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Sunday 1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory 9.00am

Intention: Riya Godwin
- Godwin Family

St Anne's 11.00am Mass

Intention: Katy and Belle
Celebrating their Baptism
- Sr. Angela Cronin OSU

Monday 2nd December

Monday of Week 1 in Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Bishop John Hine (+)
- Yvonne Murphy

Tuesday 3rd December

**Saint Francis Xavier, Priest, Memorial
Day of Prayer for Migrants**

NO MASS OR SERVICES TODAY

Wednesday 4th December

Wednesday of Week 1 in Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Darragh Curry – Well Being
- George Keating

Thursday 5th December

Thursday of Week 1 in Advent

Ss Austin & Gregory 10.00am Mass

Intention: Holy Souls

Friday 6th December

Saint Nicholas, Bishop

St Anne's 10.00am Mass

Intention: Shane Kempster
- Peter Crompton

Ss Austin & Gregory 5.30pm Mass

Intention: All those on the Parish List of the sick

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

Saturday 7th December

Saint Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

Ss Austin & Gregory: 5.00pm Mass

Intention: Breda Leavesley - Welfare
- Yvonne Murphy

TO WALK AND TO PLEASE GOD

As we begin this Advent journey, St. Paul says to us as to the Thessalonians of his day, 'Finally then, brothers and sisters, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus' (1 Thes 3:12-4:2). Already, in the opening prayer to this Mass, (Collect), the Church prays, 'Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming, so that gathered at his right hand, they may be worthy to possess the heavenly Kingdom...'

Beloved People of God, if we must learn how to walk and to please God, righteousness must be the hallmark of our thoughts, words and deeds on this journey of faith. After the example of our Lord, towards whose Kingdom we march as pilgrims, we must be a people capable of 'executing justice...in the land' (cf. Jer 33:14-15). We must resolve to increase and abound in love for one another and for all...with our hearts established, blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints' (cf. 1 Thes 3:12-4:2). That is the way to walk and to please God.

Trials and temptations will assail us on our way. We are determined therefore that this journey must be started in prayer, sustained by prayer and accomplished through prayer. We do not faint in fear, instead, we take to heart the words of the Lord himself, 'when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near...stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man' (cf. Lk 21:25-29, 34-36).

Fr. Ted

All to Jesus – Through Mary our Mother

Newsletter – Ss Austin & Gregory with St Anne – MARGATE
1st DECEMBER 2024

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - COMMISSIONING OF OUR PARISH COMMITTEES
This will take place at the 9.00am Mass at Margate and the 11.00am Mass at Cliftonville

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ADVENT PREPARATION - MONDAYS OF ADVENT
6.00pm to 7.00/7.15pm at Ss Austin & Gregory, Margate

There will be six Chapters from St Luke's Gospel to be read on each evening. Please sign on the list at the back of the church if you wish to volunteer.

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CAROL SERVICE - THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER – 6.00pm – St ANNE'S CHURCH
With pupils from St Gregory's School, St Joseph's and the Ursuline College

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PENITENTIAL SERVICE – WEDNESDAY 18th DECEMBER
FULL DETAILS NEXT WEEK

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, Teresa Skillington and
Breda Leavesley

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**

Our prayers continue for our former Parish Priest, Canon Luke. He is doing so well and sends his gratitude for all the prayers.

Cash Collection Sunday 3rd November 2024

	St Anne's	Ss Austin & Gregory
Loose Plate	£126.07	£225.29
Gift Aid	£ 38.00	£144.00
	£164.07	£369.29

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

**MOTHER OF DIVINE GRACE
PARISH PRAYER FAMILY**
Meetings every Thursday evening

Alternate two weeks at St Anne's Church Hall
and Ss Austin & Gregory Church Hall.

Next Meeting – Thursday 5th December
St Anne's Church Hall
at 7.00pm

MISSO RED BOXES

The Red Box collection will take place on
SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER

A Day With Mary.....

is taking place at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday 14th December (10.15am to 5.15pm). Mass will be celebrated by the Archbishop of Southwark, John Wilson. Further information is available to <https://www adaywithmary.org/>

REGISTER FREE

From today, every parishioner, as well as teachers and parents in our schools, has free and unlimited access to the workshops created by the world-renowned Catechetical Institute. From Scripture to parenting workshops, to catechetical training and mentoring, there is something for everyone. For information on how to register your free account visit: <https://aec.rcaos.org.uk/franciscan>

IMPORTANT WARNING

The Diocese have brought to our attention a scam email targeting the parishioners in the Diocese. These emails impersonate the parish priest, often using a similar email name and masking the real email address. They typically request the recipient to purchase Amazon or other gift cards as gifts for the priest. **Please be aware that no such request has or will be made to the members of this parish, not now or in the future.**

**THIS WEEKEND
SECOND COLLECTION FOR
CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

**For information regarding the hire of the Hall at St Anne's, please contact
Marjorie McGeown 07739 389142**

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