ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

A Parish under the care of the Augustinians

Newsletter

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe (Year A)
22nd November 2026

Gospel Teaching

Today's Gospel is often heard as a warning – about the consequences of not living a good life, about eternal punishment. And while fear can change behaviour for a time, it rarely changes the heart. It is this deeper change of heart that lies at the centre of Jesus' parable.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples – those who have already chosen to follow him – to live like him, to love like him, slowly to become more like him. This isn't simply about avoiding punishment, it is about transformation. It is about becoming the kind of people who see as Jesus sees and love as Jesus loves.

When we recognise that all creation comes into being through Jesus, the Word of God, we begin to see that he is present in every part of creation and in every person. No one is outside his presence. No one is beyond his love. This parable, then, is not just instruction, it is revelation. It reveals where Christ can be found: in those who are hungry, strangers, forgotten. It invites us to relate to others differently – more deeply, more attentively, more like Christ.

This Gospel is a first step in our response to the love Jesus has already shown us. We are invited – perhaps even challenged – to love those in need, especially those who at first glance seem to have nothing to offer us in return. Jesus knows that when we begin to serve others, when we allow ourselves to truly encounter people in their reality – not at a distance, but up close – we are changed. Our assumptions soften. Our fears lessen. Our hearts expand. We become more like him. We become who we were created to be – part of the Body of Christ, living and active in the world. In giving ourselves to others, we begin to recognise more deeply the selfless love God has for us. We realise that we have nothing with which to repay him – only the invitation to receive his love and to pass it on.

Like the story of David, when we move beyond seeing people as strangers and begin to truly know them, something shifts. The kingdom grows – not in dramatic moments but in quiet, human encounters.

And this must be held alongside one of Jesus' most challenging teachings – to love your enemy. When we begin to see those who hurt us not simply as enemies, but as people acting from places of brokenness or need, it changes how we respond. It doesn't excuse their behaviour – but it opens the possibility of love, of patience, of mercy. And when we recognise that Christ is present in them too, our desire for retribution begins to give way to a desire for restoration. In that moment, the kingdom comes a little closer.

(*The Living Word, Redemptorist Publication*)

MASS TIMES

Sunday:
9 am, 10.30 am, 12.15 pm, 6:30 pm
Monday to Friday:
8 am & 12.15 pm
Saturday: 12.15 pm, 6 pm (Vigil)
Holy Days of Obligation:
8 am, 12.15 pm & 7 pm

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See also: **https://www.vaticannews.va/en/word-of-the-day.html**
Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17; R. Psalm 23(22):1-2a. 2b-3. 5. 6. R. 1; 1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28; Matthew 25:31-46.

PARISH DIARY

Sunday 22nd November *Christ the King*
Masses: 9 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm, 6:30 pm
COP: Youth Day

Monday 23rd November *Ss Clement & Columban*
8 am Mass
12 noon - The Angelus
12:15 pm Mass

Tuesday 24th November *St Andrew Dung-Lac*
8 am Mass
12 noon – The Angelus
12:15 pm Mass

Wednesday 25th November *St Catherine of Alexandria*
8 am Mass
12 noon - The Angelus
12:15 pm Mass

Thursday 26th November *Feria*
8 am Mass
12 noon – The Angelus
12:15 pm Mass

Friday 27th November *Feria*
8 am Mass
12 noon – The Angelus
12:15 pm Mass

Saturday 28th November *BVM*
10:30 am Exposition/Confession
12 noon - The Angelus
12:15pm Mass
6 pm Mass Vigil

Sunday 29th November *First Sunday of Advent*
Masses: 9 am, 10:30 am, 12:15 pm, 6:30 pm

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PARISH LIFE

Announcement

Due to several incidents of vandalism experienced by the church, we regret to inform you that the interior door of the church will be closed after the rosary following the 12:15 pm Mass. However, the church porch will stay open for those who want to pray until 5 pm. On Saturdays, the doors will re-open at 5pm for the 6pm mass and on Sundays, it will re-open at 5:30 pm for the 6:30pm mass. Apologies for the inconvenience.

