

<b>ST AUGUSTINE'S, DATCHET</b>	<b>OUR LADY OF SORROWS, ETON</b>
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<b><u>NEWSLETTER</u></b>	
<b><u>Sunday 21st July 2019</u></b> <b><u>16th Sunday of the Year</u></b>	
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
<b><u>Mass Intentions</u></b>	
St. Augustine's:	Saturday 20th July 6.00 pm Private Intention Sunday 21st July 11.00 am Margaret & Peter Bartlett R.I.P and the intentions of the Bartlett family Monday 22nd July 9.30 am Private Intention Tuesday 23rd July 9.30 am Private Intention Wednesday 24th July 9.30 am Carolyn Ansell R.I.P. Thursday 25th July 9.30 am People of the Parish Friday 26th July 9.30 am Alan Taylor R.I.P.
Our Lady of Sorrows:	Sunday 21st July 9.30 am Private Intention
<b><u>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</u></b> St. Augustine's, every Tuesday to Friday from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm, ending with Benediction at 6.15 pm.	
<b><u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u></b> 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.	
<b><u>Offertory:</u></b> Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	£439.50
<b><u>Second Collection for Apostleship of the Sea</u></b>	£310.75
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**SURVIVE-MIVA** will make a special appeal in this Parish **next weekend** (Sunday 28th July). MIVA do very valuable work in providing transport for health and pastoral work in remote places in the world. Please be generous in supporting the valuable work they are doing. (There is a Poster at the rear of the Church).

**Parish Annual General Meeting:** We wish to thank all those who participated in the AGM last Sunday. We pray that the ideas put forward will help the Parish to become even more vibrant and bring people closer to Christ.

**The Parish Summer Lunch Party** for Parishioners from Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Augustine's will be held in St. Augustine's Hall on **Sunday 4th August** at 12 noon. There is no charge for the event, but **each party is asked to bring along one plate of food to serve a minimum of 8 people**. Please complete the sign-up sheet at the back of the Church.

**Your prayers are asked for** Fr. Séan Rynn and those parishioners who remain ill, including: Peter Fredrickson, 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**

As a Christian, I believe that God is my Creator and that my life is in his hands. Many today do not believe this, claiming that my life is my own and I am not answerable to anyone for how I should live it.

But even an elementary level of thinking will reveal what the psalmist calls the sheer 'wonder of my being'. Who but an infinitely intelligent and loving Being could bring into existence a creature of such exquisite physiological complexity whose members function in such a marvellously harmoniously way – to say nothing of my even more astonishing capacity for thought and free-will.

This line of reflection leads me to see that even though life is my most treasured 'possession' it is not really mine at all, in the ultimate sense. I did not earn it. I have no right or claim to it, no control over it, no say as to when it will end.

And yet this life of mine, wonderful though it is, is very fragile. It is in a continual state of change, of decline. Each moment, I'm losing existence; I'm moving inexorably toward my death. I'm like a lighted candle – the moment it is lit is the moment it begins its movement towards extinction. And I can't stop the flow of time, nor can I step outside it or take a holiday from it. Each moment it is carrying me on relentlessly, like a little flower-petal in a fast-flowing river that ends its journey in a barren wasteland.

This line of thinking – while true – would lead me to see life as futile and meaningless were it not for the priceless *gift of Faith* which tells me that life *in its fullness* is reached only in a realm beyond death. My Faith assures me that the river of time doesn't end its journey in a barren wasteland where the little petal it is carrying withers and dies. Its journey has a direction and a goal. It flows into the boundless ocean of God's love where, with its little cargo, it is finally at home. Fr. Frank