

## PARISH OF SAINT AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

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### Parish Deacon

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*There is usually someone in the parish office to receive calls on weekday mornings.*

### THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT (Year A)

#### Sunday 15th December 2013 - Gaudete Sunday

#### TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday	14th Dec.	10.00 a.m.	<b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b>
		6.00 p.m.	<i>(Anthony Blackwell RIP)</i>
Sunday	15th Dec.	8.30 a.m.	<i>(Anna Brennan RIP)</i>
		10.30 a.m.	<i>(Pauline Pallett -private intention)</i>
Tuesday	17th Dec.		<b>No Mass</b>
Wednesday	18th Dec.	10.30 a.m.	<i>(Michael Kelly RIP)</i>
Thursday	19th Dec.	12.05 p.m.	<i>(Sydney, Helen &amp; Joan Whittington RIP)</i>
Friday	20th Dec.	10.30 a.m.	<i>(Oliver Brannigan RIP)</i>
Saturday	21st Dec.	6.00 p.m.	<i>(Tom Alderman RIP)</i>
Sunday	22nd Dec.	8.30 a.m.	<i>(John Wallace RIP)</i>
		10.30 a.m.	<i>(Sylvia Falvey - private intention)</i>

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 5.15 p.m.- 5.45 p.m.

#### EXPOSITION

Wednesday after Mass until noon

#### ROSARY

Friday 10.00 a.m.

#### ORDINARIATE MASSES

Sunday 5.30 p.m. & Wednesday 7.00 p.m.



#### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 14th Dec - Anthony Blackwell RIP (Beryl Blackwell's intention). Sun 15th Dec, 8.30am - Anne Brennan RIP (Marie Hawken's intention). Sun 8th Dec, 10.30am - Pauline Pallett (Private intention). Wed 18th Dec - Michael Kelly RIP (Mollie Cundy's intention). Thurs 19th Dec - Sydney, Helen & Joan Whittington RIP (Lyn Whittington's intention). Fri 20th Dec - Oliver Brannigan RIP (Lyn Whittington's intention). Sat 21st Dec - Tom Alderman RIP (Angela Alderman's intention). Sun 22nd Dec, 8.30am - John Wallace RIP (Teresa Wallace's intention). Sun 22nd Dec, 10.30am - Sylvia Falvey (Private intention).

#### WEEDAY MASSES

There is no Mass on Tuesday this week as Mount Charles School is holding its Carol Services here at St. Augustine's during the afternoon and evening of the 17th December.

#### FAREWELL GIFT TO BISHOP CHRISTOPHER

Many thanks to all who gave a donation towards Bishop Christopher's leaving gift from the lay people of the diocese. This week a cheque for £234.70 was sent by our parish to add to that gift. This will be presented to him before Christmas.

#### FR. PETER'S ADVENT LETTER

If you have not received a copy of Fr. Peter's letter please let the Parish Office have details of your name and address (yellow forms are available in the Narthex) so that one can be sent to you and you do not miss out next time! If you have moved house in the past twelve months and have not yet informed the Parish Office, please let Sarah know as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & THE WORD

If you wish to and have not already done so, please sign up this weekend on the list in the Entrance Porch to indicate your availability for the Christmas Masses and the Masses for the Sunday after Christmas.

#### CHRISTMAS OFFERING

The Christmas Offerings go direct to the Parish Priest. If you pay tax or give by standing order and would like to gift aid your offering (£10 or over), please place your donation in one of the bright blue 'Gift Aid' envelopes available in the Narthex. Those of you who regularly use envelopes can use the Christmas Offering envelope included in the pack you use for your weekly donation. Thank you.



## **DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2014**

The 2014 issue of the Diocesan Year book is now available in the Narthex, price £3.25. Please place your money in the wall box in the Porch. Thank you.

