

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

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**NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 26 May 2019**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Sunday Masses: St Augustine's – Saturday at 6.00 pm; Sunday at 11.00 am  
Our Lady of Sorrows - Sunday at 9.30 am

Usual Weekday Masses: St Augustine's – Monday to Friday at 9.30 am  
Mass will be preceded by praying the Rosary at 9.15 am

**Mass Intentions**

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| St. Augustine's:     | Saturday  | 25th May | 6.00 pm  | Fr. Séan Rynn         |
|                      | Sunday    | 26th May | 11.00 am | People of the Parish  |
|                      | Monday    | 27th May | 9.30 am  | Private Intention     |
|                      | Tuesday   | 28th May | 9.30 am  | Private Intention     |
|                      | Wednesday | 29th May | 9.30 am  | Carolyn Ansell R.I.P. |
|                      | Thursday  | 30th May | 9.30 am  | Society Intention     |
|                      | Friday    | 31st May | 9.30 am  | Private Intention     |
| Our Lady of Sorrows: | Thursday  | 30th May | 7.30 pm  | Private Intention     |
|                      | Sunday    | 26th May | 9.30 am  | Private Intention     |

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** St. Augustine's, every Tuesday to Friday from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm, ending with Benediction at 6.15 pm.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation:** Saturdays from 12.30 to 1.30 pm. Fr. Frank will be available in St. Augustine's Church for those who wish to receive this sacrament or would like some spiritual guidance.

**Mass of the Ascension of the Lord** will be held on **Thursday 30th May at 7.30pm** at Our Lady of Sorrows.

**Second Collection** next weekend (1st/2nd June) for Catholic Communications.

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**Offertory:** Sunday 19th May 2019

£469.48

**Blessing of Graves in Slough Cemetery** will be on **Sunday 26th May**. Please meet in the carpark at **2.00 pm** for a short service. Then everyone will go to the grave of their loved ones. Priests and deacons visit each grave for prayer and blessing.

**Anyone who wishes to have his/her home blessed should contact Fr. Frank**

**Food Bank Collection** will be held next weekend. Donations of toiletries e.g. deodorants and shampoo are particularly welcome at the moment.

The Diocese has asked each Pastoral Area to have a **Reflection Day on future models of leadership**. In order to plan for the Pastoral Area Reflection Day each Parish is asked to send two members to a planning meeting at Holy Family Church at 7pm on Monday 10th June. Anyone who is willing to volunteer for this planning meeting please contact Fr. Frank as soon as possible.

**Preparation for First Communion:** The Candidates' First Holy Communion will be at the 11.00 am Mass on Sunday 9th June. Please continue to remember our Candidates in your Prayers as they progress on their course.

**Your prayers are asked for** Fr. Séan Rynn and those parishioners who remain ill, including: Dorrie Keating, Eithne Reynolds, Terri Nicholl, Michael Cadwallader, James Ansell, Ron Budd, Joan and Jack Wilson, David Mendes, and for those recovering from recent illness, including Jackie Cullen.

**Thought for the Week - Integrating Prayer and Life – Living in the Present Moment (continued from previous Newsletters)**

Living in the present moment is a big challenge for us all, especially in today's world. It involves curbing my impulsive, headstrong approach to life; it means moving from a controlling attitude to an accepting one, to what Evelyn Underhill calls '*an easy docility to circumstance*'. It means beating down the hand outstretched towards the future - taming the childish, impetuous urge of the ego to *have what I like* and patiently learning to *like what I have*.

This asks that I open my mind to the value and beauty of what is at hand, so that the simple enjoyments of the *here-and-now* can silence the ego's incessant craving for novelty. It means reawakening my appreciation of the many little 'unremembered' events that are part and parcel of daily life, saving them from insignificance and routine, letting each one of them be a thread in the lovely tapestry of gratitude that I'm weaving for God, and offering to him at the close of each day.

Trying to see God in every moment will lead me to that much-underrated virtue of *contentment*, which – as I think of it - is virtually synonymous with *joy*. As with joy, contentment is very elusive. It is not a state I can switch on at will, or acquire by resolve or effort; it is given as a gift of the Spirit. If I seek it as an end in itself, I will not find it; it comes only as a *consequence* of living in glad acquiescence to God's will as it unfolds in the event of 'the present moment'.

To follow this path is to live a life that is beyond virtue and good works. It's a life that is truly holy, truly obedient and prayerful.

(excerpt from "*In Wonder and Adoration and Gratitude*" Frank McAuliffe)