

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

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## **WE STAND UNITED IN OUR PRAYER WITH THE PEOPLE OF UKRAINE**

### Parish Websites

They are in construction now: We will adding pages etc and New forms over the next few weeks and months. [staustinssthelens.com](http://staustinssthelens.com) [stteresaofavilasthelens.com](http://stteresaofavilasthelens.com) have a look and also register with your Parishes

### 21st February 2024 St Teresa's Presbytery:

**St Teresa of Avila Parish** - All our yesterdays.. Next year, 2025, will mark the 100th anniversary of St Teresa of Avila Parish and the 60th anniversary of the consecration of our current church. A history of parish development and events that have taken place during this period is currently being compiled and memorabilia including photographs and newspaper cuttings etc is being gathered. These will be shared with parishioners next year to commemorate the development of our parish and its community at this special milestone in its history. Parishioners are invited to find out more about this project and to share memories with others about their own experiences of being part of St Teresa's. Parish: **Thanks to all those who attended. I am sorry that I couldn't be with you on the day.**

### Please remember the History project for

### St Teresa's Parish : The Parish Founded in 1925

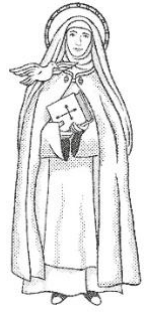
Do you have any Memories, Newspaper cuttings or Photographs. Please let us know. Phone on 01744 605087 Or E mail Christine O Neill on [cmoneill2010@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:cmoneill2010@hotmail.co.uk)

St Teresa's Church is in this Month's Edition of the Catholic Pictorial.

### 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 March at 6.00pm – 7.00pm**

### Raffle St Austin's: 'Our Lady of the Heavens'



### The Word this week:



We spool forward a few centuries in the story of the Old Testament, to arrive at Abraham, "our Father in faith". Today we hear of another Covenant (like last week) - even though the word is not used. God promises Abraham descendants like "the stars of heaven", and the showering of blessings. This shows how much God loves Abraham, and all his children. This love is proved for us in Jesus: God loves us so much he sacrificed his only Son (just as Abraham was willing to do); but this is not all: Jesus also rose from the dead, to stand at God's right hand and plead for us. All this is revealed in the story of the Transfiguration, where Jesus is seen in the glory that is rightfully his as the only Son of God. Not until after the Resurrection will the disciples see this fully again.

### Sunday Masses:

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

### Weekday Masses/Services 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](mailto:stteresalivestreaming@rcaol.org.uk)

**The Raffle raised £204 Many Thanks.  
The Winner was Carol Jackson**

**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.

**CAFOD:**

Over the next two weeks there will be a collection Box or Basket in each of our Parishes to support the work of CAFOD. Please help those who are helpless. Thank You,

**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.

**Lenten Journey for both Parishes.**

'The Chosen' I have called you by name is the first of nine weeks Film Presentation:

From 7.00pm – 8.00pm

Wednesday St Teresa's in the Presbytery

28<sup>th</sup> Feb, 6<sup>th</sup> March 13<sup>th</sup> March 20<sup>th</sup> March

Thursday St Austin's in the Parish Centre

29<sup>th</sup> Feb, 7<sup>th</sup> March 14<sup>th</sup> March 21<sup>st</sup> March

Break for Easter.

**Online by Teams Lectio Divina: 'The Way'**

Online by 6.45pm starts at 7.00pm Next Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup>

Feb, 5<sup>th</sup> 12<sup>th</sup> 19<sup>th</sup> March E mail Dave on

DaveL831@aol.com For more details.

**Baptisms 2024**

Please note that the new list of Baptism Courses are up in the porches for our Churches.

**(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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**'With You Always':**

**(First Reconciliation & First Holy Communions)**

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.

**Dates for your Diary St Austin's Parish 2024**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Easter Bingo 7.30pm

Weekend 16<sup>th</sup>/ 17<sup>th</sup> March Easter stall and Raffle

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March Circle Dancing Returns in the Parish Centre

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April Quiz Night

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October Quiz Night

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November Christmas Fair

All proceeds of these events support the Parish