



Rev. Austin M. Fogarty

May 18, 1952 - January 15, 2014

Reverend Austin Fogarty, a priest of the Catholic Archdiocese of Atlanta for over 30 years, serving in parishes and in ministry to those in prison, died Wednesday, Jan. 15, at Emory University Hospital Midtown. He was 61. A native of Dublin, Ireland, born on May 18, 1952, Reverend Fogarty was the son of the late Christopher and Marie Browne Fogarty. He was ordained a priest on July 11, 1981, in Dublin by Atlanta Archbishop Thomas A. Donnellan after study at All Hallows Seminary in Dublin and St. Peter's in Wexford, Ireland, as well as Assumption-St. John's Seminary in San Antonio, Texas. He served as the pastor of Christ Our Hope Church in Lithonia and of St. George Church in Newnan, where he ministered from 2002-2012. Since 2012 he has been the pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas Church in Alpharetta. Other parishes where Reverend Fogarty served include St. Michael in Gainesville, when he was a deacon, and then as a priest at St. John the Evangelist in Hapeville, St. Jude the Apostle in Atlanta, and St. James in McDonough. While at St. James, in 1997 he also began making weekly visits to prisons, especially the Georgia Diagnostic and Classification Center in Jackson. He would celebrate Mass and offer the sacraments, counseling, and a ministry of presence to prisoners in the general population and those on death row. He was deeply committed to this ministry and to drawing other clergy to visit prisoners more regularly. Through his ministry many inmates, including those on death row, received baptism and other sacraments and entered the Catholic Church. He will be sadly missed by his family in Ireland, which includes his brother and

sister-in-law, Richard and Ann Fogarty; his twin sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Barry Pendred; his sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Brian Doherty; his sisters, Karen and Niamh Fogarty; his brother-in-law, Paul Harris; his aunt, Sister Catherine Brown; and his nieces and nephews. Departed relatives include his parents, his sister, Brenda Harris, and Maura Fogarty. Condolences may be sent to Richard Fogarty, 40 Foxfield St. John, Raheny, Dublin 5, Ireland. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 535 Rucker Road, Alpharetta, GA 30004 to benefit its sister parish of St. Martin in Delatte, Haiti.

The Vigil Service will be on Wed., Jan. 22 at 7pm at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, 535 Rucker Road, Alpharetta, GA 30004. Funeral Mass will be on Thurs., Jan. 23 at 11am, at St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will be at Arlington Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
535 Rucker Road
Alpharetta, GA

Service

JAN **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church
535 Rucker Road
Alpharetta, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Rev. Austin M. Fogarty*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *The short time that Fr. Austin was at St. James in Mcdonough. He made an impression on me that I will never forget. I was not catholic at that time , however he played a major role in me becoming catholic. He will truly be missed by me and by all that knew him. Rest in Peace my friend.##imported-begin##Bill Evans##imported-end##*

January 21, 2014 at 04:46 PM



“ *May God bless his soul. He was the most inspiring priest I have ever known. He was the reason my husband became Catholic.##imported-begin##Sydena Evans##imported-end##*

January 21, 2014 at 10:44 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to Father Austin's family as truly Father was a wonderful man and I treasure my counsel and friendship.##imported-begin##Audrey Wright##imported-end##*

January 21, 2014 at 10:37 AM



“ *Rest in peace. I will always remember Fr. Austin's compassion when my nephew was killed. I am thankful for his kindness and help to my family.##imported-begin##Teresa Cain##imported-end##*

January 19, 2014 at 02:26 PM



“ *Father Austin was the more caring spiritual priest I Have ever known. He made a huge impact on my life and I will always be thankful for his kindness##imported-begin##Susan Critelli##imported-end##*

January 19, 2014 at 12:44 PM



“ *I am so sad to hear that Fr. Austin has passed. He was one of the most amazing people I have ever met. My life has been forever changed just by encountering him. He was the kindest, most gentle person I've ever met who showed me what being a priest and a follower of Christ was supposed to look like. This world feels emptier today because he is not in it. Rest in peace Fr. Austin, you will be sorely missed.##imported-begin##Anna VanSant##imported-end##*

January 19, 2014 at 09:26 AM



“ *Fr. Austin meant so much to me, he had been on my heart recently just found out tonight of his passing. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Garry and Josefina Gac Jr##imported-end##*

January 18, 2014 at 11:12 PM



“ *Fr. Austin was a gentle, loving priest. He performed the marriage rite of our daughter and her husband and came to St. Simons Island to officiate. May he rest in the peace of our Lord for his many years of service and love to his vocation. Condolences to his family in Ireland.##imported-begin##Mary McQueeney##imported-end##*

January 18, 2014 at 06:23 PM



“ Our condolences to Father Austin's family. He will be greatly missed. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim and Rae Hill

St. George Catholic Church Newnan, GA##imported-begin##Jim and Rae Hill##imported-end##

January 18, 2014 at 04:21 PM



“ Fr. Austin officiated at my sister's funeral many years ago, and he conducted the most beautiful service and gave a touching homily. In doing so, he gave my family a wonderful memory for what was a very sad event. He was so kind and caring. May he rest in peace.##imported-begin##Rose Taylor##imported-end##

January 18, 2014 at 02:11 PM



“ I will always remember Fr. Austin's gentle loving spirit. As a volunteer gardener when he was at St. Jude's Church. I remember him gently removing a spider from the rectory office and gently putting it on the ground outside the front door. It was a beautiful outward sign of his gentle and loving spirit. My prayers are for his peace and joy and grace and peace to all who miss him.##imported-begin##Sue DuPart##imported-end##

January 18, 2014 at 08:51 AM



“ I had a lot of respect For Father Austin. I have a funeral Home located in Lithonia, GA and when he was at Christ Our Hope we did a lot of funeral Masses together. He was the most sincere and loving Priest I ever new. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Doug Henry##imported-end##

January 17, 2014 at 02:18 PM