

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY &

ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY



MOST HOLY TRINITY 27th MAY 2018

Sat 26 th	6.30pm	James M ^c Donagh RIP
Sun 27 th	8.30am	Katherine Raven RIP
	10.30am	People of the Parish
Mon 28 th	10.00am	
Tue 29 th	10.00am	
Wed 30 th	10.00am	Deceased members of the Kane family
Thu 31 st	10.00am	Visitation of the blessed Virgin Mary
Fri 1 st	No mass	<i>Friday abstinence</i>

Please note that mass intentions as set out above may not always be read out, but the intention is offered

Holy Hour: Saturday 5.15 - 6.15 pm

Confessions: Saturday 5.45 - 6.15 pm

Or by appointment with Fr. Denis

Family Mass: 1st Sunday 10.30 am

Latin Mass: 1st Sunday 3.00 pm
(extraordinary form)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and

Parish Day of Prayer: 1st Wednesday 10.30 to 6.30pm

Children's liturgy: There will now be a regular 'family mass' on the first Sunday of every month. Children's liturgy will be held weekly at the 10.30 Sunday Mass.

Please remember in your prayers:



We pray especially for the sick of the parish and for those who care for and support them, especially, Ann Leech, Mick Balls. We remember those who have died recently: *especially Fr. Pat Sammon former parish priest of Holy Trinity Baldock*. And those anniversaries occur about this time. Mary Frazer, Edward Valentine Walsh, Rosina Insole, Gill Daniel, Mary Chivers, Elizabeth Miller, Philomena Geary, Helen Picking and Michael Raferty.

Saint Augustine of Canterbury

Today is the patronal feast of Our Parish, which gives way to the *Feast of the Holy Trinity*, but I thought it would be good to refresh ourselves of our parish patron St Augustine of Canterbury.

Christianity in Britain started early, but was largely submerged by the pagan Anglo-Saxon invasions of the fifth and sixth centuries. It remained alive only in the far west, which remained British because it was too remote and inaccessible for the invaders to attack.

It is said that Pope Gregory the Great saw some fair-haired Anglo-Saxon slaves exposed for sale in a market in Rome. He asked where they were from, and when he was told, replied non Angli, sed angeli - "not Angles, but angels," and determined to secure their evangelization.

Whatever the truth of that story, it is certain that Gregory did organise a party of thirty monks to travel to south-eastern England and spread the Gospel there, and chose as their leader Augustine, prior of the monastery of St Andrew in Rome. They landed in 597, and were welcomed by the king of Kent, Ethelbert, who became a Christian along with many of his subjects. A second wave of missionaries arrived in 601. Augustine went to Arles, in France, where he was consecrated archbishop of the English, and then returned to Canterbury to set up his see. The mission prospered, and he founded two more sees, at London and at Rochester in Kent.

The evangelization of the country was planned in close agreement with Pope Gregory, and took care to respect existing traditions. Pagan temples and holy places were not to be destroyed, but to be converted to Christian use; and pagan feasts were to be superseded by Christian ones. This is consistent with the pattern of evangelization throughout the first millennium, which saw Christianity as a fulfilment of what went before, rather than a contradiction of it. Even in Rome itself, temples of Juno had a tendency to become churches dedicated to Our Lady. In the far west of Britain, where British bishops had survived the pagan invasions - or where they had fled to escape them - Augustine was less successful in establishing his authority. The traditions of the Celtic church were different from the Roman ones, and bishops who had guided their people for generations were not about to submit to a jumped-up missionary from overseas. It took several generations for the whole of Great Britain to become Christian and for the English and British liturgical traditions to be reconciled.

Augustine died at Canterbury on 26 May 605.

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RCIA Course: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults programme consists of regular weekly meetings. If you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr Denis.

St. John's School is our Catholic Parish Primary School. Parish families are welcome to visit and have a tour of the school. Please come to the School Office or contact the Head teacher, Ms Alex Hanou on 01462 892478 The school website is www.stjohns4.herts.sch.uk

Newsletter: Please submit items for inclusion, preferably by Tuesday evening, by either emailing the dedicated newsletter email address (baldock.rcc@ntlworld.com) or handing them to Fr. Denis. Thank you

VATICAN NEWS
Remember that you can keep up with all the latest news from The Vatican at the Official Vatican Network www.news.va/en.

