

**Thirty-third Sunday of the Year
Year B Psalms Wk 1**

Entrance Antiphon: The Lord said: "I think thoughts of peace and not affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place."

Responsorial Psalm: Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Stay awake and stand ready, because you do not know the hour when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God the Lord.

PRAYER IN THE PARISH

Masses

Sunday: 8.00am and 10.00am
Weekdays: 10.00am

Confessions - Saturdays 10.45 - 11.45am in the Priory,
or at any time

The Rosary

Every Wednesday after Mass at the Priory

Christian Meditation Group

Meeting every Wednesday from 7.00 until 8.00pm

Lectio Divina

Every Thursday, after Mass,
in the Library

Friday Quiet Prayer

10.45am (after Mass)
in the Oratory

COMMUNITY PRAYER TIMES

(Not Sunday)

9.40am	Morning Prayer
10.00am	Mass
12.50pm	Mid-day Prayer
6.00pm	Adoration & Evening Prayer

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Prayer of Trust

Preserve me God, I take refuge in you.
My happiness lies in you alone.
You are my portion and my cup,
you yourself are my prize.
I keep you ever in my sight,
even at night you direct my heart.
With you at my right hand, I shall stand firm.
And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay.
You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness is for ever.

from Psalm 15

THOUGHTS FROM ST AUGUSTINE

Lord, Save Me

Great virtue is needed to struggle with happiness. We must learn to tread upon the world and remember to trust Christ. And if you begin to sin say: "Lord, I am perishing, save me" so that you may not perish. For only he can deliver you from the death of the body, he who died in the body for you.

Sermon 26,9

Prayer: Lord our God, make us blessed by you, because we shall not lose you. When we remain true to you, we shall neither lose you nor be lost ourselves.

Sermon 113,6

Tuesday 20th St Edmund, King and Martyr, Secondary Patron of the Diocese 841-870. King of East Anglia at age 14, crowned on Christmas Day 855. Edmund was a model ruler, concerned with justice for his people and his own spirituality; he spent a year at Hunstanton learning the Psalter by heart. Following one of a series of armed engagements with invading Danes he was captured. He was ordered to give his people to the pagan invaders; he refused. Martyr.

Wednesday 21st Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

This memorial day honours the generous fidelity of Our Lady from her childhood and throughout her life

Thursday 22nd St Cecilia, Virgin and martyr. 3rd century. Strong in faith, she brought her husband and his brother to the faith. They were put to death for giving fitting burial to martyred Christians. When Cecilia buried her husband and his brother, she too was arrested and martyred. The account of her life and martyrdom states that, when she was martyred, she was 'singing in her heart a hymn of love for Jesus', hence her patronage of music and musicians.

Saturday 24th St Andrew Dung-Lac and companions, Vietnamese martyrs 17th-19th centuries. In all, about 130,000 were martyred. Pope John Paul II canonised more than a hundred in 1988.

Saturday 25th St Catherine of Alexandria, early 4th century. Catherine was converted to Christianity and in debate she converted many pagan philosophers who were promptly martyred. The emperor Maximinus ordered her to be broken on the wheel (a Catherine wheel), but Catherine touched it and the wheel was destroyed. Beheaded, her body (tradition says) was carried away by angels to Mt Sinai (where the famous St Catherine Monastery still exists). Her wisdom and learning and persuasiveness have led to her being claimed as patron by lawyers, librarians, teachers, among many others.

Our Thanks

A word of thanks to our flower ladies for their thoughtful presentation of the theme of Remembrance Sunday.

And to Frances Massey and Christopher Harrison who read at the afternoon service.

A Christingle Service

We are planning to hold a Christingle Service on **Sunday 16th December at 4 p.m.** A lot of the enjoyment of the occasion is in the preparation, which will take place on Sunday 9th December after Mass. Helen Hughes and helpers would like to know how many children will take part and will begin to make a list this week.

POSADA



There are lots more spaces for the journey of the Holy Family during Advent. **Please sign up today.**

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER

Tuesday 20th November

The Way of Silence led by Fr Bernard Rolls OSA *Donation.* Priory Team

Fri -Sat-Sun 23rd - 25th November

'Making Sense of the Christmas Gospels (Luke 1-2)' £150 residential course led by Fr Kieran O'Mahony OSA (Parishioners, if you would like to drop in to some of the talks, please ask)

Sunday 9th December after both Masses
Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday 10th December 7.30 p.m.
Clare Community Carols at the Baptist Church

Thursday 13th December
Over-80s Christmas Lunch 12.30 for one o'clock. Great that so many have accepted already!

Sunday 16th CHRISTINGLE SERVICE 4 p.m. (with preparatory work done on Sunday 9th after 10 o'clock Mass.)

