

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

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**NEWSLETTER**  
**Sunday 15th December 2019**  
**3rd Sunday of Advent**

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

**Mass Intention**

St. Augustine's:	Saturday	14	December	6.00 pm	Special Intention
	Sunday	15	December	11.00 am	John William Burchell R.I.P
	Monday	16	December	9.30 am	Private Intention
	Tuesday	17	December	9.30 am	Tom Keane R.I.P
	Wednesday	18	December	9.30 am	Carolyn Ansell R.I.P
	Thursday	19	December	9.30 am	John William Burchell R.I.P
	Friday	20	December	9.30 am	Private Intention
Our Lady of Sorrows:	Sunday	15	December	9.30 am	Private Intention

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** St. Augustine's, every **Tuesday** and **Thursday 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

**Offertory** Sunday 8 December 2019    £552.75

**Safeguarding Representative**

Jan Fredrickson    safeguarding@staugustines.org.uk

**Churches Together in Datchet Carol Service this Sunday** 15 December 6.30 pm  
St Mary's Church Datchet

**Advent Penitential Service** Wednesday 18 December at 7.00 pm at St. Augustine's

**Christmas Mass Times**

**St Augustine's**

Tuesday 24 December - 8.30 pm Carol Service, 9.00 pm Christmas Night Mass

Wednesday 25 December - 11.00 am Christmas Day Mass

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

Wednesday 25 December - 9.00 am Carol Service, 9.30 am Christmas Mass

**Christmas Mass Offertory Collections** Parishioners are reminded that it is the policy of the Diocese that **Christmas Mass collections go to the Parish Priest. It is your personal donation to Fr. Frank**

**Reading for the season of Advent** Some booklets about Advent are at the back of the Church. They may help you to get into the spirit of this Holy Season. Only £1 each

**Flower Arranging Donations** Please find box situated at back of Church

**Flower Arrangers at St Augustine's** Please find new rota at back of Church

**Slough Homeless** We will be hosting Slough Homeless in the Hall each Monday evening from January 30 to April 5. On January 20 we would like to donate things they may find useful – e.g. socks, scarves, woolly hats, toothpaste and brushes, hand towels, etc. all new or nearly new. Should you wish to donate, please leave items in the box in the Church either in St. Augustine's or Our Lady of Sorrows

**Your prayers are asked for**

Fr. Séan Rynn and those parishioners who remain ill, including: Dorrie Keating, Maggie Auton, Michael Cadwallader, Joan and Jack Wilson, David Mendes, Yolande Solari, David Murray-Bruce, Joe Gibbons and for those recovering from recent illness, including Jackie Cullen.

**Anniversaries** Please pray for those who died recently, including Mick Prichard, Ladislau Piedade Ratos, Robert Giffin, Peter Fredrickson, Ann Woodward, Betty Butler and John Connolly, 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**

In today's Gospel Jesus tells John's disciples 'Blessed are those who do not lose Faith in me'. We might add: Blessed are those who do not lose Faith in the Church he founded. Many find their faith shaken by the uncovering of scandals in the Church. Add in the constant negative brainwashing by hostile media. A modern parable. Think of the huge difference between an orange and a potato. One mouldy bit of the orange and all the juice is contaminated. If there is a bad spot on a potato, this can be removed and the rest is perfect. The Church is more like the potato. Yes, there are black spots but the overwhelming majority of Church members are good, continuing the work of the Kingdom of God on Earth, worshipping God, working for justice and peace, improving the quality of life through education, health care, feeding the hungry, bringing consolation and hope. Blessed are those who have not lost faith in the Church.

*Fr. Frank*