## **ADVENT GIVING TREE**

Throughout Advent our Giving Tree will be in the Narthex. By choosing a card or envelope from the tree you can bring a cash donation or a gift for local homeless people this Christmas (gifts should be new and a label from the tree should be attached to your present). The charities that will benefit this year are *St. Petroc's Society* (helping single homeless people in Cornwall), *STAK* (providing hot meals for the homeless and disadvantaged of St. Austell) and the *Devon and Cornwall Refugee Support Council*. This is the one time a year that we specifically collect for our local homeless. Please be as generous as you are able Thank you

## **BLESSING OF EXPECTANT MOTHERS**

During all Masses next weekend, *4th Sunday of Advent*, there will be an opportunity for expectant mothers to receive a blessing. If you would like to avail yourself of this blessing please make yourself known to Fr. Peter or Deacon John before Mass next weekend.

## **APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA - Urgent Appeal**

John Pinhay, the AOS Chaplain in the South West is appealing for warm clothing for our visiting seamen at the South West Ports in the current cold weather. If you can donate any clean clothing that is in good repair - jumpers, fleeces, jackets, socks, plus hats and fingerless gloves of course, please bring them to church, labelling the bags 'AOS St. Augustine's'. Thank you in anticipation. Ann Bassett, Parish Contact.,

## **PAR DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER**

Carol Singing outside the Co-op at St. Blazey on Tuesday 24th December at 10.30am. All are welcome.

## **THE JOY OF THE GOSPEL**

"The joy of the Gospel fills the hearts and lives of all who encounter Jesus" but how do we communicate that joy to others? Pope Francis has written to us about the challenge to proclaim the Gospel to our neighbours and fellow parishioners. 'Gather 2014' is a weekend open to all, to consider the sort of people Pope Francis is challenging us to become - a weekend of inspiring speakers, relaxation and laughter, prayer and devotion, and a few good meals! Book on-line at [www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/gather2014](http://www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/gather2014) or pick up a leaflet from the Narthex. Alternatively you can give Debbie or Sancha a ring on 01364 645390 for more details.

## **CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ST. AUSTELL**

We are warmly invited to join with Christians from all traditions in a joyful celebration of our Christian faith in God Incarnate, singing carols together at the 'Great Big Christmas Sing' on *Saturday 21st December at 12.00 noon* in White River Place (outside the Eden Cafe).

## **CALLING ALL ACTORS AND SINGERS**

Unleashed Theatre Company are looking for actors and singers for their next production, 'Godspell', which is being performed in May 2014 at Buckfast Abbey. This will be the fifth production at Buckfast. We are looking for anyone who would like an opportunity to sing, act or help backstage in what will be a really uplifting and enjoyable community event. Our ethos is Christian based which is why we specialise in productions that really have something positive to say. 'Godspell' is a wonderful musical and is a true classic. So if you can sing, act, or move and fancy making a whole load of new friends by being part of this dynamic Community Theatre Project then please come along.' Music rehearsals will start in the new year. If you are interested in getting involved then please call 07792241356 for details.

## **COLLECTIONS**

*The parish collection total below does not include Standing Orders which average at £338 per week. All cheques should be made payable to 'PRCDTR St. Austell Parish'.*

Parish Collection: £586.86; Candles: £15.04; Coffee: £11.12; Parish Maintenance Fund: £10.81; Bishop's Collection: £138.20; Cafod Connect 2 Ethiopia Jar: £34.35; Cafod Philippine Typhoon Appeal: £10.00.

## **SICK AND HOUSEBOUND**

Please remember in your prayers all those in the parish who are sick or housebound.

## **CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Christmas Eve:**

*Christingles (for Infants) ~ 4.00pm*

*Midnight Mass preceded by Carols & Readings ~ 11.30pm*

**Christmas Day:**

*Masses at 8.30am & 10.30am*

### **Parish Safeguarding Representatives**

Karen Waters - Tel: 01726 842372  
Pat Whitehouse - Tel: 01726 814415

### **Diocesan Safeguarding Office**

Tel: 01364 645390

*"You have made us for yourself,  
O Lord, and our hearts  
are restless until they rest in you."*

*(St Augustine of Hippo)*

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