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10th and 11th February 2018

Psalter Week 2

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THE ANNUNCIATION AND ST AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 9:15am

Saturday: 6:00pm Vigil Mass with Hymns

Sunday: 8:30am; Said Mass

10:30am Family Sung Mass

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Mon to Fri (Except First Friday): 8:00am

MORNING PRAYERS: Monday-Friday 8.45am

ROSARY: Monday to Friday: 9:45am

1st FRIDAY ADORATION: 9:45am to 3:30pm

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 5:15pm

WEEKLY OFFICE SURGERY

Every Tuesday 4.00pm to 7.00pm

PARISH SECRETARY

Christina Arthur-Davis

Office Hours: Wed & Fri 9am-12pm

PARISH SCHOOL

St Augustine's Catholic Nursery
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WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS AND NEW PARISHIONERS

PARISH MASS BOOK

This weekend is Sixth Sunday, Year B, page 137 in the Parish Mass Book.

RESPONSE TO THE BIDDING PRAYER

Reader: **Lord, hear us;**

All: **and cleanse us from our sins.**

OUR PARISH PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

God our Father, look in love upon our homes, our families and our communities. Raise up from among us worthy priests to preach the Gospel to all peoples, to minister at your altar, and to care for your flock. Fill us all with your Holy Spirit and make us faithful and inspiring witnesses to your kingdom. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

REMEMBERING THOSE WHO ARE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Our prayers go out to those who are sick and to those who care for them especially: Frank Holmes, Catherine Simmons, Marie Avis, Mary Smith, Benedict Perrier, Tom Geiger, Bernadette Dowswell, Pamela Williams-Jones, Alan Dorey, Maria Ali, Michael Gill, Mary O'Regan, Peggy Margaret Davies, Mary Malham, Sheila Pender, Maria Obiamiwe, Gladys Baptiste and Deacon Jeff. If you know any parishioner who is ill, please let the Parish Priest know.

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES FOR DECEASED RELATIVES

Margaret Quigley, Johanna Watts, John Baragwanath, Lilian Francis Bartlett, Justin O'Sullivan, Agnes Pugh, Mary Clarke, Maureen Wells, Lira Theodolinda Rodrigues, Richard Langer.

MASS DATES/TIMES	FEASTS	MASS INTENTIONS
Sat 10 th Feb at 6pm	Vigil Mass of Sixth Sunday (B)	People of the Parish
Sun 11 th Feb at 8.30am	Sixth Sunday (B)	Mary Cunningham, God's blessing
Sun 11 th Feb at 10.30am	Sixth Sunday (B)	Gloria Ezeonyeasi, Birthday Thanksgiving
Mon 12 th Feb at 9.15am	Feria	Mary & Con Stacey, RIP
Tue 13 th Feb at 9.15am	Feria	
Wed 14 th Feb at 9.15am	Ash Wednesday	Holy Souls
Thurs 15 th Feb at 9.15am	Feria	Jeffrey & Chelsea, God's mercy and favour
Fri 16 th Feb at 9.15am	Feria	
Sat 17 th Feb at 6pm	Vigil Mass of First Sunday of Lent (B)	People of the Parish
Sun 18 th Feb at 8.30am	First Sunday of Lent (B)	
Sun 18 th Feb at 10.30am	First Sunday of Lent (B)	1. Mr & Mrs Ashley Gabriel, Wedding Anniversary 2. Patrick Breeze, Thanksgiving

COLLECTIONS	AMOUNT COLLECTED	AMOUNT GIFT AIDED
Offertory	482.02	281.00
Church Repair	46.09	28.59
2 nd Collection – 10 th & 11 th Feb	Poor Parishes	

***Collection for Poor Parishes: This enables the Archbishop to make grants to some of the poorer parishes in the diocese.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MASS DATES/TIMES	Reader #1	Reader #2
Sat 10 th at 6.00 pm	Odel Offiah	Obi Offiah
Sun 11 th at 8.30 am	Adel Nfonsam	Maya Nfonsam
Sun 11 th at 10.30 am	Fidelis Iwu Jr	Alessia Iwu
Sat 17 th at 6.00 pm	Teresa Tagg	Bernard Bastien
Sun 18 th at 8.30 am	Ola Ajayi	Miquel McDonald
Sun 18 th at 10.30 am	CJ Peter Etoukwu	Chinwe Nwobodo

