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## **NEWSLETTER**

**Sunday 20th September 2020**

**25th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year A)**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** At the time of producing this Newsletter, Fr. Frank's telephone (land line) is not working. If the number is dialled it appears to be ringing, but the line is dead. Until the line is repaired, please use Fr. Frank's mobile telephone number.

### **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](mailto: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 BASED UPON TODAY'S GOSPEL**

Thank you, Lord, for the people in our lives who taught us that true love is always generous, and helped us move beyond possessiveness and envy – perhaps our mother when we complained that we were being overlooked, or a dear friend of whom we were possessive, or a spouse whose care for an in-law made us jealous. These people were Jesus for us, teaching us the kind of person you are, and leading us to enter into your unconditional love.

Lord, our modern culture is ruled by envy, not generosity, and is tearing our human family apart. Our contemporaries often think that life's rewards should be calculated on the basis of work done, and as a result they are obsessed with rights. They are forever comparing their lot with that of others, and always on the lookout to see if others, who only work for an hour, are treated the same as they are.

Lord, your way of thinking is so much more magnanimous. Invite us to enter into your generosity and set us free from the bondage of envy. Forgive us for the times we complain to you because of the way you share out your blessings. Help us to face the challenges of life with inner peace – allowing you to do what you like with your own gifts, entering into your generosity, knowing that at the end of the day, you will be faithful to your covenant of everlasting love.

**Fr. Frank**

## **Masses in St. Augustine's Hall**

As you know, we began live weekend Masses at the beginning of September. The numbers attending are 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.**

## **Jack Wilson R.I.P.**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jack Wilson who died on Wednesday morning in Wexham Park hospital. Jack has been a devout and faithful member of St. Augustine's for 60 years. Himself and his wife, Joan, must surely be the longest-serving Christians in our Parish. They have been married for 66 years. Please pray for Joan and her family at this very difficult time. We will have the funeral arrangements later.

## **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.

**Sick of the Parish:** Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially Dorrie Keating and David Mendes. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

**Foodbank:** In recent weeks the number of donations has declined. We would urge you to continue to donate, as the need is still great. Please bring your donations for the Foodbank to the parish house on either Monday or Wednesday between 10am and 1pm. The items which are in the greatest demand at the moment are: sponge puddings, tinned fruit, jam, instant mash, washing-up liquid, laundry tablets and shaving gel.