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NEWSLETTER

Sunday 25th April 2021

FOURTH 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.

This year is dedicated to St. Joseph. We will hold a Mass in honour of **St. Joseph the Worker** in St. Augustine's Hall **at 9.30am on Saturday 1st May**.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 24th Apr. 6.00 pm	Private Intention	Tue 27th Apr.	Private Intention
Sun 25th Apr. 9.30 am (Live Mass)	People of the Parish	Wed 28th Apr.	Carolyn Ansell RIP
Sun 25th Apr. 11 am (Online Mass)	Private Intention	Thurs 29th Apr.	Private Intention
Mon 26th Apr.	Private Intention	Fri 30th 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, at **6pm on Tuesday May 4th**. For log in details, please see the Diocesan website <https://www.northamptondiocese.org>

POINTS FOR REFLECTION ON THE GOSPEL.

- 1. Our relationship with those in leadership roles changes, when we sense that not only are they in charge, but they care. Remember the difference this made for you as a child, and give thanks for the caring adults – parents, teachers, friends – whom you felt were part of your life.***
- 2. The Good Shepherd 'lays down his life for his sheep'. When has your care for another led you to 'lay down your life' for that person, e.g., as a friend, parent, spouse, son or daughter? When have you known another to do this for you?***
- 3. Jesus speaks of the freedom of the Good Shepherd in laying down his life. Faced with the needs of others, we can at times feel trapped into looking after them, caught by duty, obligation, or guilt. We can become like the hired hands doing a job without care for the person. Perhaps you have experienced both attitudes, caring for others simply because it is your job or caring lovingly, by your free choice. What difference did it make when you chose to care for the other, even in circumstances where you had little option?***
- 4. What do these experiences of love and care in human relationship reveal to you about yourself, and about God's love for you?***

Have a good week, Fr Frank.