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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 14th March 2021

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We are beginning live Masses this weekend. Masses will be as formerly: **6.00pm on Saturday March 13th** and **Sunday at 9.30am**. Masses will be in the Hall.

We continue to hold an online Mass every Sunday at 11am. For details of how to join the Mass, please email office@staugustines.org.uk. Obligation to attend Sunday Mass has been suspended during this pandemic. Through the hard work of Anthony and Pamela, we have our online Mass, and I would urge you to log in to it if you are able.

St. Augustine's Church will be open for Private Prayer each day Monday to Friday from 12.00 noon to 12.30pm. It will **NOT** be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the evening. During this Lenten Season, perhaps you might make a special effort to come – at least once in the week.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 13 th Mar.	Walter Stanley RIP	Tue 16 th Mar.	Agnes RIP
Sun 14 th Mar.	Chris Grey Intentions	Wed 17 th Mar.	Catherine Winifred RIP
Sun 14 th Mar. 11 am (Online)	People of the Parish	Thurs 18 th Mar.	Michael Cadwallader RIP
Mon 15 th Mar.	Carolyn Ansell RIP	Fri 19 th Mar.	Carolyn Ansell RIP

CAFOD COLLECTION: We continue to hold the CAFOD collection throughout the weeks of Lent. This year, CAFOD is focussing on helping the vast numbers of people throughout the world, and especially in Ethiopia, for whom such a basic necessity as clean drinking water is extremely difficult to come by. Many must walk up to 10 miles to find it. Your prayers and donations for such people would be greatly appreciated, and would be an excellent way of engaging in the Lenten spirit.

Those who wish to donate can put their donation in the CAFOD envelope which is available near the entrance to the Hall. Those who do not come to a live Mass can put it in an envelope and drop it in the letter box in the priest's house. If you wish, you can donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent. Donations can also be made by phoning 0303 303 3030.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

We continue during Lent to look at the key notion of 'detachment' as a means of coming closer to Christ. We look today at another area of our lives where we need detachment – the area of our feelings or emotions.

Detachment is all about 'letting-go', and in this area it involves letting go of hurts and slights, especially those caused by the vindictiveness and insensitivity of others – for example, being put down, being overlooked, unappreciated, not trusted, dealt with unfairly, unjustly blamed or criticised. These experiences naturally cause us a great deal of upset. But we mustn't, as St. Paul warns, 'store them up' in our minds or hearts. If we do, they can fester and grow like a cancer in us. They can breed a lot of negativity in our lives and destroy our inner composure. They can even change us, making us cynical and mistrusting of people in general. And in the end, they can seriously damage our relationship with God. It takes strict disciplining of our memory, thinking and imagination, as well as perseverance in prayer, if we're to engage in what is often a long and painful road towards reconciliation, and inner peace of mind.

In dealing with hurts, it can be helpful to realise that these hurts are sometimes caused by the jealousy or pettiness of others, or by psychological wounds they may have suffered in childhood. In other words, the problem lies with them, not with us – with the tangled undergrowth of a disturbed past and the 'baggage' they're carrying as a result. If we realise this, forgiveness should be less difficult, for if our mind can understand why people behave in a particular way it will be much easier to accept and forgive. The sting will be taken out of the hurts, and the hurt in us may eventually turn to pity. This can easily open the way to forgiveness – even perhaps to our praying for those who hurt us.

Have a good week, Fr Frank.