Monday 24th CHRISTMAS EVE Masses at 6.30 p.m. and 9.30 p.m.

Tuesday 25th CHRISTMAS DAY Masses at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.

Wednesday 26th BOXING DAY Feast of St Stephen. The traditional day for re-commissioning and blessing altar servers.

A tap on the shoulder?

Last Sunday, as Fr Robert and I walked to the Clare Parish Church for the Remembrance Day Service and passed by The Swan, we were aware of a friendly tap on the hostelry window. We were moving along with purpose and didn't retrace our steps to see who the well-wisher might have been. Apologies if our single-mindedness seemed impolite. We got there in good time. Did you?

Fr David

Our prayers for the sick, the housebound, and for any who have asked for prayers

God our Father,
we pray for the sick members of our families and among our friends
and for the many people who have asked for our prayers,
for their healing and their peace.

Caress them; shelter them, and keep them in your tender care.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

(Prayer adapted from the Rite of Anointing)

Our prayers this week are in particular for Jacek Bartosinski who has been very unwell.

Friends of Augustine

As you know, the meetings of the Friends of Augustine take place on the last Thursday of each month. This month's meeting on the 29th will include the celebration of Mass for Ivan Smithet who was a long-term member of the Friends of Augustine. As ever, all are welcome. Please see the note below from Gwen and Ian Harding.

Friends of Augustine

' All that I ask is that you remember me at the altar of God'- St. Monica

Come and join us at Mass on
Thursday 29th November 7.30 pm as we meet to remember Ivan Smithet

Collections

11th November - £695.20

Thank you for your continuing generosity

BABA DOGO, PARISH OF THE SACRED HEART

NEXT WEEK, Sunday 25th,

we will have our half-yearly collection for our twinned parish in Baba Dogo, Kenya.

We continue with our support for the people of Babadogo in Nairobi, Kenya. The money we send is still needed and used to help the most impoverished people in the parish by Father Bob Ileri and his team. They continue to spend the money on school fees for orphans, medical bills and on their feeding programme for poor slum dwellers. On the 25th of November we will be holding a collection to help further this important work. Thank you for all your support, prayers and contributions over nearly 20 years.

Vincent McGoldrick

Fr Martin Nolan O.S.A. (1933-2018)

*'To have been together in the same light has been good;
to have been glad together has been good.'*

Fr Martin died a week ago, too late for a mention in last week's newsletter. He was a very clever man who put his gifts at the service of others. He loved to help. He loved to entertain. He loved to speak on matters that were precious to him. He came to Clare several times to speak about centering prayer and about Augustine's theology of grace. His talks were illuminated by his freely drawn cartoons that fixed the detail in his hearers' minds. Friends of Augustine will remember him well. (The sisters in many a convent preserved his artistic endeavours with enthusiasm and they never failed to ask after him.) Fr Martin lectured in the United States and in Rome, and travelled the world to fulfil his commitments, mainly in the field of moral theology. He was elected Provincial in the Irish Province in the late 1970s and was Prior General of the whole Augustinian Order from 1983 to 1989. I had the privilege of celebrating Mass with Martin at the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Counsel in Gennazzano and I remember very clearly the delight of the friars of that community as they welcomed Martin with huge affection; he really was their brother. During the first decade of this century, Martin was a member of the community at St Patrick's, Rome, always with a welcome for the visitor and always full of news from far and wide. Latterly his health was not good and in recent months he was in hospital in Dublin where he was born in 1933 and where he died on the 10th of November.

Fr Martin was my Master of Students in Rome from 1966 to 1969. I remember him in prayer with great gratitude. Mind you, if I had been in the room next to his, I might not have felt so kindly disposed when he started reciting his favourite poetry at five o'clock in the morning!

Fr David

Early notice about music at Christmas

Our music group will not be at full strength at the Christmas celebrations. We would be pleased (and relieved) if, among our congregations, there are a few people who would play some well-known carols for us. You may think that our musicians make it look easy. Don't be put off by that: they work extremely hard to get it right. For instance, on Tuesday this week, they spent a whole hour, getting one tune right to their satisfaction. We are going to miss them! It would be really good to have some accompaniment at Christmas celebrations. You don't have to do them all! Just volunteer for one Mass and, hopefully, others will follow.

Christmas Cards for Prison Thank you for all the cards you have brought during the last three weeks and today. Today is the last day of the collection of cards as we will now have enough cards to give two or three to each man. Thank you for your kindness, from Deacon Alan, the men, and from me.

**Traidcraft goods will be available fortnightly until Christmas,
that is, today November 18th, then December 2nd, and December 16th.**