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NEWSLETTER			
Sunday 5th January 2020			
The Epiphany			
Sunday Masses:	St Augustine's – Saturday at 6.00 pm; Sunday at 11.00 am Our Lady of Sorrows - Sunday at 9.30 am		
Weekday Masses:	St Augustine's – Monday to Friday at 9.30 am Mass will be preceded by praying the Rosary at 9.15 am		
Mass Intention			
St. Augustine's:	Saturday	4 January	6.00 pm Luceta Shaw R.I.P
	Sunday	5 January	11.00 am People of the Parish
	Monday	6 January	9.30 am Colm O'Shea
	Tuesday	7 January	9.30 am Patrick Lynch R.I.P
	Wednesday	8 January	9.30 am Carolyn Ansell R.I.P
	Thursday	9 January	9.30 am John & Bridie Enright R.I.P
	Friday	10 January	9.30 am Carolyn Ansell R.I.P
Our Lady of Sorrows:	Sunday	5 January	9.30 am Special Intention
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament St. Augustine's, every Tuesday and Thursday from 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm , ending with Benediction at 6.15 pm			
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays from 12.30 to 1.30 pm. Fr. Frank will be available in St. Augustine's Church for those who wish to receive this sacrament or would like some spiritual guidance			
Offertory Sunday 29 December 2019 £371.83			
Safeguarding Representative Jan Fredrickson safeguarding@staugustines.org.uk			

Thank you from Fr. Frank I want to thank you sincerely for your most generous offerings in the Christmas Day Collection. I greatly appreciate it and may God abundantly bless you and your families and loved one throughout the coming year

Throughout the Country, the year 2020 is the 'YEAR OF THE WORD', when we are asked to give a more prominent place to the Word of God in our lives. To facilitate this, some copies of the New Testament are on sale at the rear of the Church (£2.00 each). We hope you will get one, and each day prayerfully read just a paragraph or page or parable, and so become more familiar with what God is telling us in our lives

Welcome Wednesdays at St. Augustine's Hall

Starting Wednesday 15 January, we will be holding a drop-in session in St. Augustine's Hall EVERY Wednesday between 10 am until 12 noon. Come along for a cup of tea or coffee and a chat. It's a chance to meet up with others from the Parish. Pop in for the two hours, or just for as long as you're free. We look forward to seeing you

Slough Homeless We are hosting Slough Homeless in the Hall each Monday evening from December 30 to April 5. On January 20 we would like to donate things they may find useful – e.g. socks, scarves, woolly hats, toothpaste and brushes, hand towels, etc. all new or nearly new. Should you wish to donate, please leave items in the box in the Church either in St. Augustine's or Our Lady of Sorrows

Foodbank Collection this weekend

First Holy Communion The children will be starting their First Holy Communion Classes on Sunday January 12 at 10.00 am in the church hall. Please keep them in your prayers

Your prayers are asked for Fr. Séan Rynn, Fr. Paddy Feeney and those parishioners who remain ill, including: Dorrie Keating, Maggie Auton, Michael Cadwallader, Joan and Jack Wilson, David Mendes, Yolande Solari, David Murray-Bruce, Joe Gibbons and for those recovering from recent illness, including Jackie Cullen

Anniversaries Please pray for those who died recently, including Mick Prichard, Ladislau Piedade Ratos, Robert Giffin, Peter Fredrickson, Ann Woodward, Betty Butler and John Connolly, and for all those whose anniversaries occur about this time. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Feast of the Epiphany The Wise men from the East opened their treasures and offered the newly-born infant gifts of gold, incense and myrrh – gold, because he was King; incense because he was God; myrrh because he was a human being. May our hands today bring our gifts to him:

As King: we offer him our pledge to live as citizens of His Kingdom, our hands for the building of Peace, for the efforts of solidarity, the steps of reconciliation, so many gestures that will participate in the establishment of his kingdom of love. This is our first gift.

As God: we offer him our prayer. Our gift being the time we take to celebrate each Sunday Eucharist, to meditate on the Word of God, to offer our praise and to present our needs. This is our second gift.

As God made Human: we offer him our commitment focused upon all humanity, especially the smallest, the poorest, the most isolated and rejected; recognising his face in each of these. Our conviction being that what we do to one of these 'little ones' we do also to him. This is our third gift.

On Christmas day we received once more the gift of our Saviour. Today, let us, in turn bring our gifts to him.

Fr. Frank