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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 6th September 2020

23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)

MASS TIMES

ST. AUGUSTINE'S HALL: Saturday 6pm, Sunday 9.30am and Tuesday 9.30am

ONLINE WEBINAR MASS: held at 11am on Sundays. (Email office@staugustines.org.uk)

SUNDAY MASS

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 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 Sundays at 9.30am. We will begin this weekend with Masses on **Saturday 5th September at 6pm** and **Sunday 6th September at 9.30am**. Because of social distancing, we must have both Masses in the Hall. 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 will hold one Mass during the week on Tuesdays at 9.30am.

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.

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.**

Michael Cadwallader R.I.P.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Michael Cadwallader who died on Friday morning at Thames Hospice. Michael was a very devout Christian and a faithful member at Eton Church for very many years. He was Chairman of the Parish Council for a number of years.

Our very sincere sympathy to his wife, Monaliza and his children, Michael and Michelle, and all the family. Let us keep them in our prayers. Funeral arrangements later

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 Dorrie Keating, David Mendes, and Jack Wilson. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

Parish Finances

Thank you very much to those who have responded to our appeal and have recently contributed to Offertory. It is much appreciated. For those who have been away, we wish to repeat our appeal. When the *lock-down* started and we were stopped from holding Mass in our Churches, most of our Parishioners were prevented from making their regular Offertory contributions. This has had a marked impact on our Parish finances.

	2019	2020
April to August	£9,770	£4,663 (48%)

Offertory for the past five months has been just under a half of what it was for the comparable period last year. We wish to appeal to Parishioners who are in a position to contribute to Offertory and if possible, make-up for contributions they have not been able to make over the past five months to do so.

Ways to pay Offertory:

All Masses in St. Augustine's Hall: Buckets are placed by the two exit doors at St. Augustine's for Offertory (cash, cheques or envelopes).

St. Augustine's Presbytery: Offertory can be placed in a plain or offertory envelope and posted through the Presbytery letterbox. Cheques, made payable to St Augustine's can be posted to the St. Augustine's Presbytery, 70 Eton Road, Datchet SL3 9AY

Standing Order: If you wish to contribute to the Offertory by regular STANDING ORDER it would be very much appreciated. In order that the Diocese can reclaim from HMRC any gift aid on Offertory, they need to process the Standing Order form. Michael Reynolds, the Treasurer, can send you the form to complete, which then needs to be returned to him. He will forward the form to the Diocese. A STANDING ORDER will be established, not a Direct Debit. The Standing Order can be amended or cancelled directly by you whenever you wish. To receive a Standing Order form, please email office@staugustines.org.uk Thank you