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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 1st November 2020

The Solemnity of All Saints

MASS TIMES

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

ONLINE WEBINAR MASS: 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.

CONFESSIONS: On request.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS): This Mass will be held at **9.30am on Monday 2nd November** in St. Augustine's Hall. (There will also be Mass as usual at 9.30am on Tuesday 3rd November in the Hall).

PLENARY INDULGENCE FOR HOLY SOULS: Gaining a Plenary Indulgence has for many centuries been a tradition in the Church. Because of Covid-19 there has been a change this year in which Plenary indulgences are gained. There are two ways in which an indulgence can be gained:

- (i) visit a Cemetery any day of the month and pray for the Dead.
- (ii) visit a Church any day of the month and recite the Our Father and the Creed for the repose of the souls of the departed.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 31st Oct. 6pm	Personal Intention	Tue. 3rd Nov. 9.30am	Carolyn Ansell R.I.P.
Sun. 1st Nov. 9.30am	People of the Parish	Wed. 4th Nov. (Mass in private)	Private Intention
Sun. 1st Nov. 11am	People of the Parish	Thu. 5th Nov. (Mass in private)	Private Intention
Mon. 2nd Nov. 9.30am	Deceased of the Parish	Fri. 6th Nov. (Mass in private)	Private Intention

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK - LOVE IS PATIENT

Patience with Myself.

Jesus tells us we should love our neighbour as ourselves. For some of us, he might have said the reverse – ‘love yourself as you love your neighbour!’

It takes much effort and grace to be *patient with myself* – to love myself exactly as I am. Each of us is limited. We all have our natural limitations as human beings, and there are also the negative influences in our past that have left their mark on us. This being the case, I may sometimes wonder how different I might be today if my personal history had been different – if only I had been gifted with a more engaging personality, a more even temperament, a better education, parents who were more loving, teachers who were more encouraging etc. etc. I know that I am largely the product of influences that were not of my own choosing. And if my past has not been a happy one I can easily turn in on myself in self-pity, and let fester a deep resentment towards life and people for not having got the breaks in life I feel I might have had.

The only way forward to a wholesome future is not through looking back in regret at my past. It is through a patient acceptance of myself as I am *here and now*. I must learn to *blossom where I'm planted*, to love myself exactly as I am. This means being *kind and gentle with myself* - with my inability to do the things I'd like to do, to be the person I'd like to be, to pursue cherished ideals I'd have wished for myself. This must be the foundation-stone for a future that is wholesome and realistic.

God's will for me is to become *all* I can be, but *only* who I can be. The Gospel tells us of Christ's special love for those who are very ordinary and imperfect. It suggests a privileged place in God's kingdom for those who have battled against great adversities in life and let God use their weaknesses as a gateway to closer union with him and more fruitful service in his Kingdom. (*to be continued next week*).

Fr. Frank

FOODBANK: The Slough Foodbank has written to thank everyone involved with our recent donations to the Foodbank. They receive positive feedback from their clients about how grateful they are to receive food parcels, and the Foodbank want to convey their enormous gratitude to everyone who has made it possible to continue to provide this necessary service to people in crisis in our local community.

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 on their shopping list and which are in great demand currently are: sponge puddings, tinned fruit, jam, instant mash, washing-up liquid, laundry tablets, shaving gel and nappies size 3 & 4. The Foodbank have asked if we could only donate the items on their shopping list, as this will enable them to make best use of their valuable, but limited storage facility during these difficult times.

MISSIO BOXES: Can be brought back to the Hall and left for collection. Thank you all for being so generous.

PHYSICAL FITNESS SESSION: On Wednesdays from 10am to 11am there will be a Physical Fitness Session in the Hall. It will be conducted by Sylvia de Mello-Burchell who is a Licenced Instructor. The number attending is restricted to 6 people. Cost: £2.00 per session. For further information, please call Sylvia – 07973 500357.