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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 13th September 2020

24th 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)

PERSONAL PRIVATE ADORATION: Tuesday and Thursday between 5.30pm and 6.30pm in St. Augustine's Church. Fr Frank will be present on both days

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

The Director of Pastoral Theology in Maynooth, Ireland, has an interesting take on our view of the Eucharist that was highlighted during lockdown. She writes: "As I recited the Spiritual Communion prayer, I reacted strongly to its words (which stressed the spiritual union of my soul with Jesus). I remembered the words of Pope Benedict, "I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own. Communion draws me out of myself towards him, and thus also towards unity with all Christians".

"In this vision, love of God and love of neighbour cannot be separated. Being present together for the Eucharistic meal helps to nourish our relationship with each other, so that we can truly be united with God. When Pope John Paul spoke of a 'spirituality of communion' he meant the ability to think of others in faith as those who are part of me; the ability to share the joys and sufferings of others, to offer them deep and genuine friendship and make room for them in our lives. The great challenge of this millennium was to make the Church the home and the school of communion".

The thought is worth remembering as we move back towards our normal weekend schedule of Masses.

Fr. Frank

Masses in St. Augustine's Hall

As you know, we began live weekend Masses last weekend and the numbers attending were quite good. It is very understandable that quite a number are fearful about coming and certainly there is no 'Sunday Obligation' on people to attend. But we do pray that, in time, the numbers will gradually increase as people get more accustomed to the new situation. We will continue with our online streaming for as long as we need to.

Many thanks to our Stewards who do a great job in welcoming people, showing them to their places and sanitising the seats after Mass. And thanks also to Anthony Dias for giving his services to facilitate our online Webinar Mass each Sunday. And thanks too, to Pamela Bailey for sending out the invitations and arranging for Readers at the Mass.

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 the morning of Friday 4th 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.

There will be a requiem Mass for Michael on Tuesday 22nd September at 11am at Our Lady of Sorrows, Eton. Because of Covid restrictions, attendance will be limited to family members only. Removal immediately afterwards to Slough Crematorium.

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. The items which are in great demand at the moment are: sponge puddings, tinned fruit, jam, instant mash, washing-up liquid, laundry tablets and shaving gell.

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. 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 to do so. Either place your Offertory in one of the green buckets in the Hall when you attend Mass or post an envelope (this does not have to be an Offertory Envelope) through the Presbytery letterbox.