

ST AUGUSTINE'S DATCHET		OUR LADY OF SORROWS ETON		
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NEWSLETTER				
Sunday 13th October 2019				
28th Sunday of the Year				
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 – Mass will resume Monday 21 st October at 9.30 am Mass will be preceded by praying the Rosary at 9.15 am			
Mass Intention				
St. Augustine's:	Saturday	12 October	6.00 pm	Private Intention
	Sunday	13 October	11.00 am	Joyce Mary Johnson R.I.P
	Mass will resume as usual Saturday 19 October 6.00 pm			
Our Lady of Sorrows:	Sunday	12 October	9.30 am	Private Intention
Offertory: Sunday 6 October 2019 £549.16				
Second Collection for CAFOD £519.91				
Safeguarding Representative: Jan Fredrickson: safeguarding@staugustines.org.uk				

Shared/Personal Prayer: Next session Tuesday 5 November at 7 pm A small group met recently on a Tuesday evening in the Parish Hall for a session of personal / shared prayer. They read a passage from one of the Gospels and then those who wished shared their thoughts on the reading. It is intended as 5th November to hold sessions on the first and third Tuesday of a month from 7pm to 7:45pm. Each session is independent of all the others. It's not necessary to attend consecutive events. If you are free please come along.

Second Collection for Home Mission Sunday is this weekend

Second Collection on 20th October is for Mission Sunday

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.

Anniversaries Please pray for those who died recently, including Peter Fredrickson, Ann Woodward, Betty Butler, John Connolly, Luceta Shaw and Charles Newton, 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.

SOME THOUGHTS ON CHRISTIAN LIVING

While technology can alienate us from God so too, strangely enough, can a certain type of religion. True religion originates in an experience of God as our Creator and Lover and in the subsequent call to live our lives in worship and charity. All the laws and rituals in Christianity should lead to this, but often this does not happen in the Church. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, the Church was seen by many as an institution to whose laws and practices all its members must submit. This is true, but it is only a half-truth. The Church is not primarily an institution; it is a community of believers whose lives are formed by the values and teachings of Christ. If we think of the Church as primarily an institution there is the danger that we'll measure its status by the standards of any secular institution – the lavishness of its buildings, the size of its bank account, the efficiency of its administration etc. Its basic purpose as a witness to the values and life-style of Jesus will be left on the margins. This can easily happen, as we see in the mind-set of some Church leaders – especially in Rome. Their preoccupation is with power, wealth, careerism, clericalism, ambition. When this happens the Church has lost its vision. Its prophetic voice as a beacon of light in a broken world has been silenced. It has strayed very far indeed from the kind of Church Christ meant it to be.

And that is not all. Sadly, history tells us that a heavy emphasis on institutionalism can easily lead to religious fundamentalism. It is sobering to remember that it was to defend 'religion' that the Crusades were fought, suicide bombing was made a holy act, cover-up for child abuse was justified, Jesus was crucified.

Fr. Frank