

ST AUGUSTINE'S DATCHET		OUR LADY OF SORROWS ETON	
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NEWSLETTER Sunday 22nd December 2019 4th 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	21 December	6.00 pm Nellie Wharton R.I.P
	Sunday	22 December	11.00 am John William Burchell R.I.P
	Monday	23 December	9.30 am Mr McCarthy R.I.P
	Tuesday	24 December	8.30 pm Carols & Christmas Mass NO MORNING MASS
	Wednesday	25 December	11.00 am Christmas Day Mass People of the Parish
	Thursday	26 December	9.30 am John William Burchell R.I.P
	Friday	27 December	9.30 am Private Intention R.I.P
Our Lady of Sorrows:	Sunday	22 December	9.30 am Hilda Bailey R.I.P
	Wednesday	25 December	9.00 am Carols & Christmas Mass
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 15 December 2019 £552.73			
Safeguarding Representative Jan Fredrickson safeguarding@staugustines.org.uk			

Christmas Mass Times

St Augustine's

Tuesday 24 December - 8.30 pm Carol Service, 9.00 pm Christmas Night Mass followed by mulled wine and mince pies in the Hall

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**

Slough Homeless We will be hosting Slough Homeless in the Hall each Monday evening from December 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

Christmas Wishes from Fr. Frank It is the thinking of Pope Francis that laypeople should see the parish as theirs, and the concept of collaborative ministry between laity and clergy should be the model all parishes should follow. With this in mind, I would like, at this Christmas time, to express my sincere thanks to all who have given generously of their time and talents towards the spiritual and material growth of our parish. We remember those involved in our pastoral and liturgical programmes, our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, the SVP and others who care for the sick and lonely, our organists and hymn leaders, those who help with maintenance of buildings and grounds, those who manage finances and the counters of the weekly Collection, those who give their service to the Hall and its functions, the typist of the newsletter, the flower group and those who look after the sacristy needs. And last but not least, we remember our parish Council for their suggestions and advice as to the best way forward for our parish.

May God reward you for your efforts towards the growth of God's presence in our parish, I pray that Christmas will be rich in blessings for you and your families and loved ones.

SOME THOUGHTS ON CHRISTIAN LIVING

The Son of God

He was born in a barn, his father a carpenter and his mother a decent woman, but they were of no significance, and certainly couldn't have afforded to give the boy a private education. When he grew up he became the manager of a football team known as The Disciples. Not one of them was a star; in fact the twelfth man rather let the side down by accepting a transfer fee of 30 pieces of silver to play for the opposition.

The authorities eventually arrested him as a rabble-rouser, but couldn't decide what to charge him with, other than the fact that he claimed he was the Son of God. They strung him up with a couple of criminals, and when he died, rather assumed that would be the last they'd hear of him.

After his death at the age of 33, there were no obituaries in the local press reporting his achievements, no glossy supplements highlighting his colourful career, no radio programmes to discuss his legacy. But then he'd never relied on spin doctors to sharpen his image, and he didn't require social media to keep his followers up to date, so you could be forgiven for assuming he'd be forgotten in a few days.

So how can one explain that over 2000 years later, Jesus Christ is still the best-known celebrity on earth? Could it just be that He was the Son of God?

Fr. Frank