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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 4th April 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

Live Masses this weekend:

7.00pm on Saturday – Easter Vigil and **9.30am on Sunday – Easter Sunday**. Places have been booked for these Masses.

Details of all Easter Services are given on the next page.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 3 rd Apr. 7.00 pm	Alan Taylor RIP	Tue 6 th Apr.	Private Intention
Sun 4 th Apr. 9.30 am (Live Mass)	Basil Green RIP	Wed 7 th Apr.	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 4 th Apr. 11 am (Online Mass)	People of the Parish	Thurs 8 th Apr.	Private Intention
Mon 5 th Apr.	Private Intention	Fri 9 th Apr.	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.

I wish you a Happy Easter – and one that is rich in blessings

Fr. Frank

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:

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

LIVESTREAMING OF EASTER SERVICES FROM THE DIOCESE: For those who are unable to attend Masses and the Good Friday service in person in St. Augustine's Hall this week, it is possible to watch Bishop David officiating at services at the Cathedral in Northampton. These services will be livestreamed. To watch a service please go to the Diocesan website.

www.northamptondiocese.org

and then click on the link on the home page to "*Live Streamed Mass and other Services.*"

The times of the Services are: 11am Palm Sunday, 7pm Holy Thursday, 3pm Good Friday, 7pm Holy Saturday, and 11am Easter Sunday.

COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES: There will be a Collection for Holy Places on Good Friday after the Stations of the Cross at 12.00 noon and the Service at 3.00pm

EASTER OFFERTORY FOR FR. FRANK: By tradition, the offertory we give each Christmas and Easter Sunday is our personal donation to our Priest Fr. Frank as a thank you for his devotion and service to us in our Parish. We recognize that the current situation means that not everyone will be able to attend Mass in person on Holy Saturday for the Easter Vigil or on Easter Sunday.

To enable Parishioners to be able to easily contribute to the Easter Offertory, we propose the following:

- Any offertory, whether loose or in envelopes, placed in the buckets in St. Augustine's Hall on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday will be Easter Offertory for Fr. Frank.
- If you visit the Hall prior to, or after Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday, please place your Easter Offertory for Fr. Frank in an envelope marked "Easter Offertory", before placing it in the buckets in the Hall. If you do not have your own envelope, a supply of envelopes will be available on the tables by the entrance to the Hall.
- If you are unable to visit the Hall, please post an envelope marked "Easter Offertory" through the letterbox of Fr. Frank's home. Alternatively, you can post your envelope

through the letterbox of our Treasurer, Michael Reynolds; 43 High Street, ETON SL4 6BD.

- All Easter Offertory, like normal offertory must be paid into the Parish Bank Account. Therefore, if you write a cheque please make it payable to **ST. AUGUSTINE'S**.

Thank you.

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' door as usual – at any time.

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

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK –

SUMMARY OF A REVIEW OF POPE FRANCIS' LATEST BOOK: *LET US DREAM*

Today we celebrate the highpoint of the Christian calendar, Easter. The Gospel tells us that Mary Magdalen is the first witness to the Resurrection, she is the first to bring this Good News to others. 'It was still dark' when Mary went to the tomb, but it was also the 'first day of the week', a new beginning, like the first warm day of Spring. We can all recall dark situations in our lives which seemed so dark, where we felt that there was no light at the end of the tunnel. But the Easter story shows us that transformation is always possible. There comes a point during dark times that we realise something has changed, the stone has rolled away.

Let the linen wrappings in this text today represent all that keeps us from being free; all that keeps us captive, emotionally, physically, spiritually, all our broken relationships. As we continue to deal with the effects of Covid, all of us are longing for this situation to ease, to lift. The Easter Gospel shows us that even the most difficult of situations can bring transformation and make us better people. A question we can ask today is where have we seen the Risen Christ during this crisis? In the frontline workers, in good neighbours and friends? Where are we bring called to share Easter joy with others? Let us pray:

*Jesus you are with us. Keep us even mindful of how you are a part of our lives
in a deep and profound way. Surprise us with a touch of your love in places
where we never thought we would find you.*

Wishing you all a Happy and Holy Easter. Fr Frank

