

ST AUGUSTINE'S DATCHET

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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18th October 2020
29th 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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 17th Oct. 6pm	Private Intention	Tues. 20th Oct. 9.30am	Jack Wilson R.I.P.
Sun. 18th Oct. 9.30am	People of the Parish	Wed. 21st Oct. (Mass in Private)	Special Intention
Sun. 18th Oct. 11am	People of the Parish	Thur. 22nd Oct. (Mass in Private)	Carolyn Ansell R.I.P.
Mon. 19th Oct. (Mass in Private)	Carolyn Ansell R.I.P.	Fri. 23rd Oct. (Mass in Private)	Special Intention R.I.P.

JACK WILSON R.I.P: Jack Wilson's funeral could only be attended by a few, due to the restriction on numbers. We feel that many parishioners would have liked to attend. We will have a special Mass for Jack on **Tuesday Oct. 20th at 9.30am in the Hall**. All are welcome to attend.

SICK OF THE PARISH: Please pray for the sick in the Parish, especially James Ansell, Dorrie Keating, David Mendes, Walter Stanley and Michael Torpey. Please pray also for those who are caring for them.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION: Congratulations to Noah Gordinho on receiving his First Holy Communion in St. Augustine's on Wednesday 7th October. Let us keep all the children from our Parish who have recently received their First Holy Communion in our prayers, for they are precious to the future of our Small Parish.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 18, 2020

Sometimes we can be very pessimistic about the future of the Church in Europe. We see rapidly declining numbers and a chronic decline in vocations to the priesthood and religious life. World Mission Sunday asks us to broaden our vision of Church, and see that Christ intended it to spread to all nations throughout the world. This vision lets us be quite optimistic about the future of the Church.

For instance, in St. Patrick's Missionary Society we had no one from Europe applying for the priesthood since 1990, but in Africa we now have 80 young men in training. The standards in our Formation programme are very high, so that we can ensure that only those with a really strong commitment are admitted to priesthood.

I believe that the basis for such growth in vocations is the very strong Faith of the people in Africa. Before coming to Datchet, I was in a House of Prayer in Kenya and I saw first-hand how really important God is in most peoples' lives. It is only in such a culture that vocations will thrive.

But the cost of forming students is high, and in poorer countries it is difficult for Missionary Societies like ourselves to survive without support from richer countries. That's why we would ask you to be as generous as you can in today's Appeal. Missionary Societies are needed if we are to be faithful to Christ's mandate and bring his message to peoples throughout the world – and perhaps, in time, to countries in Europe also.

Fr. Frank

DONATIONS TO SUPPORT WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: For those attending Mass in the Hall, Missio booklets / envelopes can be collected from the table in the entrance. Envelopes can be placed in the green Offertory buckets in the Hall. There are also red MISSIO boxes in the Hall in which cash donations can be placed. Additionally, donations may be made online via the missio.org.uk website, by telephoning **020-7821-9755** during office hours or by posting a **cheque** made payable to **MISSIO to Missio, 23 Eccleston Square, London SW1V 1NU**. If you are able to, please Gift Aid your donation. For every £1 gift aided donation, Missio receives an additional 25p. Thank you for your donations.

FOODBANK: 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 currently are: sponge puddings, tinned fruit, jam, instant mash, washing-up liquid, laundry tablets and shaving gel.

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 September	£12,105	£5,748 (47%)

Offertory for the past six 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 six months to do so. Thank you.