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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 25th October 2020

30th 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)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION: 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. 24th Oct. 6pm	Private Intention	Tues. 27th Oct. 9.30am	St. Patrick's Society Intention
Sun. 25th Oct. 9.30am	People of the Parish	Wed. 28th Oct. (Mass in Private)	Carolyn Ansell R.I.P.
Sun. 25th Oct. 11am	People of the Parish	Thur. 29th Oct. (Mass in Private)	Private Intention
Mon. 26th Oct. (Mass in Private)	Carolyn Ansell R.I.P.	Fri. 30th Oct. (Mass in Private)	Private Intention

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.

THANK YOU: Monaliza Cadwallader wishes to express her sincere thanks to all who sent Mass Cards, offers of prayer and messages of sympathy on the recent death of her husband, Michael. She treasures them, and they have been a great comfort to her.

CONGRATULATIONS to John and Justyna Ledwidge (Windsor) on the baptism of their son, Louis, at Our Lady of Sorrows Church on Saturday October 17. We welcome Louis as the most recent member of our parish.

THANK YOU: Many thanks for your generous contributions to the Foodbank. Especially in these difficult times, your generosity is greatly appreciated.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

When Jesus was asked in today's Gospel which is the greatest commandment he replied: "You must love the Lord your God with all your soul, with all your heart, with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law and the Prophets also".

This teaching is clear, but a problem often arises with our understanding of love. Love has many forms, and it is often used – or misused – in a rather vague way that fails to do justice to the powerful force it is in our lives. In his classical work, *The Four Loves*, C.S. Lewis mentions four types of love: affection, friendship, erotic love and charity (or 'agape' love). Each has its own place in our lives, but the highest form is Agape. This is the love that Jesus has for us; it's unconditional and universal – extending beyond emotion and preference and focusing selflessly on the happiness and well-being of others.

We are blessed in having in Scripture an in-depth analysis of Agape. In 1 Cor. 13: 4-7. St. Paul gives this analysis when he writes:

Love is patient and kind; it is not jealous or conceited or proud; love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable; love does not keep a record of wrongs; love is not happy with evil, but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up, and its faith, hope and patience never fail.

This is God's way of describing Love – and what a beautiful, if challenging, ideal. Reflecting on each of these qualities might awaken a kind of love we all aspire to, even if we never achieve it. We would hope to stimulate such reflection in the coming weeks in our "THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK".

Fr. Frank

CAFOD: Thank you for your donations to CAFOD. £136 was donated directly by Parishioners using CAFOD envelopes in the Hall. We are aware of other donations made via the CAFOD website.

DONATIONS TO SUPPORT WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Last weekend was World Mission Sunday. For those who did not attend Mass in the Hall last weekend, and who still wish to make a donation. Missio booklets which include donation 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 or by telephoning **020-7821-9755** during office hours. Thank you for your donations.

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.