

ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH

A parish under the care of the Augustinians

Newsletter

28 July - 25 August 2019

The Meaning of Life

I recall my earliest days pondering about life and its meaning. Where have we come from and where are we going? What is life all about? There are different answers given by people. Some see life as just passing through and then dying, ceasing to exist and that is it. Various philosophers down through the centuries have seen a purpose and reason for our existence while some have seen life as meaningless and without a purpose. Today we are told that 90% of people believe in an after-life.

That does not surprise me because of my Christian belief. St Augustine back in the fourth century said, 'you have made us for yourself, O Lord and our hearts are restless until they rest in you.' We all desire peace, inner peace, that knowledge and awareness that we are accepted and loved, loved by God, forgiven by Him for our sins and failings. The disciples of Jesus were upset when he spoke about his dying and leaving them but he said to them, 'I am going ahead of you to prepare a place for you and after I have gone and prepared a place for you, I will return to take you with me so that where I am you may be too.' Jesus died and rose again, went to a new life, a life without pain, suffering and death, a life beyond the grave where there is perfect peace and fulfilment. Life is more than 50, 70 or more years on this earth. It is life without end, in the presence of God.

Of course there are those who doubt this because we believe in One whom we cannot see or hear or touch or feel in the way we can see each other. We accept this in faith, because Christ said so. He did miraculous things while on earth and when people doubted him, he said, if you cannot believe me believe in the things I do.

*Fr Mark Minihane O.S.A.
Prior*

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest - Fr Barry Clifford O.S.A. (*from 1st September 2019*). Please contact Fr Gladson Dabre O.S.A. in the interim via the Parish Office.

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday: 9am - 3pm
Tuesday to Friday: 10am - 3pm

SAFEGUARDING

Anne Renders
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ORDER OF SAINT AUGUSTINE (O.S.A.)

Fr Mark Minihane O.S.A. - Prior
Bishop Emeritus Michael Campbell O.S.A. -
In Residence
Fr Jacob Choi O.S.A. - Psychotherapist -
(info@jacobchoi.net)
Fr Gladson Dabre O.S.A. - School Chaplain,
Director of Vocations & Discernment Community
Fr Anthony Zabbey O.S.A. - Further Studies

PARISH GROUPS

Full list available on Parish Website

Altar Servers - Caren Deloughery
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Children's Liturgy of the Word - Jason Purcell
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Readers - Anabel Simpson
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Sick & Housebound - Fr Gladson Dabre OSA
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Youth Group - Fr Gladson & Desmond Meehan
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AUGUSTINIANS

Summer Newsletter

This newsletter covers the period 28 July-25 August:

28 July 2019 ■ Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 August 2019 ■ Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 August 2019 ■ Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 August 2019 ■ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

25 August ■ Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time.

A Prayer for the Holiday

Dear Lord, how we have waited for this holiday, and now it's finally here.

Thank you Lord for the opportunity to take a break from our daily routines and to replenish our minds, bodies and souls so that they may better serve you.

Sometimes our expectations for holidays are unrealistic and we find ourselves disappointed when things don't go our way. Help us not to worry about having the PERFECT holiday but to relax and enjoy every moment, whatever it may bring.

We are grateful for the joys that await us whether they be the beauty of your creation, recreation with family or friends, or peace and solitude.

Watch over us and protect us as we travel and bring us safely home again refreshed and renewed. **Amen.**

Parish Office - Summer Holidays

The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 19th August and will re-open on Monday 2nd September.

Parish Feast Day

Wednesday 28 August is the Feast of our Patron, Saint Augustine. Masses at 8 am and 12.15 pm on that day.

Please join the community to celebrate our patronal feast.

