

ST AUGUSTINE'S, DATCHET OUR LADY OF SORROWS, ETON

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NEWSLETTER
Sunday 23rd December 2018
Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday Masses:	St Augustine's – Saturday at 6.00 p.m.; Sunday at 11.00 a.m. Our Lady of Sorrows - Sunday at 9:30 a.m.
Usual Weekday Masses:	St Augustine's – Monday to Friday at 9.30 a.m. Mass will be preceded by praying the Rosary at 9.15 a.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament	Our Lady's Chapel St. Augustine's – Tuesday to Friday (Inclusive) from 5.30 to 6.30 p.m.
Confessions:	By arrangement with the priest.

Mass Intentions

St. Augustine's	Saturday	22 nd December	6.00 p.m.	Private Intention.
	Sunday	23 rd December	11.00 a.m.	People of the Parish.
	Monday	24 th December	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention
	Monday	24 th December	9.00 p.m.	(Christmas Night Mass) Private Intention
	Tuesday	25 th December	11.00 a.m.	(Christmas Day Mass) Nodlaig Flaherty and Jesse Grey R. I. P
Our Lady of Sorrows:	Wednesday	26 th December	9.30 a.m.	Carolyn Ansell R.I.P.
	Thursday	27 th December	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention.
	Friday	28 th December	9.30 a.m.	Private Intention.
	Sunday	23 rd December	9.30 a.m.	Hilda Bailey R. I . P. (anniversary)
	Tuesday	25 th December	9.30 a.m.	(Christmas Day Mass) Private Intention

Luceta Shaw R.I.P. The Funeral Mass will be at Holy Family, Langley on Friday, December 28th at 12 noon followed by committal at Slough Crematorium.

Offertory Collection: 16th December 2018 £500.65

Second Collection SHOC £625.92

Christmas Mass Offertory Collections. Parishioners are reminded that it is the policy of the Diocese that **Christmas Mass collections go to the Parish Priest.**

Mass Schedule for Christmas:

Monday 24th (Christmas Eve): St. Augustine's:
Carol Service at 8.30 p.m., followed by Christmas Night Mass at 9.00 p.m.
Tuesday 25th (Christmas Day): Our Lady of Sorrows, Eton:
Carol Service at 9.00 a.m., followed by Christmas Day Mass at 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday 25th (Christmas Day): St. Augustine's:
Christmas Day Mass at 11.00 a.m.

Message from Fr Frank: At this time of Christmas I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the people of the parish for the very warm welcome and help I have received since coming here in September. I very much appreciate it. Having spent the past 34 years in Africa it was not easy making the transition to this part of the world. However, because of your welcome and support, the change has not been nearly as difficult as I had anticipated.

It is my fervent prayer that our Faith will continue to strengthen and expand, and that the already-strong community spirit -so central in the growth of God's presence in our parish - may continue to become ever-stronger

I pray that your Christmas will be rich in the blessing and happiness that Christ wants to bring into our lives.

Anniversaries: Please pray for those who died recently, including Luceta Shaw, Charles Newton, Jesse Grey, Alan Taylor, Hernando Herrera, Andy Prince and John Bulford, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Your prayers are asked for those parishioners who remain seriously ill, including David Mendes, and for those recovering from recent illness, including Jackie Cullen.

THE SON OF GOD

He was born in a barn, his father a carpenter, and his mother a decent woman, but they were of no significance, and certainly couldn't have afforded to give the boy a private education. He never got a proper job, just roamed around the countryside, living off bread and water and the occasional fish.

He became the manager of a football team known as The Disciples, not one of them a star, in fact the twelfth man rather let the side down by accepting a transfer fee of 30 pieces of silver to play for the opposition

The authorities eventually arrested him as a rabble-rouser, but couldn't decide what to charge him with, other than the fact that he claimed he was the Son of God. They strung him up with a couple of criminals, and when he died, rather assumed that would be the last they'd hear of him.

After his death at the age of 33, there were no obituaries in the local press reporting his achievements, no glossy supplements highlighting his colourful career, no radio programmes to discuss his legacy. But then he'd never relied on spin doctors to sharpen his image, and he didn't require social media to keep his followers up to date, so you could be forgiven for assuming he'd be forgotten in a few days.

So how can one explain that over 2000 years later, Jesus Christ is still the best-known celebrity on earth?

Could it just be that He was the Son of God?