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## NEWSLETTER

Sunday 11th April 2021

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Live Masses this weekend will be at **6.00pm on Saturday** and **9.30am on Sunday**.  
Masses will be held in St. Augustine's 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](mailto: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.

**Private Prayer: St. Augustine's Church** will be open for Private Prayer each weekday, **Monday to Friday from 12.00 noon to 12.30pm**. During this Easter Season, perhaps you might make a special effort to come – at least once in the week.

### MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 10th Apr. 6.00 pm	Private Intention	Tue 13th Apr.	Private Intention
Sun 11th Apr. 9.30 am (Live Mass)	People of the Parish	Wed 14th Apr.	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 11th Apr. 11 am (Online Mass)	People of the Parish	Thurs 15th Apr.	Private Intention
Mon 12th Apr.	Private Intention	Fri 16th Apr.	Private Intention

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

**My very sincere thanks for your contribution to the Easter Offerings  
which was most generous. I greatly appreciate it.**

**Fr. Frank**

**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.

**THE BABY BANK CHARITY** aims to provide essentials to families in need with new and preloved baby and child related items. They cover towns in Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Hillingdon. Support is provided to newborn babies up to teenage years with items such as clothing and uniform, and beds and buggies. Last year they helped over 3500 babies and children with essential items, and other services, such as somewhere safe to sleep, activities to keep them occupied through lockdown and home schooling. This past year has seen a huge increase in the number of families needing their help. If you wish to gift the families they support with any items that are no longer needed, please contact the Baby Bank Charity via their website [www.thebabybank.org](http://www.thebabybank.org), via Facebook "The Baby Bank" or via email [info@thebabybank.org](mailto:info@thebabybank.org)

### SOME THOUGHTS ON THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

The birth of Jesus is, of course, a world-changing historical fact. But it's not merely that. It's just the starting point of a process or journey that has its climax in the Resurrection. The Resurrection doesn't merely prove that Christ is risen. It signals the *empowerment* of Jesus, the releasing of his Power as God. Freed from space-time limitations, the Jesus of the Gospel is now what theologians call the '*cosmic Christ*', engaged in his mission of unifying the world.

Our Faith tells us that we Christians are now 'in Christ' – a phrase used over 100 times by St. Paul. As such, we're co-responsible with him for the accomplishment of his mission. This means that while our calling as Christians certainly includes being loyal members of the institutional Church and saving our souls, its horizon is far greater than this. As Bishop David reminds us, we're called to be missionaries, to collaborate with Christ in his work of transforming the world and bringing it back to the Father. The most immediate effect of the Resurrection and Pentecost was the apostles going out to engage in this mission.

This is our privileged responsibility as Christians – and what an especially challenging one, as we live in these pandemic times, and see on T.V. all the other evils in the world. Yes, evil is there in abundance, but we're not, in the least, defeatist. Indeed, we're *full of hope* that evil will eventually be conquered, in God's way and in God's time. This hope would be just wishful thinking, a utopian dream, were it not for *the presence of the Risen-Christ in us*, for whom nothing is impossible. It was this Faith-vision which emboldened that great English mystic, Evelyn Underhill, to write these inspiring words at the height of the London bombing during World War 11:

'Easter and Pentecost show us ... our Lord himself and his chosen apostles possessed of a *new power* – the power of the Spirit. That supernatural power *is still the inheritance of every Christian*. It is this power *and only this* that can bring in the new Christian society of which we hear so much. We ought to pray for it; expect it; trust it, and as we do this, we shall gradually become more and more sure of it. (*Anthology of Love, 68-70*)

*Yes, we're possessed of a 'new power'.* This is how I like to see Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and in personal prayer- as Power and Love, asking that he would take me more fully into that Power, so that I can be a more effective instrument in bringing about the 'Christification' of our world.

**Fr. Frank**