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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 30th August 2020

22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

PROPOSAL FOR NEW SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Since early Christian times the Sunday Mass – celebrating the Death/Resurrection of Jesus – has been the ‘source and summit’ of the Christian Faith. Because of Covid, it has not been possible for us, for the past few months, to come together to celebrate together this central act of our Faith. Thanks to the expertise and generosity of Anthony Dias, we have had the opportunity to have an online streaming of Mass. It has been a very good substitute in these times, but it is not the same as a live Mass.

In a step towards getting back to our normal Sunday schedule we will have two live Masses each weekend – one on Saturdays at 6.00pm and the other on Sunday at 9.30am. We will begin weekend Masses this coming **Saturday 5th September at 6pm** and **Sunday 6th September at 9.30am**. Because of social distancing, we must have both Masses in the Hall. There is no need to book a place for these Masses. For the foreseeable future, we will continue with the online webinar Mass on Sundays at 11.00am. We should mention that, until further notice, the Bishops of England and Wales have suspended the ‘Sunday obligation’ of attending Mass.

We have been holding weekday Masses on Tuesdays and Friday in the Hall. There will be a weekday Mass this coming week at **9.30am on Tuesday 1st and Friday 4th September**. From the following week, we will hold weekday Mass on a Tuesday only, that is from Tuesday 8th September onwards.

For each Mass in the Hall, the diocese requires that we have 2 or 3 stewards. For some reason, stewards must be under 70 years of age! We would be very grateful for volunteers for this work, as we do not want to lay too much of a burden on just a few people. Additionally, at the end of each Mass, all the chairs in the Hall will need to be cleaned and we appeal for volunteers to help with this task. (The more male and female volunteer cleaners we have, the faster the task will be concluded). Would those who wish to volunteer please get in touch through the Office email saying at which Mass they can assist.

We have revised our seating layout in the Hall so as to ensure that we can accommodate the maximum number of people while, of course, staying strictly within the social distancing regulations.

Any suggestions or comments on the above proposal would be very welcome. Please send them either to the Office email or to my personal email.

Let us pray that we will be guided by the Holy Spirit in whatever decisions we make, so that God's Kingdom will grow stronger in our midst.

Fr. Frank

Information about attending Mass at St. Augustine's Hall:

- Please wear a **face mask** when you attend Mass. It is now a legal requirement.
- 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 15 minutes prior to the start time of the Mass.**

Congratulations to Eden Fritha Wood (Kerr) who celebrated her first reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) at Our Lady of Sorrows, Eton today (Saturday 29th August). We hope to celebrate her First Holy Communion shortly.

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.

Sick of the Parish: Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially Michael Cadwallader, Dorrie Keating, David Mendes, Jack Wilson. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

100 Club: The 100 Club Draw was made by Fr. Frank on Friday. The winners for July and August are Grace Torpey and Doris Mendes. Congratulations to Grace and Doris who each win £100.

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.