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Ss Austin & Gregory with St Anne, Margate

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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Sunday 7th December 2025

Second Sunday of Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory 9.00am

Intention: Sylvia Todd (+)
Rosemarie Jarman

St Anne's 11.00am Mass

Intention: Thanksgiving to God for Blessings
- Charisma and Alan Vaccaro

Monday 8th December

The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Solemnity, Principal Patron of the Diocese

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Thanksgiving – Fiona Navoa
Brooks – God's Will
- Mother-in-Law

Tuesday 9th December

Tuesday of Week 2 in Advent

- No Mass or Service today -

Wednesday 10th December

Wednesday of Week 2 in Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Isobel Jenkins (+) Anniv
- Rosemarie Jarman

Thursday 11th December

Thursday of Week 2 in Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Brooks Mcama
God's Will
- Mother-in-Law

Friday 12th December

Friday of Week 2 in Advent

St Anne's 10.00am Mass

Intention: People of the Parish
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Ss Austin & Gregory 5.30pm Mass

Intention: 'Paddy' - Wellbeing – Anon

Saturday 13th December

Saint Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, Memorial

Ss Austin & Gregory: 5.00pm Mass

Intention: Shane Kempster (+)
- Arnold and Valerie Kempster
and
William (Bill) Tobin (+) Anniv (4th)
Patrick Tobin

HOPE IN THE SCRIPTURES: THROUGH READING AND LIVING

The words of St Paul in his letter to the Romans are apt for us as a parish particularly this Season of Advent when he says, 'Brothers and sisters: whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope...' (cf Rm 15:4-9). This is in line with our Advent challenge as a parish to read the Scriptures this season, more than ever before and to persevere in doing so even after.

Beloved people of God, ignorance of the word of God is ignorance of Christ, says St Jerome and rightly so, for Christ is the word of God. It is this Word that takes flesh and dwells among us. However, there is more to this undertaking to read the word of God this season. It is in what Jesus says to his disciples that: '...not all those who say to me, "Lord, Lord," will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the person who does the will of my Father in heaven...' (cf Mt 7:21). That is why the encouragement this season is to allow the word to take flesh and dwell in us too. As many were not prepared to receive or accept him at his first coming, so are many, in our time, not ready or willing to let him in, to take flesh and to dwell. An acid test of this becomes manifest in the way we treat one another as people created in the image and likeness of God.

Therefore, we unite our prayers to those of St Paul, 'may the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with the voice of Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ (cf Rm 7:24-27).

Fr. Ted

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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

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”

8th December at SS Austin & Gregory

15th and 22nd December at St Anne's
Please be part of the Advent Preparation!

Cash Collection Sunday 9th November 2025

	St Anne's	Ss Austin & Gregory
Loose Plate	£135.18	£207.85
Gift Aid	£ 88.00	£143.86
	£223.18	£351.71

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

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*

TO CONTACT ST ANNE'S HALL please email to
stanneshall@margatecatholic.org

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

6th /7th December

FLOWERS FOR CHRISTMAS

The Immaculate Conception
of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A feast called the Conception of Mary arose in the
Eastern Church in the seventh century. It came to
the West in the eighth century. In the 11th century it
received its present name, the Immaculate
Conception. In the 18th century it became a feast of
the universal Church. It is now recognized as a
solemnity. In 1854, Pius IX solemnly proclaimed:
“The most Blessed Virgin Mary, in the first instant
of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege
granted by almighty God, in view of the merits of
Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was
preserved free from all stain of original sin.”

THANK YOU to all who supported the Advent
Morning in any way whatsoever. The event
raised £700 towards parish funds, thanks to your
support and generosity.

**REMINDER.... Parish Carol Service, Thursday
11th December, 6.00pm at St Anne's.**

Please bring along a small plate of sweet or
savory food, if possible, to support the
reception at the back of church following the
service.

The Parish Social Committee

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