MASS DATES/TIMES	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	
Sat 10 th at 6.00 pm	Glenda Mulla	Marian Andoh
Sun 11 th at 8.30 am	Matilda Assibi	Anne Noirtin
Sun 11 th at 10.30 am	Lumi Henshaw	Liz Humphrey
Sat 17 th at 6.00 pm	Vivien Singleton	Theresa Offor
Sun 18 th at 8.30 am	Rose Nfonsam	Alison Olisa
Sun 18 th at 10.30 am	Teresa Tagg	Blessing Amiamé

TEAM DATES/TIMES	CLEANING OF THE CHURCH
E—17 th Feb Sat AM	Celestina Musa, George Ngobeh, Angela Ngobeh, Boniface Ewuzie, Judith Oganya and Tina Ebohon
F—24 th Feb Sat AM	Ejike Nwankwo, Philip Ojarikre, Blessing Amiamé, Annabelle Amiamé, Georgina De Ben Rockson

DATES/TIMES	CHURCH MEETINGS AND CLASSES
Mon to Fri at 3-3.30pm	Divine Mercy Prayer and Adoration
Sunday at 10.30am	Children's Liturgy
1 st Fri 10am-3.30pm	First Friday Adoration
2 nd Thurs at 7pm	Infant Baptism Classes
2 nd & 4 th Sat at 1-2pm	Youth Meeting
2 nd & 4 th Sat at 2.10pm	Altar Servers Meeting
1 st & 4 th Thurs at 7pm	RCIA Programme
Last Sun at 5.30pm	Rosary and Benediction
Every last Sunday after 10.30 mass	Union of Catholic Mothers Monthly Meeting
Ongoing	UCM food collection for the food bank

PLEASE BRING PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

If you haven't done so already, please return your palms from last year. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please return your palms to the church by **Monday, 12 February** at the latest.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE IN THE REPOSITORY

The 2018 parish calendar is available for £5 and the Southwark Directory is £3 in the repository. The new Day by Day for Lent and the Pilgrim is also available.

UCM COLLECTION FOR FOODBANK

The Union of Catholic Mothers is collecting food for our local food bank. Please donate non-perishable and dry food items for those in dire need in our community.

SCHOOL PLACES AVAILABLE—ST AUGUSTINE PRIMARY

There are places now available throughout the OFSTED rated outstanding school (Nursery to Y4) due to families moving out of the Borough. Previously, there would have been a waiting list for the school to select from, but this is now being managed by Lewisham differently. Please contact the school office for more information.

JUNIOR CLASS TEACHER VACANCY—BISHOP CHALLONER

Bishop Challoner School is a Catholic, independent, day school for girls and boys from 3 to 18 years is seeking an excellent classroom practitioner who will be expected to play a full part in the extra-curricular life of the school. NQTs are welcome to apply. For a job description and application form please contact Sue Long on 020 8460 3546 or email: admissions@bishopchallonerschool.com. Closing date for applications is Wednesday 21st February 2018.

COVER SUPERVISOR—JOHN FISHER SCHOOL

The school is currently looking to employ a Cover Supervisor to supervise whole classes during the short term absence of teachers. The hours are 36 per week, term time only. This position may suit a candidate who is looking for a contract prior to starting a career in teaching. The successful candidate will join a dedicated team of staff. Completed application forms should be sent with a covering letter to Mrs Rigby, Office Manager on jrigby3@suttonmail.org by the closing date of noon on Tuesday, 20th February 2018.

REFLECTION

Back in the 60s some groups "adopted" Jesus Christ as an icon of rebellion, overturning authority and tearing up the rule book – possibly because of the frequent confrontations between Our Lord and the Pharisees. Today's Gospel, however, shows us Jesus not as rule-breaker, but as rule-fulfiller, bringing an even greater depth to the rule that had guided the people of Israel for centuries. Jesus does not throw out the rulebook – or as the first reading says, He does not command us to be godless! He challenges us in this Gospel to see how far our keeping God's Law will go: will it just be about the letter of the Law ("I have never killed anyone"), or will it look deeper ("Have I ever been angry? Have I been violent in my thoughts?"). The challenge of the Kingdom of Heaven is to keep the commandments first and foremost from within, so that our outward behaviour conforms to the requirements of God's Law.