Your Safeguarding Representative is Tom Keating 07909892178 The Safeguarding Representative has special responsibility for promoting good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk.

Baldock Catholic Scout Group

For boys and girls aged 6 to 14. Contact: enquiries@2ndbaldockscouts.org.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

PETITION To help save women and their babies from the tragedy of abortion . This petition is to oppose any moves to restrict peaceful pro-life citizens' freedom of expression and freedom to pray outside abortion centres.

Please sign the petition which will be available after the Sunday Masses on 27th May. With many thanks

FIRST COMMUNION MASSES

DATES

9th June: 11am & 2pm

EXTRA- ORDINARY

EUCARIST MINISTERS' DAY

16th June 10am - 12.30pm finishing with lunch.

Please sign up for lunch if you are able to attend.

EXTRORDINARY MINISTERS A reminder to please sign the list if you are **able/not able** to come to our

Recommissioning morning on Saturday 16th June, 10am - 12.30pm.

RCIA 2018 - 2019

Are you an adult non-Catholic interested in exploring what Christianity and the Catholic faith are about? Are you thinking of becoming a Catholic? If your answer is yes, then the Holy Trinity RCIA programme (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be for you. It consists of regular weekly meetings, which begin on **12th June at 7.30 in the Holy Family room**; if you would like to find out more please speak directly to Fr. Denis or phone the parish office on 01462 893127.

Alternatively, contact your local parish priest as most parishes run a RCIA course.

OUR ANNUAL OPEN-AIR MASS & PARISH BARBECUE

8th July 10.30am:

it is planned to celebrate mass in the open air here in the garden, at 10.30, followed by a parish

barbeque. **THIS WILL BE THE ONLY MASS THAT WEEKEND.** We will need a lot of help this day especially with moving the benches; out a list will be put at the back of the church soon for people to volunteer to move the benches before the mass, we are looking for strong men to help move the benches, if there are not enough volunteers we will have to cancel the mass.

KNIT AND NATTER Our next meeting is Friday June 1st, 9.30 -11 in the Holy Family Room.

FUNERAL MASS OF FR. PAT SAMMON

the Requiem Mass for Fr Pat will take place at St Anthony's, Garrett Road, Edgware HA8 9AN on Thursday 14 June at 11am. His Eminence Cardinal Vincent Nichols will preside. Fr Pat's mortal remains will be taken home to Ireland for the Funeral Mass and burial at Quinn, County Clare. May he rest in peace.

A NEW FEAST DAY MARY MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

This week we celebrated a new feast, Mary the Mother of the Church. The Blessed Virgin Mary has been given the title of Mother of the Church since she gave birth to Christ, the Head of the Church, and she became the Mother of the redeemed people before her Son had given up the spirit on the Cross. Blessed Pope Paul VI solemnly confirmed the title in an address to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council on 21 November 1964 and decreed that the whole Christian people should, by the use of this beautiful title, give still greater honour to the Mother of God.

'The joyous veneration given to the Mother of God by the contemporary Church, in light of reflection on the mystery of Christ and on his nature, cannot ignore the figure of a woman (cf. Gal 4:4), the Virgin Mary, who is both the Mother of Christ and Mother of the Church. In some ways this was already present in the mind of the Church from the premonitory words of Saint Augustine and Saint Leo the Great. In fact the former says that Mary is the mother of the members of Christ, because with charity she cooperated in the rebirth of the faithful into the Church, while the latter says that the birth of the Head is also the birth of the body, thus indicating that Mary is at once Mother of Christ, the Son of God, and mother of the members of his Mystical Body, which is the Church' (*Decree of the Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship*).

MISSIO - APF MISSIONS A big 'Thank You' to all parishioners who took a red mission box home to start collecting for the missions, following the recent appeal. Those members who already had a red box, please leave yours at the back of the church to be emptied during May/June.

COLLECTION UPDATE

Collection for Sunday: Envelopes £ 324.20

Loose Plate £ 209.80

Thank you for your continuing generosity.