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| ST AUGUSTINE'S, DATCHET | | OUR LADY OF SORROWS, ETON | |
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| <u>NEWSLETTER</u> | | | |
| <u>Sunday 25th August 2019</u> <u>21st Sunday of the Year</u> | | | |
| 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 | | |
| <u>Mass Intention</u> | | | |
| St. Augustine's: | Saturday | 24th August | 6.00 pm People of the Parish |
| | Sunday | 25th August | 11.00 am Nodlaig O Flaherty R.I.P |
| | Monday | 26th August | 9.30 am Private Intention |
| | Tuesday | 27th August | 9.30 am Private Intention |
| | Wednesday | 28th August | 9.30 am Carolyn Ansell R.I.P. |
| | Thursday | 29th August | 9.30 am Private Intention |
| | Friday | 30th August | 9.30 am Private Intention |
| Our Lady of Sorrows: | Sunday | 25th August | 9.30 am Ronnie Steward R.I.P. |
| <u>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</u> St. Augustine's, every Tuesday and Thursday from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm, ending with Benediction at 6.15 pm. <i>Please note the change in times.</i> | | | |
| <u>Sacrament of Reconciliation:</u> 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. | | | |
| <u>Offertory:</u> Sunday 18th August 2019 | | £420.16 | |
| <u>Safeguarding Representative:</u> Jan Fredrickson. Telephone: 07714 985 265 Email: jan.fredrickson@btinternet.com | | | |

The 100 Club Draw was held on Sunday 18th August in St. Augustine's Hall. The winners of the monthly £100 prize are: June 2019: Mrs Marisa Conte; July 2019: the winner has requested that the prize is donated to the SVP; August 2019: Mr Bob Forsyth.

Food Bank: Please remember to bring your donations next weekend.

John Wilks will be resigning as **Parish Chairperson** at the end of August, having served as Chairperson since October of last year. Our very sincere thanks go to John for the huge amount of work he put in – especially in the area of maintenance – to ensure that the parish is functioning efficiently.

Sincere thanks to all who attended the **Parish Meeting** on Monday evening. It was very successful, and thanks also to those who organized it.

God is calling us, as a parish, not merely to preserve the gift of Faith but also to deepen and expand it so that it can reach a wider community. Monday's meeting was a big step in that direction.

Anniversaries: Please pray for those who died recently, including Peter Fredrickson, Ann Woodward, Betty Butler, John Connolly, Luceta Shaw, Charles Newton, and Jesse Grey, 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 Fr. Séan Rynn and those parishioners who remain ill, including: Dorrie Keating, Maggie Auton, Terri Nicholl, Michael Cadwallader, Joan and Jack Wilson, David Mendes, Yolande Solari, Mick Prichard and for those recovering from recent illness, including Jackie Cullen.

SOME THOUGHTS ON CHRISTIAN LIVING **FRIENDSHIP – a Sacred, God-Given Bond**

A medieval spiritual writer, Aelred de Rievault, has the thought-provoking statement: *God is Friendship*. In saying this he is merely stating the basic truth of our Faith – that God is not a remote, isolated being up in the heavens. God is a Trinity of *intercommunication* between Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We see this in the central place that Friendship had in the life of Jesus. It was in living the reality of Friendship that Jesus communicated the truth that God is love. We see this in the profound impact his presence had on those whom he encountered. This is especially evident during the solemn occasion of the Last Supper when Jesus said to his disciples: 'I no longer call you servants, I call you friends'. He would transform the level of his relationship with them to the point that they would now enjoy the same level of intimacy with him as he had with his Father – 'Father, I pray that the love with which you love me may be in them, and I may be in them' (John 17:26).

Given the central role of Friendship in the life and ministry of Jesus we need to explore its implications for our lives as Christians. Obviously, there are different types of Friendship and differing levels at which we experience it. But we can, on reflection, recognise some qualities that are essential in any Friendship that claims to be genuine. Over the next few weeks we will try to name some of these qualities and reflect on them.

Fr. Frank