2019 Dates for your Diary

Thursday 15 August

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) – Masses at 8 am and 12.15 pm (solemn), 7pm
Confessions available after every Mass

Wednesday 28 August

Feast of St Augustine – Masses at 8 am and 12.15 pm (solemn)

Sunday 1 September – 12.15 pm

Solemn Mass with special intention for Cardinal Cormac Murphy O'Connor (second anniversary)

Sunday 22 September, 9.30 am - 1.45 pm

I can do that Sunday / Welcome back weekend (Volunteer fair)

Saturday 28 September, 12.15 pm Mass

Feast of St Lorenzo Ruiz

(organised by the Filipino community with a festival afterwards). All are welcome.

Sunday 15 December, 4 pm

The Parish Carol Service & Christmas Celebration

Parish News

Provincial Council Meeting

At a recent Provincial Council meeting, new appointments were made throughout the Province. Fr Barry Clifford (Parish Priest) and Fr Tomas Jr Banayag (Assistant Priest) will join the Hammersmith community and Fr Jacob Choi and Fr Anthony Zabbey are going to Hoxton. These movements will take place at the end of August/beginning of September.

Another Parish Safeguarding Representative needed

As a busy parish with lots of volunteers, we need a second person to work alongside our current safeguarding rep, Anne Renders, to promote good and safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and adults at risk within the parish, and to ensure that all relevant parish roles and volunteers have DBS Disclosures in place. This is a voluntary role that requires a few hours per week, good organisation and admin skills (including computer skills) and, ideally, some experience of DBS procedures in a parish/school/other environment. A DBS check will be required and full training will be provided by the Diocese of Westminster. If you would like to receive an information pack, ask any questions or have an informal discussion about the role, please contact the parish office.

First Saturday of the month - Saturday 3rd August

Blessing of the Water, Salt and Oil

Fr. Gladson Dabre O.S.A. will be blessing Water, Salt and Oil after the 12:15 mass. You are most welcome to join in this first Saturday devotion. If you wish to take any of this blessed materials home please bring empty containers.

Liturgy

Altar Servers

Parents please remember that we still need altar servers help throughout the summer holidays! Please ensure children sign up in the sacristy for the Sundays over the next few weeks when you are in Hammersmith. Your help and support keeping everything going over the summer months is especially appreciated by the priests in the community, visiting priests and those visiting West London on holiday over the summer!

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers

Please pay careful attention to the rota over the coming weeks. With so many people being away over the coming weeks it's really important we people to fulfil all these important liturgical ministries in the mass. ***If you're unable to fulfil your duty on the day you're rostered please kindly take responsibility to find a replacement and note this on the master rota in the Sacristy.*** Thanks for all you do.

Music Ministry

resumes at Sunday morning masses on 8 September.

Parish Groups

Church Cleaners

We need more church cleaners - if you can spare an hour on a Monday morning after the 8am Mass, please come along.

Cafe Agostino - Date to be confirmed.

Children Playgroup - will resume on 13th September

Friday during term time 10am-12noon in the Augustinian Centre. Contact: hammersmith@rcdow.org.uk.

International Drama Group

The group needs more actors! All ages are welcome! Wednesdays, 1:30pm to 3pm in the Augustinian Centre. Contact: Lani 0207 602 9255 for more information.

Youth Group

Will take a break over the summer holidays and return on Friday 27th September from 7 to 8.30pm. As before for the Parish Youth Group, Juniors from 9 to 11 and Seniors from 12 to 17 are all invited to part take in games, XBOX, Wii, snacks and music in the Augustinian Hall.

Young Adults

Sunday Pub

All young adults are welcome to join after the 6:30pm Mass on Sunday evening outside the church to go to a local pub.

Food for Thoughts - Friday 16 August at 7.30pm

A delicious mix of nourishment for your body and soul. Come and share a meal and reflect on Augustinian spirituality with other young adults.

For young adults between 18 to 35 years old
3rd Friday of the month from 7.30pm - Villanova Room, Augustinian Centre. Please bring food!

Sacraments

Baptism - Next baptism preparation session: **Tuesday 10th September at 7:15pm** in the Augustinian Centre behind the church. Please come without your baby/infant if possible. Please book in advance through the Parish Office. When attending the session please ensure one of the Catholic parents bring along a copy of their baptism certificate.

