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

THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT (Yr B)

Sunday 14th December 2014

GAUDETE SUNDAY

TIMES OF MASSES & SERVICES

Saturday	13th Dec.	6.00 p.m.	<i>(Anthony Blackwell RIP)</i>
Sunday	14th Dec.	8.30 a.m.	<i>(The Parish)</i>
		10.30 a.m.	<i>(Douglas Springate RIP)</i>
Tuesday	16th Dec.		No Mass
Wednesday	17th Dec.	10.30 a.m.	<i>(Michael Kelly RIP)</i>
Thursday	18th Dec.	12.05 p.m.	<i>(Monica Davis RIP - Month Mind)</i>
Friday	19th Dec.	10.30 a.m.	<i>(Nora Skerry RIP - Month Mind)</i>
		7.00 p.m.	Advent Penitential Service with Exposition and Benediction
Saturday	20th Dec.	10.00 a.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation
		6.00 p.m.	<i>(Ivo Whittington RIP)</i>
Sunday	21st Dec.	8.30 a.m.	<i>(The Parish)</i>
		10.30 a.m.	<i>(George Mayhew RIP)</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 13th Dec - Anthony Blackwell RIP (Beryl Blackwell's intention). Sun 14th Dec, 10.30am - Douglas Springate RIP (Jo Daniel's intention). Wed 17th Dec - Michael Kelly RIP (Mollie Cundy's intention). Thurs 18th Dec - Monica Davis RIP (Month Mind Mass). Fri 19th Dec - Nora Skerry RIP (Month Mind Mass). Sat 20th Dec - Ivo Whittington RIP (Lyn Whittington's intention). Sun 21st Dec, 10.30am - George Mayhew RIP (Jacqui Milford's intention).

JACEK KOSTUCH'S ORDINATION AS A DEACON

Many of you will know that one of our parishioners, Jacek Kostuch, has been training for the priesthood for a number of years now. This **Saturday 13th December**, Jacek will be ordained a deacon by Bishop Mark O'Toole at Wonersh Seminary, along with three others (one also from this diocese and two from other dioceses). This is obviously a very important step in Jacek's journey towards priesthood. Please do pray for him and the others being ordained at this time. Fr. Peter will be representing the parish at the ordination and so will be away next weekend. Jacek should then be ordained priest sometime next summer.

FR. PETER'S ADVENT LETTER

There are still some of Fr. Peter's Advent letters that need to be distributed. We would be very grateful if you would take time to look for any envelopes in your area and deliver them if you are able. Thank you.

WEEKDAY MASSES

Please note that there will be no Mass this **Tuesday 16th December** as Mount Charles School is holding its carol services in the afternoon and evening of that day.

ADVENT PENITENTIAL SERVICE

There will be a **Non-Sacramental** Penitential Service with Benediction and Exposition here at St. Augustine's this coming **Friday 19th December at 7.00pm**, followed by tea/coffee and biscuits in the Narthex.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

During Advent we prepare to re-affirm our welcome to God in our lives as we celebrate the birth of His Son. One way in which we are enabled to deepen our relationship with Christ and his Church is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Fr. Robbie Low will be available to hear confessions on the morning of **Saturday 20th December from 10.00am until 11.00am.**

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.

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.

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. Also, if you have not already done so, please collect your new rotas from the letter rack in the Porch.

ADVENT GIVING TREE

Our Advent Giving Tree is set up in the Narthex until Christmas. It's the one time in the year that we seek donations to support our local homelessness charities and the Devon and Cornwall Refugee Centre in Plymouth. If you are able to help, please take a card or an envelope (for the charity of your choice) from the tree and bring it back with your gift the following week. Cash goes into the wooden collection box; gifts go into the box at the foot of the tree. Thank you.

ALTERNATIVE GIFTS FOR CHRISTMAS

Catalogues for CAFOD "World Gifts" and "Cornish Christmas Giving" are available in the Narthex and Porch. Through these schemes you will be able to donate to CAFOD or to any of 20 Cornish Charitable Organisations on behalf of a family member or friend. You also receive an elegant gift certificate to pass on.

APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA

May I take this opportunity to thank Ann Bassett and her team who made up Santa's Helpers last Friday. The team was able to wrap 40 Christmas parcels from the gifts donated by parishioners. I have already started to deliver parcels to vessels calling in at Fowey Docks and will continue with this throughout December. Many thanks for all your support as with out your generosity I would not be able to share God's love in this way.
John Pinhay
Port Chaplain Fowey & Falmouth

EBOLA

CAFOD is inviting the Catholic community to hold all those affected by the Ebola epidemic in their prayers this weekend. Please pray for the sick and the dying, the health workers caring for them, for those who mourn, and for the priests, imams and other faith leaders who are serving their communities. May God grant them strength, courage and comfort.

DIOCESAN YEAR BOOK 2015

The 2015 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.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ST. AUSTELL - The Big Christmas Sing

We are warmly invited to join with Christians from all traditions in celebrating the birth of our Lord, singing carols together on *Saturday 20th December at 12.00 noon* in White River Place (outside the Eden Cafe).

PAR DISTRICT CHURCHES TOGETHER

Carol Singing outside the Co-op at St. Blazey on *Wednesday 24th December at 10.30am*. All are welcome. The collection will go to St. Petros.

IT IS THE LORD - February 6th-8th, Toorak Hotel, Torquay

A weekend with Bishop Mark and Fr Stephen Wang to explore how as a diocese we might respond to Pope Francis' call to make evangelisation our priority. An exciting moment in the life of our local Church as we anticipate the future with fresh hope. The weekend is open to all, but is especially useful for parish council members, catechists, teachers, parents and anyone who is excited about evangelisation. There are booking forms available in the Narthex and for more details contact Debbie on 01364 645393 or go on line to www.plymouth-diocese.org.uk/gather2015.

COLLECTIONS - Thank you

The parish collection total below does not include Standing Orders which average at £330 per week. All cheques should be made payable to 'PRCDTR St. Austell Parish'.

Parish Collection: £524.75; Candles: £14.75; Coffee: £12.00; Flowers: £8.50; Cafod Ethiopia Jar: £4.02; APF: £60.51; Parish Breakfast: £14.85.

SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

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

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***"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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