Augustinian Laity - Augustinian Laity is a group of Lay Faithful who share a desire to live their Christian vocation according to the life, teaching and example of St Augustine of Hippo, and the tradition and spirituality of the Order of St Augustine, for the service of the Church and the proclamation of God's kingdom. Please join us to understand the life and teaching of St Augustine, to pray as a community, for friendship and to support the training of students in the Augustinian formation to become friars and Priests to serve the people of God. For more information and to register email: **layaugustinians@theaugustinians.org**

Data Protection Regulations - Please note that on account of GDPR law we can only provide certificates (Baptism, Confirmation, etc.) to the person who has the rights to their data. This will be the parents or carers if the person is under eighteen, or the person themselves if they are eighteen or older.

Website - To view the newsletter via our website; from the Homepage, click on News and Events, click on Newsletters from the drop-down menu, click on *"Latest Newsletter"*.

Car Parking - The managing agents have installed ANPR. Please note that for weekend Masses (Saturday evening and Sunday up until 1:30 pm), the gate will be open around Mass times. Parking spaces for Saturday evening Mass are limited. **For any Masses or services during the week, i.e., Weekday Masses, Funerals, Baptisms and Weddings,** you will have to book a space, which can be done online at **https://parkbee.com**

Piano Lessons - Our organist, Antonio who is a dedicated and passionate Piano Teacher for over ten years (currently working as a Piano Tutor at the Royal College of Music in London), is offering fun but professional piano lessons to both adults and children. It does not matter what age you are! Please contact him at **antonio.morabito95@hotmail.it** if you are interested.

Live Streaming Masses and Services - To watch our Masses and services live, please visit our YouTube channel: **@TheAugustiniansUK** during the scheduled service times.



For your awareness:
The sanctuary area is monitored each mass via livestream, serving as a focal point for prayer and contemplation for congregants who are at home. Please be aware that if you are present in this area, your image and actions may be captured on the livestream.

CCTV in the Church - There is ongoing 24/7 CCTV recording in the Church.

Church Shop - Opening Times
Monday to Friday - 11.45 am to 1.30 pm
Saturday 11.45 am to 1.30 pm 5.30 pm to 7 pm
and every Sunday between 8.30 am - 2 pm

OPENING TIMES, DEVOTIONS AND PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Church Opening Times for Individual Prayer
Weekdays: 7 am to 5 pm
Saturdays: 9:30 am until after the 6 pm Mass
Sundays: 8 am until after the 6:30 pm Mass

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament - Saturday 10:30 am – 11:45 am

Reconciliation - Saturday 10:30 am to 11:45 am

The Angelus - Every day at 12 noon.

Novena Mass to Sto. Niño - Every First Friday of the month at 7 pm.

Holy Rosary - (Led by parishioners) recited daily after the 8 am Mass (Monday to Friday) & 12.15 pm Mass Mondays to Saturdays.

VOLUNTEERING/JOB VACANCIES

Can you Help? We are still in need of more volunteers to come forward for the various ministries in the Church.

Sign Language Volunteer - We are looking for volunteers to help provide sign language support during Masses for parishioners with hearing difficulties. This ministry plays a vital role in making our liturgies welcoming and accessible to all. Kindly, contact the parish office.

Church Cleaning – To continue caring for our church, we are looking for more volunteers to join our cleaning team. This is a simple but meaningful way to serve the Lord and our parish community. If you can spare a little time weekly or monthly, please speak to Antonia on Mondays after the 8 am Mass.

Would you like to join the Choir? – Please contact Antonio, our choir director: **antonio.morabito95@hotmail.it** or the parish office.

Readers - If you would like to read at any of the Sunday Masses, please email Simone, staugustinesreaders@yahoo.co.uk

Diocesan Job Vacancies - For current job vacancies, visit https://jobs.rcdow.org.uk/

LITURGY

Table of Moveable Feasts 2026

Christ the King	22 November
First Sunday of Advent	29 November

Bold entries denote Holydays of Obligation in England and

SACRAMENTS

Baptisms - More information from the Parish Office.

First Holy Communion 2027 – 12th June 2027. Applications are now closed.

Confirmation 2027 – 22nd May 2027. Application are now closed.

