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**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ss Austin & Gregory 9.00am**

Intention: Zuzana Dennis - God's Blessing  
Requested by: Sr Angela Cronin OSU

**St Anne's 11.00am Mass**

Intention: The Success of the Parish Day and  
God's Material and Spiritual Blessings on us all  
as we prepare for the Parish day

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**

Monday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time  
**Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am**

Intention: Chizara Oein, Thanksgiving to God  
for healing, and praying for general wellbeing  
Requested by: Obinna and Jennifer Njoku

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June**

Tuesday of Week 11 in Ordinary Time  
**NO MASS OR SERVICES TODAY**

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

Saint John Rigby, Martyr, Memorial  
**Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am**

Intention: Jennifer Eldridge and Sylvia Todd (+)  
Requested by: Ramona and Terry Braganza

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

Saint Alban, Martyr, Protomartyr of Britain,  
Memorial

**Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass**

Intention: Deceased members  
the Moloney Family  
Requested by: Bernie O'Grady

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

Saint Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious, Memorial  
**St Anne's 10.00am Mass**

Intention: Helen Escudier (+)  
Requested by: Peter Crompton and Family  
**Ss Austin & Gregory 5.30pm Mass**

Intention: Private Intention

Exposition 4.00pm, Confessions 4.30 – 5.00pm  
Rosary 5.00pm

**Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**

Saints John Fisher, Bishop, and Thomas More,  
Martyrs, Feast

**Ss Austin & Gregory: 5.00pm Mass  
Vigil Mass of the Sunday**

Intention: People of the parish

**TRUE PURPOSE FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS**

From the prophet Ezekiel we read that the Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches...I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green...' (cf. Ezk 17:22-24).

Beloved People of God, the true purpose of God's blessings to us is that we become a source of blessing to others. Like the tree that sprouts and bears fruits, so that every kind of bird will live beneath it and every winged creature rest in its shade...We can all count our blessings from God. Grateful persons are able to name God's blessings that they have received. They set out to be a source of blessing for others too. That's why the psalm says, 'it is good to give you thanks, O Lord. It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night' (cf. Ps 91)

The blessings and favours from God are often unmerited, this we must learn to acknowledge. The gospel narrative about what the kingdom of God is like shows how sometimes, knowingly and or unknowingly, God continues to shower his blessings on his creatures, on his people. 'A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing: how, he does not know...' (Mk 4:26-34). May we remain a grateful people through whom God blesses others.

**Fr. Ted**

**All to Jesus – Through Mary our Mother**

**A PRAYER FOR FATHERS ON FATHER'S DAY**

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us with your perfect heart of a father. We ask you this Father's Day and always to guide and protect the hearts of all men in fatherly roles who are striving to love with your heart and do your work. Give them pure, chaste, courageous, and creative hearts like Saint Joseph. Give them hearts that never tire of serving those they are called to love. Give them hearts that seek out their loved ones and gently turn their gaze to see You, who is Love. And we ask you, Father, to bless them abundantly today. We thank you for blessing us with those in fatherly roles in our lives. We entrust them to you. Amen

**PARISH DAY - 23<sup>rd</sup> JUNE 2024**  
**11.00am MASS at St Anne's**  
*See you there.....*

**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, Wesley John Whatford,  
Cathy Simmons; Teofila Ferrer

*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*

**CANON LUKE SMITH –  
OUR FORMER PARISH PRIEST**

As many of you will be aware Canon Luke has been unwell for the past few months. Please keep him in your prayers.

**Cash Collection Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

St Anne's		Ss Austin & Gregory
Loose Plate	£ 163.85	£172.56
Gift Aid	£ 58.00	£177.50
	<b>£ 221.85</b>	<b>£350.06</b>

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

**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY  
DAY FOR LIFE**

This is the day in the Church's life dedicated to celebrating the sacredness of life. The proceeds from this collection provide core funding for the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and to assist other life related activities supported by the Church, usually by means of grants made to support Catholic charities working in the particular field determined by the theme of the year.

**RED BOXES - MISSIO**

Red Boxes will be collected TODAY,  
Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June at St Austin & Gregory  
and at St Anne's

**SVP and CAFOD working together in the run up to the  
General Election**

As Catholics, we know that tackling poverty and injustice are among the most important issues politicians should act on. St Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD have produced a guide for Catholics for the General Election, with suggested questions to ask candidates. Please see [cafod.org.uk/encounter](http://cafod.org.uk/encounter) or [svp.org.uk/encounter](http://svp.org.uk/encounter) for information.

**MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE  
PARISH PRAYER FAMILY**

Meetings every Thursday evening  
**at 7.00pm**

(List of dates and venue available at the back of the church)

Please come and join us whenever you can.  
You will be very welcome

**Next Meeting – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June  
Saint Anne's Church Hall, Cliftonville**

**YOUTH MINISTRY – SVP**

Youth SVP (Saint Vincent de Paul) is for young people to join the Vincentian family. We intend to establish a group in our Parish. Paula Gaffney, who organises the Youth SVP at the Ursuline College, will be speaking to the **parishioners at St Anne's today.**

**The Legacy of Thomas More and John Fisher**

Both men were canonized by Pope Pius XI in 1935. Saint Thomas More was proclaimed the patron saint of statesmen and lawyers. He is remembered for his courageous integrity. Saint John Fisher was made the patron saint of the Diocese of Rochester, where he served as Bishop.

These men truly lived out Thomas More's message. Yes, they were faithful, hard-working servants of the state and their King, but they were faithful Catholics and followers of Christ first. Let us see these men as a model for our own lives and our own courage to stand up to unjust or dishonest laws.

*"I die the king's good servant,  
but God's first."*

(The last words of St Thomas More)

**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