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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 18th April 2021

THIRD 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. 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 17th Apr. 6.00 pm	Walter Stanley RIP	Tue 20th Apr.	Private Intention
Sun 18th Apr. 9.30 am (Live Mass)	Special Intention Christine Stanley	Wed 21st Apr.	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 18th Apr. 11 am (Online Mass)	Private Intention	Thurs 22nd Apr.	Private Intention
Mon 19th Apr.	Private Intention	Fri 23rd 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.

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, via Facebook "The Baby Bank" or via email info@thebabybank.org

INFORMATION FROM THE DIOCESE OF NORTHAMPTON

MASS FOR THE SICK

This year Bishop David will celebrate a special Mass for the Sick in the Cathedral **on Saturday, April 24th at 3pm**. The service will be livestreamed via the Diocesan website. All who can log in are encouraged to do so. <https://northamptoncathedral.org/live/>

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

In this Year dedicated to St. Joseph, Bishop David wishes to encourage parishes to commemorate the memorial of St. Joseph the Worker on 1st May. This year, the 1st May is a Saturday, and so he has suggested that a morning Mass, celebrating the value of human work, would be most appropriate. As this is a suggestion from the Bishop, we in the parish will have a **Mass in honour of St. Joseph in St. Augustine's Hall on Saturday, May 1st at 9.30am**.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

The Holy Father has asked Bishops throughout the world to have a day of Prayer for the Victims and Survivors of Abuse. Following the resolution passed at the Assembly of the Bishops' Conference last year, this day of prayer will now take place on the Tuesday of the Fifth week of Easter which this year falls on **Tuesday May 4th**. There will be a live-streamed Service from the Cathedral, presided over by Bishop David on this day. The time of the Service will be advised in next weekend's Parish Newsletter.

REFLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK

1. When we are not expecting it to happen, even a good event can startle us. So, it was with the disciples when Jesus appeared to them. He sought to calm them and helped them to see the good news behind what had initially alarmed them.

Who has been a Jesus person for you by helping you to find meaning and good news in life?

2. Jesus helped the disciples to find new hope, but he did not give them easy answers. He asked them to see that facts before their eyes. He wanted them to learn from the lived experience they were having.

As a parent, teacher, friend, or guide, have you been a Jesus person to another, helping him/her to find hope and purpose in life by learning from his/her experiences? What has done this for you?

3. The resurrection experience empowered the disciples to be witnesses. Unexpected possibilities for the future surfaced when it seemed that hope had gone.

When have new possibilities opened for you after a 'resurrection' experience; recovery of health when it did not seem possible, new opportunities after failure or disappointment, inner healing after a deep hurt etc.?

Have a good week, Fr Frank.