



Newsletter St Austin's & St Teresa's Parishes:

4th Sunday of Ordinary Time (B) 27/28 January 2024

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WE STAND UNITED IN OUR PRAYER WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE

Forth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)



Where does authority come from? Why is one man regarded as a prophet, and another as a lunatic, and a third as a hypocrite? Jesus

startles the crowds with a "new teaching" today, but what amazes them so much is not the message but the authority behind it: they are convinced because what he does somehow adds credibility to what he says. It's the old situation that we are all familiar with - we look through words to see the actions, which show us the real message. The scribes did not heal or work miracles, but simply talked about God. Jesus talks about the Kingdom of God, but also shows the people what it is - a Kingdom where all that damages human happiness is abolished. The other side to this is that we must listen to a prophet or teacher when they are backed by such authority; we may not "harden our hearts" and ignore the message when we have recognised that the messenger is sent by God. This is the hard part, because it demands that we too show, by our actions, that we have heard.

Sunday Masses:

St Austin's Saturday 6.30pm & Sunday 9.30am:
St Teresa's 11.00am.

Weekday Masses at 9.15am This week:

Tuesday and Thursday at St Teresa's at 9.15am. Wednesday and Friday at St Austin's at 9.15am. Also, there is a **Saturday Morning Mass at 9.30am St Austin's.**

Confessions after Saturday Morning Mass and on request.

The weekday Mass sheets return this week

Livestreaming Masses:

Masses & Services on Teams Tuesday & Thursday 9.15am and Sundays at 11.00am.

Please E mail:

stteresalivestreaming@rcaol.org.uk

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:

St Austin's each week on Wednesday mornings from 8.15am until 9.00am. *During Adoration, each week at St Austin's there will be a time of prayer for peace for Ukraine and the Middle East.*

St Teresa's Evening Prayer and adoration on Thursday: 1st February at 6.00pm – 7.00pm

Parish Websites

They are in construction now: We will adding pages etc and New forms over the next few weeks and months.

staustinssthelens.com

stteresaofavilasthelens.com

have a look and also register with your Parishes

SVP:

We are looking for new members, in both our Parish Communities. It might be the new opportunity you have been looking for. Please let Fr Martin know or alternatively ring 0799 990 0083. The direct number for the SVP shop is 02045996813 The SVP Shop has opened on

Cambridge Rd. Monday - Saturday 9.00am until 4.30pm.

Baptisms 2024

Please note that the new list of **Baptism Courses are up in the porches for our Churches 7th February St Teresa's and 6th March for St Austin's**

Red Box Holders (St Teresa's only)

Please bring in your boxes to Church between now and the 25th of February. Please see Mary

(SVP) Learning Hub: Support Group

St Teresa of Avila Presbytery. Every Monday morning Would you like to brush up your English skills?

- get help with form filling, job applications and CVs?
- learn English as a second language: reading, writing, speaking and listening?
- learn basic computer skills?

If the answer to any of these is yes, our friendly tutors are waiting to give you the support you need. For more information contact Mary on 07366383010 or drop in the presbytery for an informal chat on Monday mornings between 10.00 and 12.00. Thank you again for all your support.

The Collection for Ukraine:

Will be split between our own local SVP which is supporting locally Ukrainian refugees here and many others. And also Fr Oleh in the Ukraine and the Communities he serves.

LGBT+: Local Support Group:

The Parish of SS. Agnes & Aidan's Support group meet every 3rd Sunday of the month

Book of Remembrance Forms:

New Forms are now available from this weekend, the new prices are £15 for one and £28 for two entries

Feed my Lambs & Feed my Sheep

Foodbank: Thank you for all the food items you have brought in. We are feeding a number of Families, during this challenging time. If you need, or know anyone in need of help, please ask any SVP member. Or leave a message on 0799 990 0083.

St Austin's Parish: Dorcas Group:

Meets on Tuesdays at 10.00am -12.00 Noon in the Parish Hall at St Austin's. New members are welcome from both parishes. Come along for a cup of Tea and a chat.

'With You Always'

(First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion) Children on the 'With you Always' preparation course are now encouraged to attend regularly with their Parents at one of the weekend Masses.

Are you fifty-five over older?

Would you like to join our club?

We meet every Tuesday from 1.30pm – 2.30pm at St Teresa's Club Windsor Rd WA10 4HW. All are Welcome. Bingo - Tea and Coffee Raffle and Friendly company. For Further information Ring Julie 07970114245.

Please remember the History project for St Teresa's Parish.

The Parish Founded in 1925

Do you have any Memories, Newspaper cuttings or Photographs. Please let us know. Phone on 01744 605087 Or E mail Christine O Neill on **cmoneill2010@hotmail.co.uk**

The January edition of Catholic Pictorial should have had an article concerning St Teresa's Parish this will now be in the February edition.