Home Visit for the Sick - Please contact the Parish Office.

Marriages - If you would like to get married, we need at least six months notice or longer if you wish to marry abroad. You also need to attend a Marriage Course. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

RCIA (Rite of Catholic Initiation for Adults) – Applications are now closed.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Baptism Course – Sunday 29th November at 2:30pm, will be the next schedule for the course. Please note that there will be no Baptism Course in December.
If you wish to attend the course, kindly contact the Parish Office by email or telephone to have your name added to the list.

RENEW - You are warmly invited to RENEW, a day of prayer, renewal, and encounter. This event takes place on the first Saturday of the month at St Augustine's Church, from 10am to 4pm. For more information look for the poster in the foyer or contact the parish office.

Advent Retreat for Young Adults – with the Assumption Sisters on Saturday 5th December 2026, 10am – 6pm. Venue: Milleret House, 20 Kensington Sq., Lonson, W8 5HH. £5 registration fee, subsidized student places available on request. Register at rebecca@assumpta-eu.org

Inclusive Mass at Our Lady of Fatima, White City - Join Caritas St Joseph's for an Inclusive Mass on 28 November, 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm. Open to all, we especially invite people with intellectual disabilities, their family and friends!

Divine Mercy Ministries UK - is celebrating the Holy Father's proclamation of the **"Year of Our Lady of Guadalupe",** (12 October 2026 to 12 October 2027). We are going to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, at the RC Church of the Holy Child and St Joseph, Bedford MK40 1HU on OLOG Feast Day Saturday 12 December 2026 from 11 am to 4 pm. There will be Adoration, Rosary for Peace, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Testimonies and Holy Mass. Coaches from Slough and Ealing. Please call Millie 07957594646 for more information.

Carol Service & Parish Christmas Party

Join us on **Sunday 13th December 2026** for our Carol Service, followed by our Parish Christmas Party in the Church Hall. Come along and enjoy some festive fun and fellowship as we celebrate the joy of Christmas together!

Don't forget to wear your favourite Christmas jumper!

If you are able, we would be very grateful for donations of Christmas hampers for our raffle. Please contact Kay for baskets.

Contributions of food to share are also very much welcome.

We look forward to seeing you all and celebrating the Christmas season together!

Everyone is welcome!

Simbang Gabi – This special Christmas novena will take place from 15 to 23 December at 8.00 pm in St Augustine's Church. All are warmly welcome!

SCHOOLS

St Augustine's Catholic Primary School - Open days:
Monday 23rd November – 2pm
Friday 27th November – 10am
Please contact the school office on 020073854333 or email admin@stau.sjscat.co.uk to book a school visit.

COMMUNITY MASS LIST

22nd – 28th November 2026

Recently Deceased:
Bridget Kennally, Betty O'Shea, John Concannon, Anna Kielty, Bridie Kelly, Daniel Murphy, Maureen McCrohan, Peter Francis Brennan,Franco Juanito Sillah Ocampo.

Anniversary:
Noel Hargan.

Deceased:
Lena Silva, Sharona Silva, Michael McLoughlin, Winnie Corrigan & James Donnelly, Tom Cooke, Gleeson Cooke & family.

Intentions:
Holy Souls, Medhin, Helen Murphy & family, Margaret & Andrew McIlvaney, Annlise Van Zoellen & family, Souls in Purgatory, Healing of Chris, Rybarczyk children & parents, Cooke family.

Thanksgiving:
Agatha Odoh-Tadafe & family, St Peregrine, Holy Souls.

Get Well:
Mary O'Connor, Nuala Cooney, Catherine Dineen, Manda Cipcic.

Birthday:
Benjamin Marquez (RIP), Mary McTigue, Paul & family (Mary, Dona, Honey & Aujana), Maria Padrao, Antonia Alves Short.

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING

We thank those who have continued to support our Parish during these times.

If you would like to make a donation, please scan the QR code:

or use the following details:

Name:	WRCDT - HAMMERSMITH
Account No:	11308262
Sort Code:	40-05-20
Bank:	HSBC
Ref:	Your name

If you are a UK Taxpayer, you can complete a Gift Aid form from the Parish Office. We can claim back 25p in every £1 you donated

Ways you can Give

Gift Aid Box - If you feel that you are able to make regular donations, and would like a gift aid box, please complete the Parish Gift Aid Form/Standing Order Form (available from the Church Porch) and return it to the Parish Office.

