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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 23rd August 2020

21st Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

Thought for the Week

YOU ARE PETER, AND ON THIS ROCK I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH

Peter is no plaster saint. Weakness of Faith, rash self-confidence and eventual denial are also portrayed by him. But these serve only to underline the power of his conversion, when he turns and says to Jesus: 'you know that I love you'. His task as Head is not one of stern domination, or merely of the efficient organization of Christ's Church. Pastor and penitent at once, he leads the faithful humbly by witness and example. This pastoral understanding of authority finds a lovely echo in the first Letter of St. Peter: 'tend the flock of God, not as domineering over those in your charge, but being examples for the flock'. Just, so, Peter tended the early Church by sharing his deep faith in Christ, the Risen Lord. So, he kept them united in a community of mutual love, and in faithful obedience to the Gospel. Jesus remains at the centre, as the Christ, Son of the Living God, and he continues to be the Church's true Rock.

Welcome: We wish to welcome to our parish community our newest member, Gabriel Knowland, who was baptised at Our Lady of Sorrows on Saturday, August 8th. Warm congratulations to Gabriel's parents, Rachel and William. Gabriel is surely a very welcome blessing for them and also for his sisters and brother - Sienne, Amelie, Jude and Cecily.

Celebration of First Confession: We are blessed to have seven children for First Holy Communion this year. Thanks to the very dedicated work of Anne Cannon, who had online classes with the children during lockdown, we had the celebration of their First Confession on the lawn in front of the Hall today (Saturday, August 22nd). We hope to have their First Communions within the next month. Let us keep the children, Johnny, Mikhail, Molly, Noah, Samantha, Sophie and William and their parents in our prayers at this important stage in their lives.

Foodbank

Many thanks to those who contribute to our collection each week. We would urge you to continue to donate, as the need is still great. Please continue to donate to the Foodbank by bringing your donation to the parish house on either Monday or Wednesday between 10am and 1pm.

Information about the opening of St. Augustine's Hall for Mass: 9.30am on Tuesday and Friday

- Please wear a **face mask** when you attend Mass. It is now a legal requirement to do so.
- EACH time you attend Mass, please bring a piece of paper on which you have written your **name and telephone number**. All information provided will be kept for 21 days in a sealed bag marked with the date of the Mass, after which it will be destroyed.
- **The doors to the Hall will open at 9.20am.**
- The fire alarms are tested immediately after each Mass.

Invitations to Online Webinar Mass every Sunday at 11am

The invitations are emailed from the Parish on Thursday evening or Friday morning. If you have not received your invitation by Friday afternoon, please email office@staugustines.org.uk and give your phone number. Please check your "spam" email folders before emailing the Parish just in case the invitation has been diverted into that folder. Thank you.