

## PARISH OF ST. AUGUSTINE, DATCHET AND OUR LADY OF SORROWS, ETON



Sixth Sunday of the Easter Season

“As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you.....”

Congratulations to Fr. Michael on passing his driving test during the week.

The 11.15a.m. Mass this Sunday will be offered for Margaret and Peter Bartlett RIP (requested by Annette O'Connor).

100 Club: the winner of the April draw Margaret Wall. (36).

Congratulations.

The Offertory Collection for 28<sup>th</sup>/ 29<sup>th</sup> April was £528.93.

Many thanks.

**THURSDAY IS THE FEAST OF THE ASCENSION AND A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION (now restored to a Thursday)**

**Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Sorrows:**

**Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May at 7.30p.m.**

**Thursday Mass at St. Augustine's at 9.30a.m.**

We will have our usual Friday Mass at 9.30a.m.



**Some of the things that have been happening.....**

Our website has been updated and you can find us on [www.staugustines.org.uk](http://www.staugustines.org.uk)

You will notice the new sign as you enter the car park. All the other signs around it are to be

removed. The grass around the church and hall has been cut. The hall has had a new coat of paint and some repairs have been completed. The sacristy has been prepared for new furniture and for painting. The parish has been given the gift of a beautiful gold chalice and some new cruets have been purchased. Our sacred oils are now to be seen in a cabinet in the side chapel near the baptismal font and the paschal candle.

**And over the next few weeks.....**

The inside of the church itself will be painted in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May and so there will be no weekday Masses on 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> May. The statue of St. Augustine (previously hidden away in the side chapel) will be displayed more prominently and chairs will be taken away from the side chapel on the right hand side of the church so that we can put our candle stand in front of the statue of Our Lady. We hope to replace the church carpet.

All these improvements were agreed by the Parish Council.



### THE ROYAL WEDDING WEEKEND

I have taken advice from the local authorities and there is no doubt that it will be very difficult to move in or out or around Eton and Datchet on 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May. **AND SO REGRETTABLY WE HAVE HAD TO MAKE THE DECISION THAT THERE WILL BE NO MASS IN EITHER OF OUR CHURCHES THAT WEEKEND.** We do apologise for this inconvenience. However, you are warmly invited to attend Mass at Holy Family church (226, Trelawney Avenue, Langley SL3 7UD). There is car parking at the church itself, in front of the local shops (100 yards away) and in the streets around the church. Masses are as follows: Saturday at 5.30p.m., Sunday at 9.30a.m., 11.15a.m. and 6.30p.m. We thank you in advance for your understanding.



### BLESSING OF GRAVES

If you have a loved one buried in the cemetery at Stoke Road, Slough please note that the annual blessing of graves ceremony will take place on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 2.30p.m.

### BUT NOW FOR SOME VERY GOOD NEWS.....

Some months ago the Kiltegan Fathers (the Order that served the parish for so many years and to which Fr. Sean belongs) contacted Bishop Peter and asked if one of their priests could once again be appointed as parish priest of St. Augustine's and Our Lady of Sorrows. The Bishop gave his agreement and so Fr. Frank McAuliffe will be taking up residence in the middle of September. He is known to some of you because he spent some time in the parish in 1984 and has made some visits in more recent years. At present he is a member of a Prayer House in Kenya and he is very happy with the new appointment, as I am sure you are.



Since learning of Fr. Frank's appointment, I have been in regular touch with the superior of the Kiltegan Fathers in this country and he asked if I would put in place any work in and around the church that seemed to be needed, in preparation for Fr. Frank's arrival. Hence the work that we are presently undertaking.

The Presbytery is at present rented out to a tenant and we have given notice that the rental agreement will not be renewed. There will be some work to be done in the house before Fr. Frank's arrival.

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