By Standing Order - You may wish to set up a standing order for your donations, if so, please complete the standing order instruction on the Parish Gift Aid Form and return the completed form to the Parish Office.

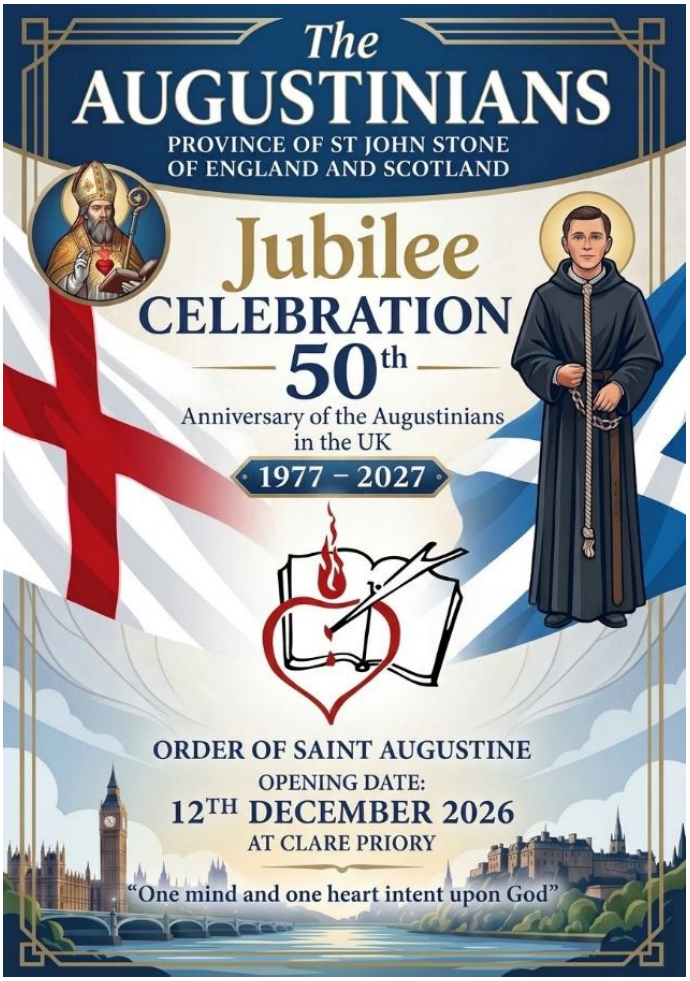
One Off Donations - If you are visiting the parish and would like to make a one-off donation, please pick up a donation envelope available from the Church porch, fill in and place in the offertory collection. Your donation can help our parish and make your gift go further.

Not donated in a while and would like to start giving again? If anyone has not donated for a while, we have ended your box. If you would like to start giving again by planned giving envelopes, please complete the Gift Aid form and return it to the Parish and you will be issued with a new number and box.

Mass Collection for last week: **£ 1,044.02**
Second Collection Sick & Retired Priests : **£ 262.85**
Tea & Coffee for last week: **£ 52.01**

Contactless Payment Machines - If you wish for your donation to be gift-aided, please ensure that you fully complete the gift aid section. If you prefer, or if the machines are not working, for whatever reason, you can scan the QR code, which you will find above the machines, just enter your donation amount, input your card details in the normal way. Please don't forget to Gift Aid!

Foodbank - We are still collecting items for the Food Bank that can help families who are struggling. Please use the box in the porch for dried, tinned and packet foods (especially fish, vegetable/fruits) and toiletries. Thank you.



World Youth Day
22 November 2026

"Bring to Christ your questions and your wounds, but also the wounds that tear apart your societies and set your countries against one another."
"Bring to Him this creation that groans and suffers, the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor, which Pope Francis taught us to hear. Share with Jesus your joys and hopes."
"Do not settle for a life that falls short of the one to which Christ calls you."

Pope Leo XIV