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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 21st March 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Live Masses this weekend. **6.00pm on Saturday** 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.

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Jan Contact: safeguarding@staugustines.org.uk

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 20 th Mar.	Agnes RIP	Tue 23 rd Mar.	Walter Stanley RIP
Sun 21 st Mar.	Roy Nifikeer RIP	Wed 24 th Mar.	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 21 st Mar. 11 am (Online)	People of the Parish	Thurs 25 th Mar.	Private Intention
Mon 22 nd Mar.	Thanksgiving Christine Stanley	Fri 26 th Mar.	Private Intention

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.

HOLY WEEK

Because of Covid restrictions the Easter Ceremonies are simplified this year. Despite the subdued nature of the Celebrations this year, we should remember that Holy Week is the highlight celebration of the Church's year, when we celebrate the Death/Resurrection of Christ. So, we would encourage as many as possible to attend – either (preferably) the Live Ceremonies or, if you have reservations about this, the Online Ceremonies. The Schedule for the week is as follows:

Palm Sunday, March 28th

Live Masses on Saturday and Sunday as usual. The Blessing of Palms will take place during both Mass. Online Mass is as usual.

Holy Thursday.

Mass of the Lord's Last Supper is at 6.00pm. No procession at end of Mass. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Hall for a short period after Mass, for those who wish to remain.

Good Friday.

Stations of the Cross in the Hall at 12.00 noon.

Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at 3.00pm. Opportunity for short adoration of the Cross during the ceremony. No online Service.

Holy Saturday – Easter Vigil Mass.

The Easter Vigil Mass is in the Hall at 7.00pm. During it we renew our Baptismal Promises and bless Easter Water.

Easter Sunday

Live Mass in the Hall at 9.30am

Online Mass at 11.00am

As there will likely be a good number for the Masses on Easter Sunday and the Easter Vigil on Saturday, we will be taking bookings for these Masses. We will give details in the Newsletter next week on how to book for these Masses.

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 donations 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.

FOODBANK

The Foodbank has reopened for donations after a short period of closure. The need is still very great and we would ask you to be as generous as you can. Please leave your items outside the priest's door as usual – at any time.

Note: If you handed in items during the past month, they will be brought to the Foodbank shortly.