

**ST AUGUSTINE'S CHURCH  
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**Weekday Mass Times**

Monday – Saturday: 8.30, 9.30, 11.00, 4.00pm.  
Divine Mercy Mass: Monday at 8.00pm.

**Weekend Mass Times**

Saturday Vigil: 8.00pm.  
Sunday: 10.30, 11.30, 1.00pm  
Polish Mass: 9.00, and 6.00pm.

**Augustinian Devotions**

Purgatorial Society: Monday 11.00am.  
Mother of Good Counsel Novena Prayers  
Friday, 10.35am and 3.35pm.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:  
Thurs, after 11.00 Mass – 3.30pm.  
St. Rita Novena Prayers: Saturday after 11.00 Mass  
Mass for the Sick: Saturday, 4.00pm  
Rosary: Monday – Saturday, 10.35am and 3.35pm.  
**Confessions**  
Mon. - Fri. 11.30 -12.15, and 4.30pm - 5.30pm  
Sat. 11.30 -1.00pm; 3.00pm - 4.00pm; 4.30 - 5.30pm  
and 7.15 - 7.45pm.  
Eve of First Friday: 11.30 -1.00pm; 3.00 - 4.00pm  
4.30pm -5.30p

18<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> JANUARY  
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

**PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Lord Jesus, Son of God,  
Our brother and our saviour,  
We give you glory.  
Protect your Church and make us one.  
Send your Spirit to guide us  
And lead us back to unity and love.  
Lord Jesus, we praise your holy name for ever. Amen

**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

13<sup>th</sup> Jan. 2008

Today's feast of the Baptism of our Lord marks the end of the Christmas season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. Like the feast of the Epiphany, it is a feast that manifests to the world who Jesus is. This time, in the words of the Father, he is spoken of as "my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on him." Jesus receives a blessing as he embarks on his public ministry.

John baptises Jesus and testifies to his Divine mission. Through the appearance of the Holy Spirit, Jesus is anointed for his ministry, and God the Father affirms Jesus as his beloved Son. Through his baptism, Jesus identifies with us, creating a new people of God. Through our baptism, we claim kinship with him and share in his mission. We, likewise, are sent on our public ministry. We, too, are beloved, anointed and affirmed sons and daughters called to proclaim the message of salvation. That the Lord may find favour in our words and actions, we pray.

For all the baptised, that they may take their Christian commitment seriously.

For young people preparing for Confirmation this year, that those already confirmed may show them what Christian living means.

For newborn babies, and all who will soon be baptised, that they may have the grace to live truly Christian lives.

For expectant mothers, and parents hoping for a baby, that their dream of a healthy child may become a reality.

A Jewish Student was doing well in school in all subjects except for maths. So his parents decide to send him to a private Catholic school. While there the boy came home from school and studied every day. At the end of the term, the boy got straight A's. So his parents ask him, "What motivated you to do so well in school ? He replied, "When I saw that guy nailed to a plus sign I knew they weren't fooling around."

The drunk went to do the stations of the Cross but he did them backwards and the priest found him looking at the first one and crying. The man said, "I'm just so happy that he survived and he's getting his strength back."

**JESUS OUR BROTHER AND FRIEND**

Born like each of us,  
Of a woman, and in weakness,  
Plunged himself into human life  
At the waters of the Jordan,  
At the beginning of his life with us,

Into the depths of sin, love,  
Into the mystery of fragility, weakness,  
And into the history of his people.

The waters of the Jordan  
Are the waters of joy and sorrow;  
They are the waters of hope and mystery;  
And they are the waters of sin and division.  
Into the waters of life Jesus plunged  
And made of them the living water of God.

All life is holy, sacred, eternal because of Jesus.  
We plunge with him into the depths of our own being;  
In the depths of love we will find the God of love,  
In the depths of sin, the God of compassion,  
In the depths of weakness, the God of strength,  
In the depths of division, the God of reconciliation,  
In the depths of poverty and misery, the God of justice,

And in the depths of our humanity  
We will find the divine life of God.

Donal Neary, S.J.

**KEEP US FROM PETTINESS**

Keep us, O God from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed. Let us be done with faultfinding and leave off self-seeking.

May we put away all pretences and meet each other, face to face, without self-pity and without prejudice.  
May we never be hasty in judgement and always generous. Let us take time for all things; make us grow calm, serene, gentle. Teach us to put into action our better impulses- straightforward and unafraid.

Grant that we may realise it in the little things of life that create difficulties; that in the big things of life we are one. Oh, Lord, let us not forget to be kind. Amen.

Mary Stewart, Queen of Scots

