

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

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**NEWSLETTER**  
**Sunday 29th December 2019**  
**The Holy Family**

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	28	December	6.00 pm	Joseph de Sousa R.I.P
	Sunday	29	December	11.00 am	People of the Parish
	Monday	30	December	9.30 am	John William Burchell R.I.P
	Tuesday	31	December	9.30 am	Colin O'Shea
	Wednesday	1	January	9.30 am	Carolyn Ansell R.I.P
	Thursday	2	January	9.30 am	John William Burchell R.I.P
Our Lady of Sorrows:	Friday	3	January	9.30 am	Private Intention
	Sunday	29	January	9.30 am	Dorothy O'Neil

**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 21 December 2019    £540.59

**Safeguarding Representative**  
Jan Fredrickson    safeguarding@staugustines.org.uk

**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

**Churches Together in Datchet** Thursday 2 January, meet at St Augustine's Hall at 7.30 pm

**Foodbank Collection** will take place 4/5 January

**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God (New Year's Day)** Mass in Datchet at 9.30 am

**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.

**THOUGHTS FOR THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

In today's Gospel we get an insight into some of the early challenges faced by the little family of Nazareth. While Jesus was still a baby Joseph was urged in a dream to escape with the family to Egypt – a huge distance from Nazareth - as Jesus' life was under threat from Herod. Can you imagine what that experience was like for them – leaving their home and fleeing to another country, not knowing when, or if, it would be safe to return home? Sadly, millions of people in our world do not have to imagine this type of experience – they live it every day.

This painful human experience was at the heart of the family experience of Jesus himself. Later in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us that when we welcome strangers, we welcome Jesus himself. Compassion and welcome for strangers, particular those who are vulnerable, was a key element of Jesus' life and ministry. It should be central to ours, too.

*Fr. Frank*