

<b>ST AUGUSTINE'S DATCHET</b>		<b>OUR LADY OF SORROWS ETON</b>	
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<b>NEWSLETTER</b>			
<b>Sunday 29th September 2019</b> <b>26th Sunday of the Year</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		
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>Mass Intention</b>			
St. Augustine's:	Saturday	28 September	6.00 pm Private Intention
	Sunday	29 September	11.00 am Jesse Grey R.I.P.
	Monday	30 September	9.30 am Private Intention
	Tuesday	1 October	9.30 am Jesse Grey R.I.P.
	Wednesday	2 October	9.30 am Carolyn Ansell R.I.P.
	Thursday	3 October	9.30 am Private Intention
	Friday	4 October	9.30 am Special Intention
Our Lady of Sorrows:	Sunday	29 September	9.30 am People of the Parish
<b>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> St. Augustine's, every <b>Tuesday</b> and <b>Thursday from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm</b> , ending with <b>Benediction at 6.15 pm</b> .			
<b>Offertory:</b> Sunday 22 September 2019 £483.47			
<b>St. Patrick's Missionary Society</b> expresses its very sincere thanks for your response to its Appeal last weekend. The amount came to £1,022.09 – very generous indeed, given the size of the parish.			
<b>Churches Together in Datchet</b> 3 October 7.30 – 8.00 St Augustine's hall			
<b>Safeguarding Representative:</b> Jan Fredrickson Email: <a href="mailto:safeguarding@staugustines.org.uk">safeguarding@staugustines.org.uk</a>			

**A very special word of thanks** to all who organized the function for my 80th birthday last Sunday. And many thanks to all who attended and made the day very enjoyable.

**Pope Francis** has declared October an 'Extraordinary Month of Mission'. Prayer and Action will be the focus, to strengthen and grow God's mission and our Church.

Beginning this coming **Tuesday (1 October) at 7pm in the Parish Hall**, we will have a session of personal/shared prayer, following an ancient method of prayer in the Church that many find very helpful. It usually last about 45-60 minutes. We hope to continue with the Prayer on the first and third Tuesdays of each month. All are welcome.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** for CAFOD Sunday 6 October. Friday 4 October will be Family Fast Day for CAFOD

**2<sup>nd</sup> Collection** for Home Missions 13 October

**Foodbank** Please remember to bring donations next weekend

**New members for the 100 Club are welcome.** There is the opportunity to win a £100 prize in the monthly draw and contribute to Parish funds. Applications forms available at the back of the Church. Subscription is £1 per week. £52 per year.

**Your prayers are asked for**

The repose of the soul of Ladislau Ratos, brother of Brazilia Dias and uncle of Anthony. We offer our condolences to Brazilia and Anthony and pray that God will comfort them. Funeral arrangements later.

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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**

**Four Important Qualities in a True Friendship - 4. Faithfulness**

Because friendship is such a precious thing it is very fragile; it takes much effort and sacrifice to preserve and nurture it. It is so easy to allow a good relationship to grow stale, to let routine and boredom can gradually undermine it.

In every friendship there will inevitably be times when the feeling of exhilaration and 'freshness' will diminish and I no longer see my friend as someone special in my life. This is a crisis time, a time when friendship is tested and proven. It is the time when I discover if my friendship is truly the *selfless commitment* I think it is, or if there is too much of the ego in it.

I will never form deep and lasting friendships if my life is ruled more by feelings than by *my will*. This is a big issue for many in a present-day society, where feelings are often the benchmark on which lasting relationships are established and major decisions in life are made. I need to remember that friendship is far more centrally about *commitment* than emotion, about *Will* rather than feeling. A *steadfast Will* gives me the patience and courage to endure the dry periods that inevitably affect a relationship from time to time. These are periods that test the sincerity of a friendship. If I have the strength-of-character to live through these times of dryness I will often find that our friendship reaches a new level; it becomes stronger and more genuine. Indeed, I believe that friendships can grow *only* through being tested in the cauldron of tensions and misunderstandings, and in the everydayness of boredom and routine.

*Fr. Frank*