 175.27	£179.16
Gift Aid	£ 84.00	£145.00
	£ 259.27	£324.16

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

**Ss AUSTIN & GREGORY
WITH SAINT ANNE**

**MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE
PARISH PRAYER FAMILY
THURSDAYS 6.45pm
for a prompt start at 7.00pm**

**NEXT MEETING – THURSDAY 3rd April
Ss Austin & Gregory, Margate**

PARISH ACTIVITIES DURING LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Before Mass on Wednesdays at Margate
and on Fridays before the 10.00am Mass
at Cliftonville**

**Adoration on Monday evenings during Lent
at 6.30pm at St Anne's Church, Cliftonville**

PLEASE NOTE

**The 10.00am Mass on Wednesday 2nd April is
a funeral Mass for Anne Bridget Coughlan**

**'THE LORD IS HERE AND WANTS TO
SEE YOU' (John 11-28)**

FRIDAY AT Ss AUSTIN & GREGORY

**Exposition from 4.00pm to 5.00pm, followed by the
Rosary and Mass at 5.30pm. Confessions from 4.30
to 5.00pm)**

SUNDAY 30th MARCH

**Exposition for one hour following the 9.00am
Mass at Margate and at St Anne's following the
11.00am Mass**

Mass in Celebration of the Sacrament of Marriage

If you are celebrating your 1st/10th/25th/40th/50th/60th +
Wedding anniversary this year, please let us know as
soon as possible, **and no later than the middle of May**,
providing the following details:

Your Names (in the format John & Mary Smith)

**Your home address, your parish and the anniversary
you are celebrating**, so you can receive an invitation
from the Archbishop for the renewal of your vows during
Mass. Spaces are limited. Contact Carole at
mflkent@rcaos.org.uk. As the title of your email, please
write your parish location e.g. Maidstone, Dover etc.

**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,
Teresa Skillington, Breda Leavesley, Marjorie Davis
and Roger Todd

*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