

# St. Augustine of Canterbury, Highgate

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3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Advent

Remembrance Sunday

November 12th, 2017



**Parish Mass, Sunday School and Act of Remembrance  
at 10am**

Welcome to St. Augustine's for Mass today. The service can be followed in the booklets, and the hymns are from the green books in the seats.

*Hymns: 494, 490, 498, 294, 417, National Anthem*



*Today's Gospel 'Wake up' says Jesus in the Gospel reading today. 'And stay awake and alert!' On Remembrance Sunday we remember lives given and taken away, and sometimes because people were not alert to the signs of the times. The first reading offers hope – justice cascading down. Impossible? No, not if we wake up and stay awake.*

## ***Please pray***

*In remembrance of all whose lives were given or taken away in war*

*The Church especially Justin our archbishop and Robert our area bishop.*

*The sick and housebound Stuart Cromie, Freda Blayney, Inez Williams, Michael Noma, Robert Willoughby, Frieda Bilger, Albert and Pearl Radley, Williette Henries Gardiner, Corinne Skinner Carter, Norah Egwim, Catherine George, Paula Rodrigues, Jill Shepherd, Tina Bell, Collins Agunwa, Boyce Agunwa.*

*Died recently Nicola Green.*

*Anniversaries of death*

*Algie Noble (13); Penelope Howe (13); Arthur Borg (16); Hilda Dady (18); Cyril Lawrence Haward (18); Jim Myhill (18)*

## First Reading

Amos 5.18-24

Alas for you who desire the day of the LORD!  
Why do you want the day of the LORD?  
It is darkness, not light;  
as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear;  
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall,  
and was bitten by a snake.  
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?  
I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
Even though you offer me your burnt-offerings and grain-offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon.  
Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of  
your harps.  
But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing  
stream.

## Responsorial Psalm

**O God, you are my God, for you my soul is athirst.**

O God, my God, for you I long,  
for you my soul is athirst,  
all my being pines for you,  
as thirsty land for rain. R.

In the sanctuary I come to you,  
to behold your glory and your might:  
to know your love is better than life itself,  
therefore my lips shall praise your name. R.

So will I bless you all my days,  
and lift my hands in prayer:  
my soul shall feast upon your love,  
my heart exults in you, my God. R.

For you, O God, have been my help,  
beneath your wings will I dwell secure:  
my soul shall ever cling to you,  
and your right hand shall hold me fast. R.

**Second Reading**      *1 Thessalonians 4.13-18*

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the word of your Son.

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Gospel Reading**      *Matthew 25.1-13*

Jesus said, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

