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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 5th July 2020

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

Bishops' Conference Statement on Racial Justice

Bishops stand in solidarity with US sisters and brothers as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd Wednesday, June 3rd, 2020

"We stand in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the USA as they challenge the evil of racism and the brutal killing of George Floyd. As the US Bishops made clear: 'we cannot turn a blind eye to these atrocities and yet still try to profess to respect every human life. We serve a God of love, mercy, and justice.'

"Systemic racism is embedded in our own society. The disproportionate harm suffered by BAME people throughout the COVID-19 pandemic has highlighted profound inequalities, marginalisation and injustice here in the UK. The peaceful Black Lives Matter protests taking place in our towns and cities this week reflect the understandable anger that so many people feel about this.

"As Catholics we recognise that racism is an evil which must be opposed; we all have a responsibility for actively promoting racial justice. Whenever we ignore racism or dismiss BAME people's experience of it, we are complicit in violations of human dignity. We pray for God's help to overcome racism in all its forms and that we might protect everyone who suffers its consequences. We are all made in God's image."

Reopening of our Churches

As you probably know, officially we can open for public worship as from July 4th. However, in a letter, the Bishop has expressed reservations about opening so soon, and he has asked us to be cautious in making the decision to do so. We are expecting more detailed information about the matter from the Diocese in the near future and when we receive it we will have a Parish Council meeting to discuss the situation. In the meantime, we will continue with online streaming of Mass.

Online streaming of Mass every Sunday at 11am

We continue to hold Online Masses every Sunday at 11am and will be doing so for the foreseeable future. Invitations are sent out by email on the Thursday / Friday giving the details to log into the Mass. We understand that some who used to receive the invitations, have not been receiving them recently. In this situation it is highly likely that the emails are being diverted into the spam email folder. If you cannot find the invitations please email the Parish: office@staugustines.org.uk

Foodbank

Many thanks to those who contributed this week. We would urge you to continue, as the need is still great. If you can, bring your donation to parish house on either Monday or Wednesday between 10.00am and 1pm.

Collection of Baby Clothes and Toys for Charity

Would anyone who may have items in good condition – clothes, toys, equipment – suitable for babies please contact the Parish Office via office@staugustines.org.uk and your message will be passed onto Teresa Flynn, a Parishioner. Teresa will be happy to collect items and to deliver them to a deserving charity. Anything you can give will be greatly appreciated.