First Holy Communion - Open to baptised children in year 3 at Primary School, applications for our 2020 course start in September, so if you would like to apply please watch out for information in this Newsletter at that time.

Anointing of the Sick - The anointing of the sick can be administered to any member of the faithful at any stage of serious illness. Please contact the Parish Office if you need a priest to administer this Sacrament.

Marriage - If you would like to get married in St Augustine's church we need at least six months notice and we ask that you also attend a Couple's course. Initial enquiries should be made via Claudette in the Parish Office. She will also be happy to advise you about all of the essential documentation.

Mass & Service Times

Sunday

6 pm (Saturday)
9am
10:30am (Family)
12:15pm (Solemn)
& 6:30pm (Young Adult)

Monday - Friday

8:00am & 12:15pm

Saturday

12:15pm & 6 pm (Vigil Mass for Sunday)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturdays: 10:30am -12 noon

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 10:30am - 11:30am & 5:00pm - 5:45pm

Rosary

9-9:15am & after the 12:15pm Mass

Holy days of Obligation

Masses at 8:00am, 12:15pm & 7:00pm

Community Mass List

Parish Stewardship

Sunday 27/28 July 2019

Weekly Offertory Collection

Loose: £ 838.54 Envelopes: £328.60 - **Total: £1,167.14**

Candle offerings: £383.04

Standing Orders for June: £4,945.42

Thank you for your continued support for our Parish!

Please Donate

If you'd like to make a donation please contact the Parish Office or use the details below. If you are a UK Tax payer you can fill in a Gift Aid form (available at the entrance to the church, on the website or from the Parish Office). We can claim back 25p on every £1 you donate.

For St Augustine's Church (admin, heating, ...)

Name: Saint Augustine's Church

Account number: 11308262, Sort code: 40-05-20

Bank: HSBC - Ref: your name

For the Regeneration Project

Name: Order of St Augustine

Account number: 33363082, Sort code: 20-35-90

Bank: Barclays - Ref: your name and Regeneration

For Austin Forum

Name: Austin Forum

Account number: 33299880, Sort code: 20-35-90

Bank: Barclays - Ref: your name

For our priests living costs

Name: Order of St Augustine

Account number: 33677176, Sort code: 20-35-90

Bank: Barclays - Ref: your name and Priest Living Costs

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Retreats at Clare Priory, Suffolk

Clare Priory an O.S.A. centre, offers a tranquil environment for those who wish to withdraw from their daily lives and find rest in the Lord. Contact: clarepriory@clarepriory.net

Discernment Community in London

One-year of personal and spiritual development and discerning your calling, led by the Augustinians. A community programme for men who will be working or studying in London but who would also like to look at the possibility of priesthood or religious life.

Contact: Fr Gladson O.S.A. vocations@theaugustinians.org

Fr Jacob Choi offers psychotherapy/counselling

In the priory and in the Austin Forum.

If interested, please contact him on info@jacobchoi.net, and also visit his website <http://jacobchoi.net/> for further information.

Fr. Jacob has become a counselling/psychotherapy supervisor in Integrative Approach to Psychotherapy, and is an accredited member of UKCP. If you are a counsellor/psychotherapist or a trainee and want a supervisor, please contact Fr. Jacob (info@jacobchoi.net)

Austin Forum

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Hall Hire

Austin Forum offers spaces to hire to companies or individuals. Please contact our Venue Manager at helen@austin-forum.org.

English Lessons - Free - back on September 10th

Kindly supported by Hammersmith United Charities "English Lessons" - Tuesdays 1-3pm and Thursdays 6.30-7:45 pm. Our English Lessons are for all ability levels, taught by volunteers. Please just come along before a lesson starts to register. "Let's Speak English" - Wednesday 11-12pm. This group is suitable for students from a beginner to an advanced knowledge of English.

Exhibition - Syrnix & Open House - September 17 to 22

As part of Open House (festival of architecture), Austin Forum is preparing a sound installation by Dave Hunt, starting on September 17.